

THE  
WORK  
OF  
THE  
SPIRIT

O comforting fire of Spirit,  
Life, within the very Life of all Creation.  
Holy you are in giving life to All.

Holy you are in anointing  
those who are not whole;  
Holy you are in cleansing  
a festering wound.

O sacred breath,  
O fire of love,  
O sweetest taste in my breast  
which fills my heart  
with a fine aroma of virtues.

O most pure fountain  
through whom it is known  
that God has united strangers  
and inquired after the lost.

O breastplate of life  
and hope of uniting  
all members as One,  
O sword-belt of honor,  
enfold those who offer blessing.

Care for those  
who are imprisoned by the enemy  
and dissolve the bonds of those  
whom Divinity wishes to save.

O mightiest path which penetrates All,  
from the height to every Earthly abyss,  
you compose All, you unite All.

Through you clouds stream, ether flies,  
stones gain moisture,  
waters become streams,  
and the earth exudes Life.

You always draw out knowledge,  
bringing joy through Wisdom's inspiration.

Therefore, praise be to you  
who are the sound of praise  
and the greatest prize of Life,  
who are hope and richest honor  
bequeathing the reward of Light.

~ Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179)

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Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
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## Welcome to Covenant

Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 14 for details. Large Print orders of worship and devices to improve hearing are available in the back of the sanctuary.

### WELCOME

Larissa Bossemeyer

Prepare for worship

Adap. from Psalm 78:15-16

*O Holy and gracious Father, you split rocks in the wilderness and gave us drink abundantly as from the deep. You made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers. O Lord, gather us to worship, break the hardness of our hearts and by your Spirit's strength may streams of praise and adoration flow out of our mouths in exultation of your goodness and faithfulness.*

GOD  
GATHERS  
US TO  
WORSHIP



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of  
2 Hith - er to Thy love has blest me; Thou has bro't me to this place; And I  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con strained to be! Let thy



mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of lou - dest praise. Teach me  
know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace. Je - sus  
good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee: prone to



some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of  
wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



bove. Praise his name—I'm fix'd up - on it name of God's re - deem - ing love.  
God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre cious blood.  
love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*Come Thou Fount, Words: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: Traditional American melody*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

Leader: Come let us sing to the Lord;

**All: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

**All: and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

**All: and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

**All: and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,

**All: and his hands have molded the dry land.**

1. Now with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our  
2. For how great a God, and glo - rious, is the Lord of whom we  
praise; to the Rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas let us  
sing; o - ver i - dol gods vic - to - rious, great is he, our God and  
raise. Thank - ful trib - ute glad - ly bring - ing, let us  
King. In his hand are earth's deep plac - es, al - so  
come be - fore him now, and, with psalms his prais - es  
his are all the hills; his the sea whose bounds he  
sing - ing, joy - ful in his pres - ence bow.  
trac - es, his the land his boun - ty fills.

*Psalm 95, Words: Psalter, 1912; Music, arr. from Gregorian Chant by Lowell Mason, 1839*

Leader: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

**All: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

3. To the Lord, such might re - veal - ing, let us come with rev - erence  
meet, and, be - fore our Mak-er kneel - ing, let us wor - ship at his  
feet. He is our own God who leads us, we the  
peo - ple of his care; with a shep - herd's hand he  
feeds us as his flock in pas - tures fair.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Leader: O God, we kneel before you with prayers of praise and adoration. You are a great God, and a great King above all gods. Meet us here as we gather.

**All: Come Holy Spirit and visit us with your presence today. Amen.**

*Silent moment of adoration*

*Chorus*  
Wait for the Lord, our God. Wait for the Lord, our  
God. Wait for the Lord, our rest and re - ward and our peace.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

from Titus 2:11-12

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

**All: Father, deliver us from the evil without and within. Forgive us the ways we embrace ungodliness and worldly passions and grant us the strength to live godly lives in this present age.**

*Silent time of confession*

GOD  
FORGIVES  
AND  
CLEANSES  
US



1. Grace will pre-vail,\_\_\_ Though the dark-ness is strong And the  
2. Grace will pre-vail\_\_\_ in the val-leys of shame, Where the  
3. Grace will pre-vail\_\_\_ Through the wreck-age and storm, And the



bur-den weighs hea-vy and long.\_\_\_ Grace will pre-vail.\_\_\_ For our  
e-choes of fail-ure re-main.\_\_\_ Grace will pre-vail,\_\_\_ With the  
brok-en-ness washed on the shore.\_\_\_ Grace will pre-vail,\_\_\_ Though an



God is the Light,\_\_\_ Re-nding the co-ver of night. Grace will pre-vail\_\_\_  
cry to the Lord, There's amoun-tain of mer-cy in store. Grace will pre-vail.\_\_\_  
o-cean we cry, He is with us and weeps by our side. Grace will pre-vail.\_\_\_



*Chorus*  
Wait for the Lord, our God. Wait for the Lord, our God.---



Wait for the Lord, our rest and re-ward and our peace.

