



the
Psalms
of Ascents



7th Sunday of Pentecost | July 9, 2023

IF

*I am content to heal a hurt slightly,
saying, "Peace, peace" where is no peace;
If I forget the poignant word "Let love be without dissimulation"
and blunt the edge of truth,
speaking not right things, but smooth things,
then I know nothing of Calvary Love.*

~ Amy Carmichael

cover by Lenae van der Bijl

Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 15 for details.

Large Print orders of worship and devices to improve hearing are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Green for the Season of Pentecost
Green represents growth, bountifulness, hope,
and the victory of life over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Welcome

Silent moment to prepare for worship

By your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light, in - ac -
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small, in all life thou

ces - si - ble, hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun tains, high
liv - est, the true life of all. We blos - som and flour - ish as

An - cient of Days, Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
soar - ing a - bove, thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang eth thee.

Call To Worship

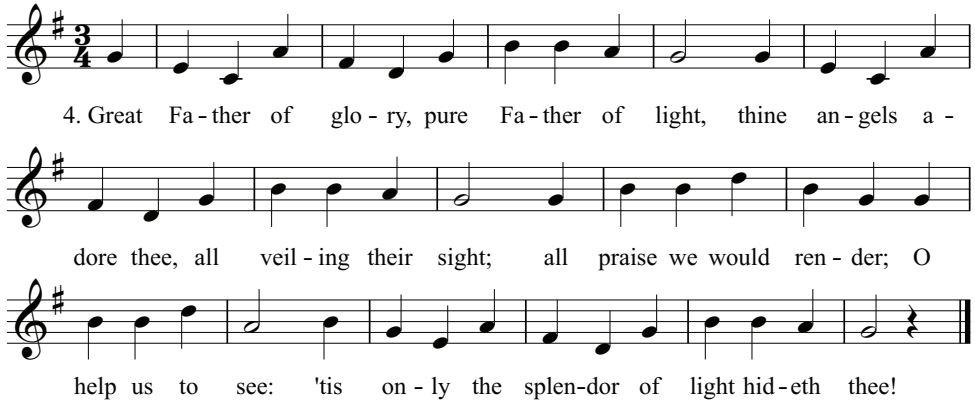
From Psalm 145

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: We will pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and will sing aloud of your righteousness.**



4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -
dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would ren - der; O
help us to see: 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O Father, we can never reach the bottom of your abundant goodness and grace. Thank you for gathering us into your merciful outstretched arms.

silent moment of meditation

**All Sing: Come by here, my Lord, come by here. (3x)
O Lord, come by here.**

**Someone needs You, Lord, come by here. (3x)
O Lord, come by here.**

**Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here. (3x)
O Lord, come by here.**

African American Spiritual

Leader: We will sing of your fame! Come Holy Spirit:

All: Open our eyes to your presence among us today.

Sacrament of Baptism

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of you calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all in all. - Ephesians 4:4-6

Sing to Prepare, Ocean of Mercy

All:

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp). It consists of five lines of music. The first line starts with a 6/8 time signature and ends with a 9/8 time signature. The second line starts with a 9/8 time signature, changes to 6/8, and ends with 9/8. The third line starts with 9/8, changes to 6/8, and ends with 9/8. The fourth line starts with a whole rest followed by quarter notes. The fifth line continues with quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Come on down, child-ren of God, to the Oc - ean of mer - cy at the foot of the cross. On the banks of the riv - er of love, you will find your re - demp - tion, in the Sav - ior's shed blood. Bro - ther, sis - ter, child - ren, all, hear the Sa - vior's gent - le call, to be wash'd pure and made whole.'

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call, to be wash'd pure and made whole.

Miles Bavius Hammond, son of Jenna and Paul, brother of Naomi

Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

All: Ever-living God, in your mercy you promised to be not only our God but also the God of our children. We thank you for receiving **Miles** by baptism. Keep him always in your love. Guide him as he grows in faith. Protect him in all the dangers and temptations of life. May he be a faithful disciple of your son Jesus Christ to his life's end. In Christ's name, Amen.

