



THE TEACHING JESUS

*As once you walked in Nazareth  
or on the shores of Galilee,  
so you have come in bone and breath,  
O living Christ, to walk with me.*

*~ Kate Bluett*



*Sermon Series: The Teaching Jesus  
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
22nd Sunday of Pentecost, October 22, 2023  
Watercolor by Jamie Gray*

*Children's programming* is available during both services on the lower level, see page 16 for details.

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

## 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.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Come, Thou Al - migh - ty King, Help us Thy name\_\_ to sing, To Thee, great One\_\_ in Three, E - ter - nal prai - ses be, Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - Hence e - ver - more; Thy sov'-reign ma - je - sty May we in to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days. glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.'

*Come, Thou Almighty King, words: 18th Century. music: Felice de Giardini, 1769.*

# Call to Worship

Nehemiah 9:6

Leader: You are the LORD, you alone.

**All:** You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host.

Leader: You have made earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

**All:** You preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of\_\_ hea - ven?  
2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such\_\_ prai - ses?  
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like\_\_ fi - re?  
4. Who else could res - cue me from my\_\_ fail - ing?



Who else could make\_\_ ev - 'ry king bow\_\_ down?  
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the\_\_ sun?  
What oth - er pow - er can raise the\_\_ dead?  
Who else would of - fer his on - ly\_\_ Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God!

## Refrain



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing



Ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly\_\_ God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

*Only A Holy God, by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, St. Pauls Anglican Church Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia, 2016*

# Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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Leader: O God, our Father, you are the One and the Only. We thank you and adore you for your great goodness and mercy. We are humbled before your majesty and find quiet joy and peace in your presence.

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

*moment of silent meditation*

*Refrain*

Come and be-hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing

Ho - ly, for - ev-er a Ho-ly\_ God. Come and wor-ship the Ho-ly God.

# Confession of Sin

*From Psalm 130*

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

All: **O Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

All: **If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

All: **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;**

## Sing to Confess



1. Out of the depths I cry to You, in dark-est plac-es I will call.

2. Were You to count my sin-ful ways, how could I come be-fore Your throne.



In-cline Your ear to me a-new, and hear my cry for mer-cy, Lord.  
Yet full for-give-ness meets my gaze, I stand re-deemed by grace a lone.



I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will re-ly.



I will wait for You, my soul waits for You, for Your love is my de light.

## *silent time of confession*

*Most merciful God,*

*I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.*

*I have not loved you with my whole heart;*

*I have not loved my neighbor as myself.*

*I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.*

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,*

*have mercy on me and forgive me;*

*that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

# Assurance of Pardon

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From Psalm 130

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
**All:** **more than watchmen for the morning.**

Leader: O *People of God*, hope in the LORD!  
**All:** **For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem us  
from all our iniquities.**

## Sing to Assure



3. So put your hope in God a-lone. Take cour-age in His power to save,  
4. Now He has come to make a way, and God Him-self has paid the price,



com-plete-ly and for-ev-er won by Christ's e-merg-ing from the grave.  
that all who trust in Him to-day, find heal-ing in His sac-ri-fice.



I will wait for You, sure-ly wait for You, through the storm and through the night



I will wait for You, my soul waits for you, for Your love is my de light.

Psalm 130, words and music by Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2018, Christ Covenant Church, Atlanta, GA.

# Lessons from the Word

Bill Heine ①, Lamont Black ②

Old Testament Lesson -  
New Testament Lesson -

Isaiah 61:1-4, p.620  
Acts 10:34-43, p.919

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

2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy migh - ty sword,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - for - ter, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear

Our prayer at - tend! Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy  
In this glad hour! Thou, who al - migh - ty art, Now rule in

word suc - cess: Spi - rit of ho - li - ness, On us des - cend.  
ev' - ry heart And ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of pow'r.