*Grace Will Prevail, by Kirk Sauers and Paul Ranheim, First Presbyterian, Augusta, GA, 2022*

## RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

Leader: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**All: I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**All: I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**All: I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ as your Savior?

**All: I do.**

Leader: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**All: I do.**

When the elder takes hold of each of them who are to receive baptism, he will tell each of them to renounce, saying, "I renounce you Satan, all your servants, and all your works."

from The Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus of Rome, 215 AD

*Bridge*

Take heart, he has o-ver-come the world. He has o-ver-come.  
Grace will pre - vail

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from Titus 2:13-14*

Leader: We wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

*Chorus*

Wait for the Lord, our God. Wait for the Lord, our  
God. Wait for the Lord, our rest and re-ward and our peace.  
Grace will pre - vail

## LESSONS FROM THE WORD

read by Chris & Dave Jarvis ①, Michael Bergstrom ②

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 8.3-9, p.450

Gospel Lesson - John 14.25-27, p.901

GOD  
SPEAKS  
TO US

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

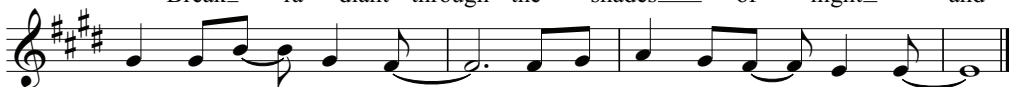
**All: Thanks be to God.**



Thou love - ly source of true de - light whom I un seen a - dore.  
Thy glo - ry o'er cre - a - tion shines but in Thy sa - cred Word  
Je - sus, my Lord, my life, my light, oh come with bliss - ful ray -



— Un - veil Thy beau - ties to my sight that  
— I read, in fair - er, bright - er lines my  
— Break ra - dian through the shades of night and



I might love Thee more, Oh that I might love Thee more.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing Lord, See my bleed - ing dy - ing Lord.  
chase my fears a - way, Won't you chase my fears a - way.

*Thou Lovely Source of True Delight, Words: Anne Steele, 1760; Music, Kevin Tavit, 1998*



## THE WORD

*Pastor Aaron Baker*

*The Spirit Pours God's Love Into Our Hearts*, Romans 5:1–5, p.942

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

GOD  
COMMUNES  
WITH US

Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

2 Corinthians  
13:11-14

## COME WITH PEACE

(Leader:) *The Lord be with you,* (All:) **and al - so with you.** (repeat)

(Leader:) *Lift up your hearts,* (All:) **we lift them to the Lord**

(Leader:) *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

(All:) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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(Leader:) *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

(All:) **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

(All:) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Sursum Corda by Terry Scott Taylor and Steve Hindalong, 2002*

*Greet each other in the name of Christ.*

## COME WITH GENEROSITY

*We come to the Table with a generous heart and give back to God a portion of what he's already given us. Offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the box on the back wall. You can also give online at [covenantchicago.org/give](http://covenantchicago.org/give), use the QR code on page 16, or text a donation amount to 84321.*

Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise him all crea-tures here be - low.

Praise him a-bove ye heav'-nly hosts. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A- men.

*Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, German Psalter, 1561*

## COME WITH THANKSGIVING

*St. Martin-in-the-fields, Church of England, 2016*

Leader: It is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of glory. We thank you for giving back to us what we have offered you. Accept these offerings of bread, wine and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

**All: Blessed are you, God of David, for your faithfulness is steadfast and your mercy has been from of old.**

Leader: You draw your people to you with your promise of salvation, and every promise you make, in your goodness, you fulfill. From the house of David you raised up your Messiah to restore Judah and to herald that your deliverance was near.

**All: In your Son's righteousness we find our life: for his righteousness was more than enough for your people who had waited so long for justice, who had yearned so long for redemption, who had trusted so long in your grace.**

Leader: Truly in his righteousness is fulfilled every hope of salvation in every generation.

**All: By his death we can stand justified before you; and through his resurrection we can share your holy life forever.**

Leader: And so with angels and archangels, we praise your name, joining the company of heaven in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



O Lord of light who made the stars, O Dawn, by whom we see the way,  
O Spi-rit, now, with our hands rais'd, re-ceive these gifts of thanks and praise.



