



# the Weight of Glory

November 21, 2021 | 26th Sunday after Pentecost



*This is my prayer—  
That, though I may not see,  
I be aware  
Of the Silent God  
Who stands by me.  
That, though I may not feel,  
I be aware  
Of the Mighty Love  
Which doggedly follows me.  
That, though I may not respond,  
I be aware  
That God—my Silent, Mighty God,  
Waits each day.  
Quietly, hopefully, persistently.  
Waits each day and through each night  
For me.  
For me—alone.*

*~ Edwina Gateley*

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

*Large Print orders of worship 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.



O, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me;\_\_ Come, let us all ex - alt his name.



I sought the e - ter - nal God and he\_\_\_ has freed my long - ing heart from blame.

## Call to Worship

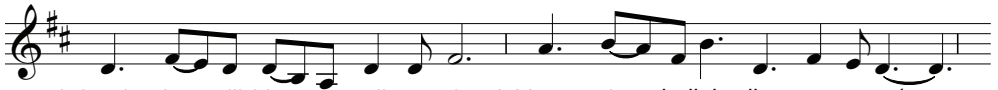
from Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**



1. Lord, I\_ will bless you all my days! Your praise shall dwell up - on my tongue;
2. To him\_ the wan-d'ers lift their eyes, Their fa - ces feel a heav' - nly shine;
3. God's an - gels help the one that faints, And guard\_ the ones that serve the Lord.



My soul\_ shall glo - ry in your grace, \_ Let all\_ re-joice to hear my song!  
A beam\_ of mer - cy from the skies\_ will bless\_ with light and joy di - vine.  
O - bey and love him, all ye saints, \_ taste of\_ his grace, and trust his word.



O, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; \_ Come, let us all ex - alt his name.



I sought\_ the e - ter - nal God and he \_ has freed\_ my long-ing heart from blame.

*Psalm 34, Words: , Isaac Watts, 1720, Music: based on a Sacred Harp tune*

## Invocation

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Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,  
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.  
Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may celebrate your glory  
and worship Christ in spirit and in truth.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, Amen.**



## Confession of Sin, from Philippians 4

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**All:** Father, we want to control our circumstances and those around us  
because our anxiety consumes us  
and we do not trust you.  
Forgive us our unbelief  
and grant us the strength to seek you in prayer.  
Fill our hearts with your joy  
and may our gentleness be known to all.

*Silent time to pray and confess*

1. Your will be done, my God and fa - ther As in Hea - ven, so on  
2. How in that gar - den he per - sis - ted I may ne - ver ful - ly  
earth. My heart is drawn to self ex - al - ting, help me seek Your king - dom  
know. The fear - ful weight of true o - be - dience it was held by him a -  
first. As Je - sus walked, so I shall walk Held by Your  
lone. What won - drous faith, to bear that cross To bear my  
same un - chang - ing love. Be still my soul. Oh, lift your voice and pray:  
sin, what won - drous love My hope was sure When there my Sa - vior prayed:  
Fa - ther not my will but Yours be done.

*Your Will Be Done, Jonny Robinson, St. Pauls Anglican Church Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia, 2020*

## Assurance of Pardon, from Romans 5 and Philippians 4

Leader: While we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, and now that we are reconciled we will be saved by his life. We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**All:** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

3. When I am lost, when I am bro - ken In the night of fear and  
doubt. Still I will trust in my good Fa - ther Yes, to one great King I  
bow! As Je - sus rose, so I shall rise In ran-somed  
glo - ry at the throne. My heart re - stored With all your saints I sing:  
Fa - ther not my will but Yours be done.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "3. When I am lost, when I am bro - ken In the night of fear and doubt. Still I will trust in my good Fa - ther Yes, to one great King I bow! As Je - sus rose, so I shall rise In ran-somed glo - ry at the throne. My heart re - stored With all your saints I sing: Fa - ther not my will but Yours be done."