# The Word

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Pastor Dan Adamson

Truly I Say To You, Luke 4:14-30 p.859

<sup>14</sup> And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

Notes:

# Sacrament of Communion

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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](http://covenantchicago.org/give), use the QR code on page 15, or text a donation amount to 84321.*

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

# The Great Thanksgiving

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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 right to give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: In the beginning you laid the foundation of the earth and created us in your image.

**All: You set for us a Table in the Garden where we feasted together with you in peace.**

Leader: But we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign.

**All: Still you loved us and sought us and invited us to feast with you again.**

Leader: You sent us bread from heaven and broke the stone to quench our thirst. You gave us a land flowing with milk and honey. You sent us the prophets and priests to call us back to you. And still we rebelled against you because of our sin.

**All: Through Christ, you filled us with living bread and quenched our thirst with living water and opened a place for us at your Table to commune together in peace again.**

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim:

**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.**

*Refrain*

Come and be-hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing

Ho - ly, for - ev-er a Ho-ly\_ God. Come and wor-ship the Ho-ly God.

# Distribute the Bread & Cup

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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 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.*

## Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



1. Je - sus! we bow be - fore thy feet; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
2. Thy ta - ble is di - vine - ly stored; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
3. And here we drink our Sav - iors blood; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
4. We thank thee, Lord, 'tis gen'-rous wine Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
5. On earth is no such sweet - ness found, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
6. For the Lamb's flesh is heav'n - ly food; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!



1. Thy sa - cred flesh our souls have eat, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
2. 'Tis li - ving bread; we thank thee, Lord! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*
3. Min - gled with love; the foun - tain flowed, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
4. From that dear bleed - ing heart of thine, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*
5. In vain we search the world a - round, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
6. To nourish souls and make us new, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*



Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah,



Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le -



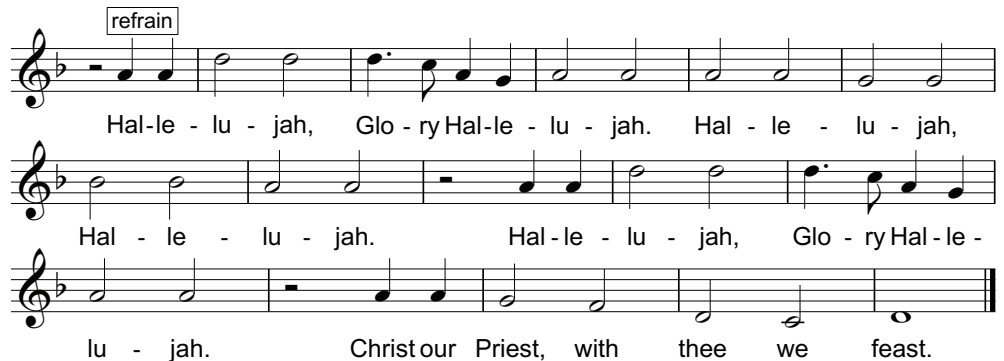
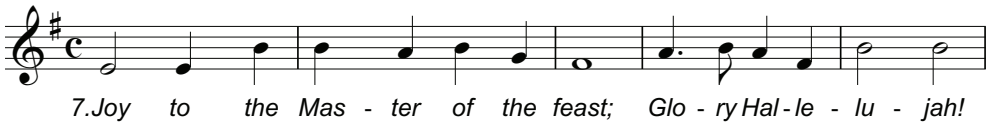
lu - jah. Christ our Priest, with thee we feast.

*Jesus! We Bow Before Thy Feet, Words: Isaac Watts, 1700s, Music, The Sacred Harp, 1850, arr. vdbijl, 2014*

## 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.**



## 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 community**

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

## Go With Joy

All:



1. There is one Gos-pel on which I stand For all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2. There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.  
3. There is one Gos-pel where hope is found; the emp - ty tomb still speaks.  
4. And in this Gos-pel the church is one; we do not walk a - lone

It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan. The Son has re - scued me.  
For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, he saved me on the cross.  
For death could not keep my Sa - vior down, He lives and I am free.  
We have His Spi - rit as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.