O Christ, re-deem-er of the world: Come now and list-en as we pray!  
Re-veal your self in Christ our Priest, throu' bread and wine, O joy-ous feast!



A - - - - - men.



to God the Fa- ther, and the Son, and Ho-ly Spi - rit Three in one.

*O Lord of Light, Words: Latin chant, 9th cent., Music: Sarum Plainsong, mode IV*

## COME TO THE TABLE

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice. Gluten free bread is available in a separate dish.

### Receiving Communion

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of baptized Christians. We invite all to partake of this sacrament who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

### Silent prayers for reflection

*\* written by members of the congregation*

#### *Prayer for those taking communion \**

God in heaven, you have promised to meet your people here, at this table. For your own sake, make good on that promise. Use these ordinary elements to nourish our faith. Share your grace with your church today. Remind us of the Son's saving work, and that evil and death will not have the final word. Amen.

#### *Prayer for those searching for truth \**

Lord Jesus, I have heard your name. I have heard truth spoken in this place this morning. But I have heard other things before, and in other places that seemed true to me. I have heard people tell lies in your holy name. Show me that this time is different. Show me who you are, and shine the truth of the gospel overwhelmingly on me so that I can't help but see you and know that you are the source of all truth. Amen.

#### *Prayer of belief \**

Lord God, show me how to wrestle with unbelief as Jacob wrestled with the Angel. Turn my questions into faith, answer my doubts with your presence. Show me that while I ask for proof, it is your love that I need. Your promises are secure to the bedrock, strong against the breaking wave of my fear. Let my doubt result into a hard-won faith rooted in your good word. Amen.

#### *Prayer for those struggling with sin \**

Jesus, help me to obey. Take my desires and bury them with an even greater desire for you. When I face temptation, I feel weak. Be my strength. Give me the grace to choose to follow you, and remind me, even now, that the peace I long for can be found nowhere apart from your presence. Help me choose to love you more. Amen.

## Song for Communion

*You are welcome to join in song:*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system has three lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system is labeled 'Chorus' and has three lines of lyrics. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the chorus.

By this we re - mem - ber in faith as we ga - ther,  
By this we re - mem - ber in hope as we ga - ther,  
By this we re - mem - ber in love as we ga - ther,  
with bread and wine we re - mem - ber un - til he comes a - gain.  
with bread and wine we re - mem - ber un - til he comes a - gain.  
with bread and wine we re - mem - ber un - til he comes a - gain.

*Chorus*  
When He comes \_\_\_ a - gain, like a thief in the night, when he comes \_\_\_ a -  
gain, all the wrongs will be right. All the earth lift - ed up as  
heav - en \_\_\_ comes down: \_\_\_ we re - mem - ber un - til he comes a - gain.

*Until He Comes Again by Sandra McCracken,  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, 2022*



## RESPOND TO THE TABLE

Leader: Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we take from your creation this bread and this wine  
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,  
as we await the day of his coming.  
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice  
dedicated to your service.

**All: Great is this mystery of faith:  
Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*Chorus*



When He comes a - gain, like a thief in the night, when he comes a -  
gain, all the wrongs will be right. All the earth lift-ed up as  
heav-en\_ comes down:\_\_\_ we re - mem - ber un - til he comes a - gain.

## IN COMMUNITY

Larissa Bossemeyer

Announcements, events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks

## WITH JOY

*adapted from Romans 5 and Philipians 2*

Leader: As we enter this week,  
let us go rejoicing knowing our suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope!

**All: In the midst of this broken and failing world  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

GOD  
SENDS  
US

God will give you strength, God will give you peace,  
God will give you hope, in your  
time of need. Go in the name of Christ. Go with the  
Word of Life. Shine like the stars in this darkening world.  
Walk in his love, filled with his joy, blameless and pure.

*Stars in the World (Phil.2:15-16), Paul van der Bijl, 2012*

## WITH BLESSING

Pastor Aaron Baker

1st Service, 9:00am

2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Children’s Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level
- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

Common Ground, 10:15am

- Coffee and snacks in the courtyard

**Volunteers in Service Today:**

Communion Servers: Jonathan Spalink, Linda Gehrs, Nick Natsis <sup>(9:00)</sup>, Andrew Dykstra, Christie Kay, Phil Koerner <sup>(11:15)</sup>

Ushers: Leslie Lucas, Fernando Kim, Mark Scheerhorn <sup>(9:00)</sup>, Phil Koerner, Jon Skinner <sup>(11:15)</sup>