## Lessons from the Word

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read by Peggy Adamson ①, Jon Skinner ②

Old Testament Lesson -  
Gospel Lesson -

Psalms 34:18-19  
Matthew 16:24-27

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

### Respond to the Word



## The Word

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Pastor Dan Adamson  
By Great Endurance, 2 Corinthians 6.1-13

<sup>1</sup> Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,

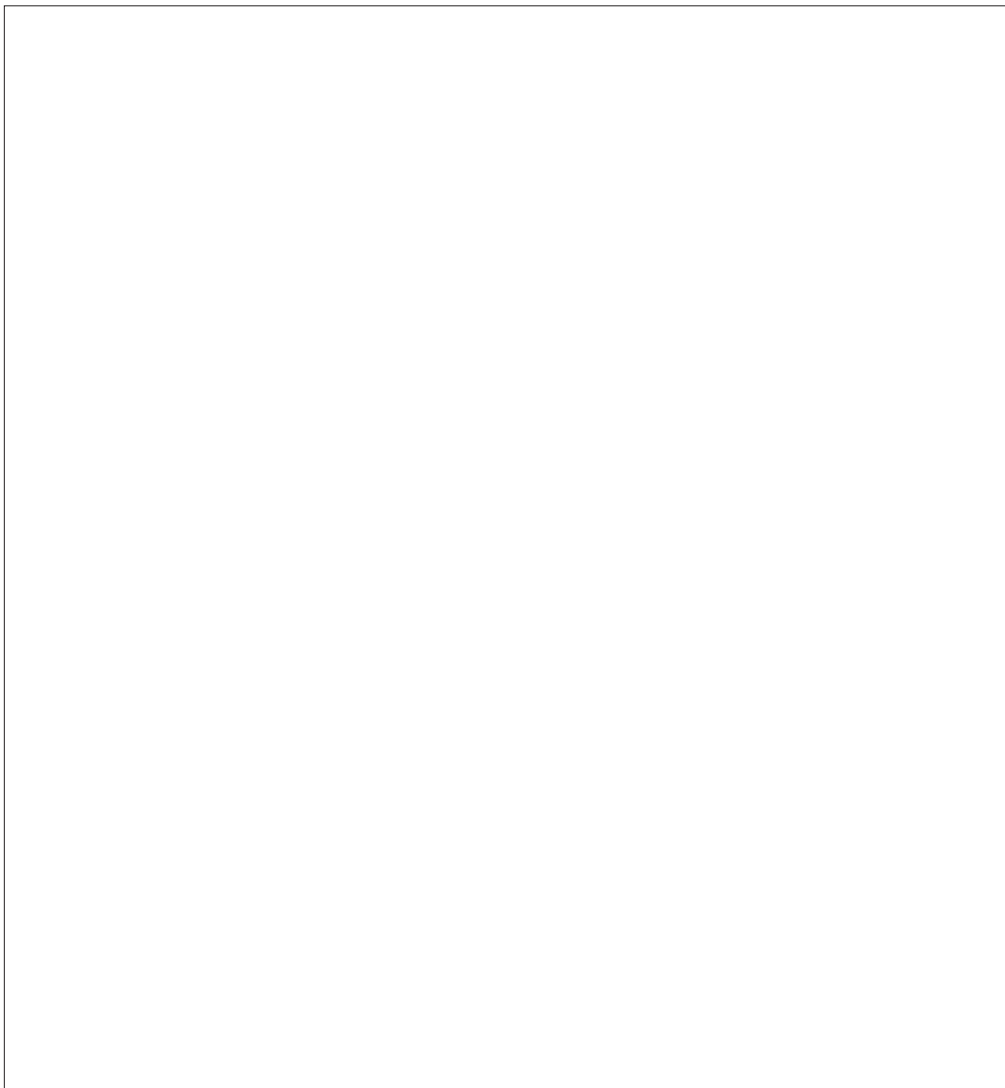
"In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup> We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup> by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup> We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup> You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup> In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.



Notes:



## Passing the Peace and Preparing the Gifts

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 peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

## 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.*

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

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.

## 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.

With clear hearts and minds,  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

**All: In the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.**

Leader: By the baptism of his suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension you gave birth to your Church, and delivered us from slavery to sin and death. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. 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.**



## Distribute the Bread & Cup

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Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice.  
There is individually wrapped gluten free bread available.

### 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.*

## Song for Communion, you are welcome to join

1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died,  
 2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin,  
 3. Oh, pre - cious fount - ain that saves from sin,  
 4. Come to this fount - ain so rich and sweet,

Down where for cleans-ing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the  
 Je - sus my Sav - ior a - bides with - in; There at the cross where He  
 I am so glad I have en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and  
 Cast thy poor soul at the Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day, and be

blood ap - plied; Glo - ry to His name!  
 took me in; Glo - ry to His name! Glo - ry to His name,  
 keeps me clean; Glo - ry to His name!  
 made com-plete; Glo - ry to His name!