Confession of Sin

from 1 Peter 5:6-9

Leader: *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.*

All: **Father, our anxieties consume our hearts and minds.
Forgive us our pride, thinking we are in control.
Grant us humility and single-minded watchfulness under your mighty hand.**

To Thee I come a sin-ner poor And wait for mer-cy at Thy door_
To Thee I come a sin-ner foul Yet grant me Lord your fa-vor now...
— In-deed, I've no-where else to flee, Oh
— Mer-cy through blood I make my plea Oh
God be mer-ci-ful_ to me. To Thee I come a sin-ner
God be mer-ci-ful_ to me. To Thee I come a sin-ner
weak and scarce know how to pray or speak, From fear and
great and well Thou know-est all my state, Yet full for-
weak-ness set me free, Oh God be mer-ci-ful_ to me!
give-ness is with Thee, Oh God be mer-ci-ful_ to me!

To Thee I Come, Words: Samuel Medley, 1700s, addl. txt vdbijl, 2014, Music Clint Wells, 2006

Silent time to pray and confess

Assurance of Pardon

from 1 Peter 1:3-4, 5:10-11

Leader: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

All: **The God of all grace, who has called us to his eternal glory in Christ, will
himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us. To him be the dominion
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sing to Assure

To Thee I come a sin-ner saved For I have on - ly You to thank.
— And where You are I long to be, Oh
God be mer-ci-ful_ to me. When You re - turn Oh, Lord at
last and there when all my sins are passed, With all the
saints I'll then a - gree, Oh God was mer-ci-ful_ to me!

Lessons from the Word

read by Christy and Craig Horbinski ①, Sharon Durling ②

New Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

1 Peter 5.6-11, p.1017
Matthew 18.1-4, p.823

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

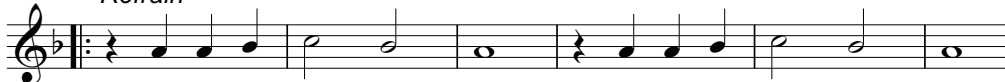


O Lord my heart's not lift - ed up, my eyes not lof - ty be.____
For I have calmed and stilled my soul, like a weaned child at pe - ace,



I do not oc - cu - py my-self with things to great for me.____
and found my hope and rest in God for all e - ter - ni - ty.____

Refrain



I wait for you, O God. You are my on - ly hope.



I am at peace, with-in your love, I am at peace with-in your love.

Words: based on Psalm 131, by vdBijl & Baker, 2023, Music, attr. Martin Herbst, 1676, arr. and ref. by vdBijl & Baker, 2023

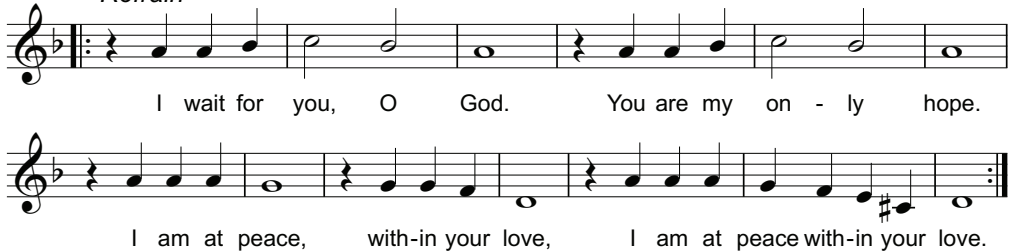
The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Hope, Psalm 131 p.519

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
- ² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- ³ O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

Refrain



I wait for you, O God. You are my on - ly hope.

I am at peace, with-in your love, I am at peace with-in your love.

Sacrament of Communion

2 Corinthians 13:11-14: 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. All the saints greet you.

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

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.

Greet each other in the name of Christ

Giving back to God a portion of what he's already given us is an important part of the Christian life. The bread and wine we use in communion are a picture of the gifts that God has given us, offered back to him as an act of worship. You can offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the boxes in the back on the way out. You can also give online at covenantchicago.org/give, use the QR code on page 15, or text a donation amount to 84321.