Oh what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace. My high - est joy and my  
No more I boast in what I can bring. No more I car - ry the  
Now on my Sa - vior I fix my eyes, my life is His and His  
And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that

deep - est need. Now and for - e - ver He is my light.  
weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life,  
hope is mine! For He has pro - mised I, too, will rise,  
re - scued me. Praise to my Sa - vior the King of life.

I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.  
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I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.  
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*There is One Gospel, Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson, St. Pauls Anglican Church Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia, 2022*

## 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

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## 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 Fellowship Hall
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-8th Grade (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Envisioning God's World (All Saints Room, Lower Level)
- Adult Education: How the Universe is Designed for Discovery (Library, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Covenant Life Class ( Conference Room, Ed Building)

### Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Margaret-Ann and Nick Natsis, Hyunseob Kim (9:00); Larissa Bossemeyer, Phil Koerner (11:15)

Ushers: Chuck Michalek, Leslie Lucas, Mark Scheerhorn (9:00), Jon Skinner, Phil Koerner (11:15)

Musicians: Paul David Young, keys, electric guitar; David Dillon, bass, vocals; Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals; sound technician, James Gay

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## COMMON GROUND CLASSES

**Covenant Life Class:** This 6 week class is for those who are interested in learning more about the church and the things we care about most, starting with the gospel. This class is a requirement for those who wish to become members. This class meets in the Conference Room of the Education Building at 10:15. This week, Larissa Bossemeyer will teach on our theological tradition.

**How the Universe is Designed for Discovery:** The idea that the universe was designed for life is a central tenet of the Christian faith and a much debated point in philosophy. Less discussed, though no less evocative, is the idea that the universe might be designed not just for life but for discovery! In this series, we will examine some pivotal discoveries in physics which seem to suggest just this. David Hofman (Professor of Physics, University of Illinois Chicago) and Joshua Norton (Professor of Philosophy, Wheaton College) will co-teach this class in the Library of the Education Building. This week, they'll talk about moonbeams and color spheres.

**Envisioning God's World:** We believe that all good things come from God and point towards him. In this class, we'll look at some concrete ways we see theology in works of art. Each week will center around a theological theme like transcendence, beauty or evil and talk through ways specific works of art expose this truth. Class will meet in the All Saints Room. This week PD Young will teach on art and immanence.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Small Groups:** Covenant small groups meet throughout the city. Small groups are a great way to get to know others at Covenant, study Scripture, and pray together. If you'd be interested in learning more about small groups, please contact Pastor Dan. (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).



**Wednesday Morning Women's Group:** The group meets in the All Saints Room at Covenant from 9 to 11 am each Wednesday. You're welcome to join whether you're able to come weekly or occasionally. Childcare is available. Anna Troll (annelise.olson94@gmail.com) and Devon Spencer (devonspencer1112@gmail.com) will lead this group.

**Fall Fest:** Join us for Covenant's first Fall Fest on October 29 from 5-8 pm. We hope this will be a chance to connect with Covenant's community over dinner and fun fall activities. In the gym, we'll have carnival games, 9-square, a bounce house and an inflatable climbing wall. Looking for something a little quieter? We'll have board games and the Bears game in the Library, pumpkin painting in the conference room and a bonfire outside. At 5:30, we'll have a dinner buffet in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you'll join us! We are in need of additional volunteers to help with the event. If you'd be willing to help run pumpkin painting during the event, assist with cleanup at 8 pm, or bring a dessert to share, please contact Ian Troll (ian@covenantchicago.org).

**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: November 4, 18 and 25. Questions? Contact Ian Cull (iancull74@gmail.com).

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**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).

**October Mercy Bin:** This month, Covenant is collecting items to help migrants settle in Chicago as they await their immigration court cases. We are currently collecting pots, pans and blankets through the organization New Life Centers. While these items are their most urgent needs, you can see a list of additional items they are collecting on our website. All items should be brought to Covenant by October 31 and placed in the Mercy Bin, located in the narthex.

**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/>.

**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.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

**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.

**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).

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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, Josh Norton

*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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**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.*



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

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