Welcome Table: Bill Heine <sup>(9:00)</sup>

Musicians: Paul van der Bijl, guitar; Paul David Young, electric guitar; Mike Middleton, bass; Rachael Holzhausen, vocals; Liam van der Bijl, keys; Adriane Fink, piano; Danny Medina, sound technician; Galileo Pierson, video streaming technician

**Large Print orders of worship and electronic hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the sanctuary. An usher can assist you with finding and using these items.**

**COMMON GROUND CLASSES**

**Summer Common Ground:** Covenant is on summer break during Common Ground; no classes or childcare will be available. We invite you to join us between the services in the courtyard and Fellowship Hall for snacks and coffee.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**June 30 Cookout:** Join us for our first all-church cookout of the summer. On June 30, we’ll have one service at 10:15 followed by a potluck cookout in the courtyard and grassy lot. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share. Categories are listed below. Please drop off your dish before service in the kitchen of the Education Building. If you’d be willing to help with food service or clean up, please contact Pastor Dan Adamson (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

**A-J:** Side Dish or Chips

**K-P:** Desserts

**Q-Z:** Fruit or veggie trays

**Trunk Party:** Breakthrough is hosting a Trunk Party on August 10 for high school graduates in Garfield Park who are headed off to college. At the party, guests fill the student’s “trunk” with essentials for college—such as bedding, towels, toiletries, laundry supplies, and more. You can find a list of supplies to purchase on our welcome table. Please purchase items and bring them to our Mercy Bin by August 4. Additionally, Breakthrough has specifically asked our church to provide and serve the food at the Trunk Party. We need 10 volunteers to help with the event from 9am to noon on August 10. To learn more or sign up, please contact Pastor Dan at dadamson@covenantchicago.org.

**An Arab-Christian Reflection on the Israel-Palestine Conflict:** Join us on July 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to think deeply about the way our faith shapes our beliefs about the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Covenant is excited to host Dr. Alexander Massad (Assistant Professor of World Religions, Wheaton College) to lead a discussion on a Reformed Christian perspective on this conflict through the lens of history, scripture, and theology. After Dr. Massad's lecture, we'll have a time of Q&A before spending some time together in group discussions with an aim towards deepening our engagement with the subject. Childcare is available; please contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org) to let us know if your children will be joining us that evening.

**Women's Summer Social:** Let's stay connected this summer! Please join the women of Covenant for a casual backyard social on Aug 8 from 7 to 9 pm at a members' home on the northside. There is no registration fee, but bring a light snack or favorite beverage to share! The location will be in the Women's Events email newsletter, so please email women@covenantchicago.org to ensure you have all the details!

**Women's Fall Retreat:** Save the date! This year's retreat will be Oct. 4-6 at DeKoven. More details to come. Look for early registration in August!

**Men's Summer Cookout:** Join the men of Covenant at 5 pm on Sunday, July 28 for a backyard cookout on the northside! Begin and deepen relationships while eating delicious food in a casual setting. Bring your own beverage, donation (\$10), and lawn chair. RSVP for more details at <https://covenantchicago.org/events/mens-cookout/>.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Make a Food and Hygiene Kit:** Join us on July 14 during Common Ground in the Fellowship Hall to make bags with hygiene and food essentials for those who are in need. The diaconate will provide supplies and bags so that you can take the completed kits with you to distribute to migrants, the unhoused, or others in need. Questions? Contact the diaconate at [deacons@covenantchicago.org](mailto:deacons@covenantchicago.org).

**Home Court on July 19:** Every summer, Breakthrough hosts a series of summer block parties & basketball tournaments in East Garfield Park. Covenant is partnering with Breakthrough on Friday, July 19th to host Home Court in St. Louis Park from 4:30-8:30 pm. We need 15 Volunteers to help prepare food for the free cookout and help with children's activities. You can sign up to help with a portion of the event or the whole event. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Pastor Dan Adamson ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Ushers Needed:** Ushers are the first people to greet people as they come to Covenant. They pass out the orders of worship, help people find the bathrooms and classrooms, and help at the end of service to clean up the sanctuary. Most ushers serve once a month. If you'd like to join our usher team, please contact Margret-Ann Natsis ([margretann.natsis@gmail.com](mailto:margretann.natsis@gmail.com)).

**Volunteer with Children's Ministry:** Covenant needs additional volunteers to help in our nurseries, children's worship classroom and Sunday school classrooms. We need volunteers during both services (9:00 and 11:15 am) and during Common Ground (10:15). To volunteer, contact Lynda Adamson ([ladamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:ladamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Common Ground Volunteers:** Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to help with coffee and snacks for Common Ground. Volunteers help with either setup (during the 9:00 am service) or clean up (during the 11:15 service), as well as helping during Common Ground to replenish coffee as needed. Most volunteers serve once a month. If you'd be interested, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer ([lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org](mailto:lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org)).