1. Je - sus, Thou Joy of lo - ving hearts! Thou Fount of
2. Thy truth un - changed hath e - ver stood; Thou sav - est



life, Thou Light of men! From the best bliss that earth im -
those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee Thou art



parts, We turn, un - filled, to Thee a - gain.
good, To them that find Thee all in all.

The Great Thanksgiving, by Samuel Wells, vicar, St. Martin-in-the-fields, Church of England, 2016

Leader: As we approach your table, grant us the peace with each other that we find in you so that we can come to this feast united in love. Accept now our offerings of bread, wine and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

All: It is our delight and our privilege to lift our hearts to you, our Lord and God.

Leader: In this Communion Feast you give us the pattern of our salvation.

**All: In the inadequacy of loaves and fishes
we see our paltry offerings from the gift of your creation;**

Leader: but just as in incarnation, cross, and resurrection you took, and blessed, and broke, and shared our human nature in Jesus,

**All: so he took, and blessed, and broke, and shared the loaves and fish
to be an overflowing banquet of glory for your hungry people.**

Leader: Through the abundance of twelve baskets left over, you invite us to share your feast, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, and the saints on earth, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

**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.**

3. We taste Thee, O Thou li - ving Bread,
And long to feast up - on Thee still; We drink of
Thee, the Foun-tain - head, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '3. We taste Thee, O Thou li - ving Bread, And long to feast up - on Thee still; We drink of Thee, the Foun-tain - head, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.'

Distribute the Bread & Cup

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, and seek strength to live more faithfully for him.

Silent prayers for reflection

Prayer for those taking communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Grant also that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:

1. I cast my mind to Cal - va - ry_ where Je - sus
2. His bo - dy bound and drenched in tears they laid Him
3. Then on the third at break of dawn the Son of

bled and died for me. I see His wounds His hands His
down in Jo - seph's tomb. The en - trance sealed by hea - vy_
heav - en rose a gain. O tramp - led death where is your

feet. My sav - iour_ on that cur - sed_ tree.
_ stone Mes - si - ah_ still and all a - lone.
_ sting? Now lift your_ song for Christ our_ King.

O praise the name of the Lord our God. O praise His name for -
ev - er more. For end - less days we will sing your praise O Lord, O Lord our God.

Anástasis, by Hillsong Church, Sydney, Australia, 2015

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.**

4. He shall re - turn in robes of white the bla - zing
sun shall pierce the night. And I will rise a - mong the
saints, my gaze trans - fixed on Je - sus face.
O praise the name of the Lord our God. O praise His name for -
ev - er more. For end-less days we will sing your praise O Lord, O Lord our God.

The Work of the People

Romans 12:4–6, *For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.*

in prayer

Led by Olivia Stewart Lester ①, Christie Kay ②

A prayer for our community

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our city

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our world

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

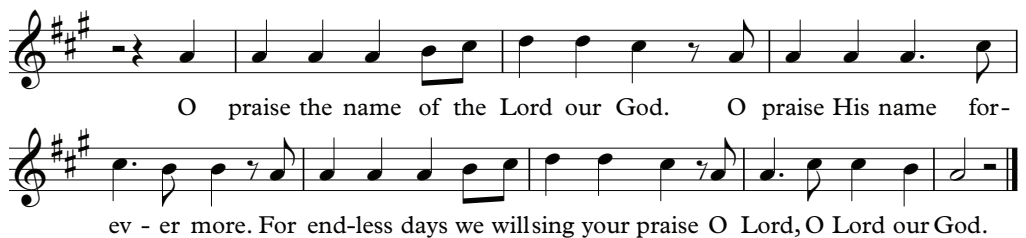
on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.



O praise the name of the Lord our God. O praise His name for-
ev - er more. For end-less days we willsing your praise O Lord, O Lord our God.

in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy, *from 1 Peter 3:18*

Leader: As we enter this week, may we find contentment
in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: **To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.**

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a time signature of 2/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all__ bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all Grant us Thy strength to__ face the__ day, filled with Thy crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye__ love and hope and faith. May all the na - tions be heav'n-ly__ host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. drawn to con - fess: Christ died and rose, and comes a - gain! A - - - men, A - - - men." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Doxology, Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, v2 by vdBijl, 2018; Music, John Hatton, 1793, Chorus, Redeemer Knoxville, 2014

Benediction

Leader: *Romans 15:5-7* May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

TODAY AT COVENANT

1st Service, 9am

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

2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

Common Ground, 10:15am

- Coffee and snacks available in the courtyard

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: David and Michele Dillon, Isak Siemens (9:00); Ian Troll, Rachel Salsedo, Shane Rector (11:15)

Ushers: Brent Blankenship, Jonathan Clarke, Matt Ver Steeg (9:00); Jon Skinner, Phil Koerner (11:15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.

One Service Sundays: We'll have one service at 10:15 am on August 27 and September 3. There will be no Common Ground on these days. Childcare will be available during service for children birth through 5th grade. Plan to join us for an all-church cookout after service August 27.



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 for more information or sign up for upcoming dates on our website: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/breakfast-at-breakthrough/>.

Home Court: Every summer, Breakthrough hosts a series of summer block parties & basketball tournaments in East Garfield Park. Covenant is partnering with Breakthrough on Friday, July 14 to host Home Court from 4:30 – 8:30 pm in St. Louis Park. Volunteers help prepare food for the free cookout and help with children's activities. This year, the block party will have a carnival theme, complete with a dunk tank that Covenant volunteers will help run. Join us for part or all of the event. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Trunk Party: Breakthrough is hosting a Trunk Party on August 5th for 80 high school graduates in Garfield Park headed off to college. A trunk party is a celebration for someone who is getting ready to head off to college to fill up a "trunk" with essentials for college. You can find a list of supplies to purchase on our welcome table. Items should be returned to our Mercy Bin by July 23. Covenant will also help cook and serve food for the party from 9 am to noon on August 5. To learn more or sign up, please contact Margret Ann Natsis margretann.natsis@gmail.com.

Summer Common Ground: Join us for coffee and snacks between the services in the courtyard. Classes and Sunday Schools for kids and adults will return on September 10.

Summer Dinners Together: Join others from Covenant for potluck gatherings throughout the city this summer. On July 29, Covenant is organizing backyard dinners for groups of 12-20 throughout the city. If you'd be interested in attending or hosting one of these get-togethers, please fill out the form on the Welcome Table, on our website (<https://covenantchicago.org/events/dinner-together/>) or email Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Elementary Family Ice Cream Social: Please join other families with elementary age children for an ice cream social on Wednesday, July 12 at 7pm at Covenant. Weather permitting, we will gather outside in the grassy lot west of the Education Building. Please RSVP if you plan to join: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/ice-cream-social/>.

Pickleball at Covenant: Join others from Covenant for pickleball in the gym on some Saturdays from 9 to 11 am. All are welcome to join; instructors will be available if you're new to the sport. Sign up on our website (covenantchicago.org/pickleball/) for upcoming dates: July 15, 22 and 29. Questions? Contact Jenna Hammond (jenaomia@gmail.com).

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 Margaret-Ann Natsis (margretann.natsis@gmail.com).



Gospel Justice Center: Please pray for Covenant's Gospel Justice Center, a legal-aid clinic created in partnership with Together Chicago and Administer Justice, and run entirely by Covenant volunteers. On the second Saturday of every month, we welcome our neighbors with legal questions from the Logan Square, Bucktown, Garfield Park and Humboldt Park neighborhoods. Please pray for us to care well for our guests, and pray for us to grow in our ability to become a more known presence in our neighborhood.

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 Ian Troll (ian@covenantchicago.org).

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 to sign up.

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/ 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.

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 David (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).



Giving QR Code

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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo.

Please direct correspondence for the Session to session@covenantchicago.org.

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Treasurer: Ben Harvey

If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can email us at diaconate@covenantchicago.org.

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.

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New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

Email:

Address:

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↑ *This is new or updated information* ↑

I am interested in:

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

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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and a world
continually made new
by the grace of Christ*

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