**Serve Breakfast at Breakthrough:** On the fourth Saturday of every month, Covenant provides breakfast for the Breakthrough women's shelter. If you are interested in volunteering to help purchase, prepare and serve food to shelter guests, you can reach out to [breakthrough@covenantchicago.org](mailto:breakthrough@covenantchicago.org) for more information or sign up for upcoming dates on our website: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/breakfast-at-breakthrough/>.

**Gospel Justice Center Volunteers:** Covenant hosts a legal aid clinic on the second Saturday of every month and we're aiming to grow to serve more clients. In order to do that, we're looking for volunteers to serve in some of the non-legal roles. We could use one more volunteer to help on Saturday mornings to greet guests and support them as well as someone to take on some design work both for a social media account and a print brochure to help clients find our clinic. If you'd be interested in helping in either of those roles, please contact Linda Gehrs (lmgehrs@gmail.com). Most volunteers serve once every other month.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

**Counseling at Covenant.** We're happy to welcome Michele Dillon back onto staff in her role as Counselor. Michele is available to come alongside those going through challenging circumstances of many kinds – transitions, losses, relationship difficulties, spiritual questioning, parenting, and anxiety and depression. This counseling is available to members and regular attenders of Covenant. If you're interested in arranging a confidential meeting, email Michele at [mdillon@covenantchicago.org](mailto:mdillon@covenantchicago.org). You can learn more at <https://covenantchicago.org/get-connected/counseling/>.

**One Service Sundays:** Mark your calendar for our one service Sundays this summer at 10:15. June 30, July 7, August 25 and September 1, we'll have one service at 10:15. There will be no Common Ground on these weeks. On June 30 and August 25, we'll have a cookout after the service.

**David Williams Memorial Service.** There will be a memorial service for David Williams at Covenant on June 27 at 1pm. David served for 21 years as the third pastor of Covenant. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Parents of Diverse Learners.** If you have a child with a disability taking part in our children's ministry, we would like to try and find ways to meet your child's unique needs. One of our deacons, Kylene Young, has years of experience as a special education teacher and can work with you and our volunteers to tailor a plan. If you're interested in learning more, contact Ian ([ian@covenantchicago.org](mailto:ian@covenantchicago.org)) or Kylene ([Kyleneyoung@gmail.com](mailto:Kyleneyoung@gmail.com)).

**Sermon Devotional Emails:** Twice a week, a team from Covenant sends sermon devotional emails that will help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture lessons. Email [devotional@covenantchicago.org](mailto:devotional@covenantchicago.org) to sign up.

**Do you know about the Deacons Fund?** If you are experiencing any kind of personal or financial hardship and would like some help, please contact our deacons ([deacons@covenantchicago.org](mailto:deacons@covenantchicago.org)). Your email will go directly to the deacons, and they'll treat it with confidentiality. If you're able, now is a great time to contribute to the Deacons Fund to meet the needs of others in our congregation. You may contribute to the Deacons Fund by writing "Deacons Fund" in the memo of a check or by selecting the Deacons Fund option on Covenant's giving site.

**Meals Ministry:** The Meals Ministry cares for our community by providing occasional meals to individuals and families. If you have recently experienced health problems, have welcomed a new child into your family, or have suffered a loss, please visit [covenantchicago.org/meals-ministry/](https://covenantchicago.org/meals-ministry/) to request a meal. The Meals Ministry also seeks volunteers to cook and deliver meals, and you can sign up to volunteer through the website link. Questions? Contact [meals@covenantchicago.org](mailto:meals@covenantchicago.org).

**Let Us Pray for You.** Covenant's staff meets to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. You can share prayer requests by writing them on the tear out portion at the back of the order of worship or by emailing Pastor Dan ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Sermon Text Next Week: John 14:15-20**



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## WELCOME TO COVENANT

Please fill out this form, tear it out, and put it in one of  
the offering boxes at the back of the church.

circle one:

New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

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### I am interested in:

- More information
- Small Groups
- Service Opportunities
- Membership
- Receiving the Email Letter
- Children and Youth Ministry
- Other:

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### Prayer Requests:



## Covenant Life

### *Worship Together:*

We are made to worship the Triune God, and our worship is always ordered around Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and grace he secured for us by his cross, resurrection and ascension. Gathering around this good news together on Sundays strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus.

### *Grow and Learn Together:*

Learning about our faith and growing together in it forms us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

### *Serve Together:*

The natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. All of us have been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us, and we encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service.



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