glo - ry to His name: There to my heart was the

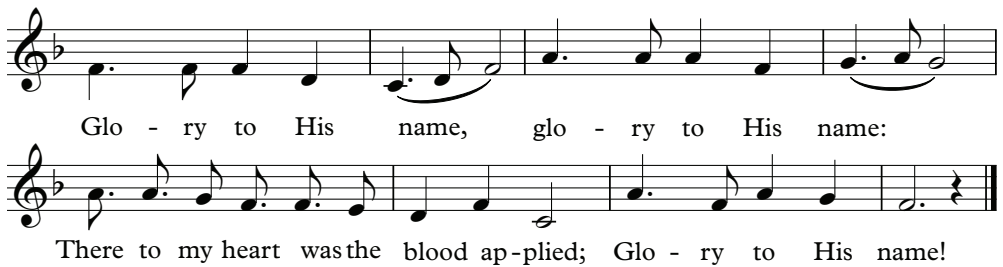
blood ap - plied; Glo - ry to His name!

*Down at the Cross, Words: Elisha Hoffman, 1878. Music: John Stockton (1813-1877), arr. vdBijl, 2019*

## 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.**



## In Community

Announcements about Covenant events and opportunities during the coming weeks.

## Go With Joy

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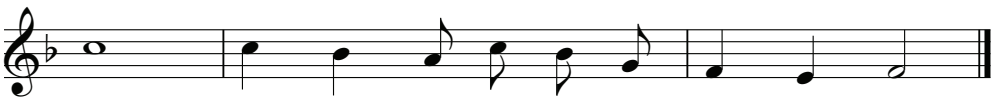
1 Guide me, O Thou Great\_ Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;  
2 O - pen now Thy Fount of \_mer - cy, where the heal - ing wa - ters flow.  
3 When I tread the verge of \_Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side.



I am weak, but thou are migh - ty; hold me with your \_power - ful hand.  
Let the fire and clou - dy pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.  
Death of death, and hell's \_Des - truc - tion, land me safe on \_Ca - naan's side.



Bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven, feed me now and e - ver  
Strong De - li - verer, strong De - li - verer, e - ver be my strength and  
Songs of prai - ses, songs of prai - ses I will e - ver sing to



more, feed me now \_ and \_ e - ver - more.  
shield, e - ver be \_ my \_ strength and shield.  
you, I will e - ver \_ sing to you.

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, Words: William Williams, 1745; Music, John Hughes, 1905*

## Leader: Benediction

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*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

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Sunday School: preK-8th Grade, lower level
- High School Sunday School: Education Building, Youth Room
- He Came Eating and Drinking: A Biblical Theology of Food, Library
- Communicants Class, All Saints Room
- Coffee and snacks available in classrooms and the Fellowship Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Large Print orders of worship are available in the back of the sanctuary.

**Current Mask Requirements:** In accordance with the city's mask mandate, Covenant requires masks for everyone over 2 at both services and during Common Ground.



**November Mercy Bin:** For the month of November, Covenant is collecting donations for Breakthrough, Sunshine Gospel Ministries, and New Moms. These organizations are hosting Christmas stores to help families on the south and west sides of the city to celebrate the joy of the season through gift giving despite financial difficulties. Please visit their online registries (<https://covenantchicago.org/mercy-bin/>) to send gifts directly to each ministry or bring gifts to Covenant by November 28 labeled with the name of the organization the gift is for. Any questions? Contact Pastor Dan ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Volunteer with Breakthrough's Christmas Store:** Breakthrough provides a Christmas store with donated gifts that serves around 1,000 families from the west side of the city. This year, Breakthrough has asked Covenant to help set up and staff the Christmas store. They are looking for 10 volunteers to help on Friday, December 17 from 6-8:30 pm to set up the store. Additionally, they need volunteers to work shifts at the store on Saturday, December 18 (8:30-12:00; 11:30-3:00; 2:30-5:30) and Sunday, December 19 (11:30-2:30; 2-4:30; 4:00-6:00). If you'd like to volunteer or have additional questions, please reach out to Pastor Dan Adamson ([dadamson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Women's Morning Bible Study:** Join women from Covenant for a bible study on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the church. The group is currently reading *How God Became King* by N.T. Wright. Women are welcome to join at any time and childcare is provided. Questions? Contact Kelley Oldham ([kelley.hoover@gmail.com](mailto:kelley.hoover@gmail.com)).

**He Came Eating and Drinking:** A Biblical Theology of Food. Scripture speaks of food as a source of blessing, joy, celebration and hospitality. It tells of a land flowing with milk and honey, calls Jesus the bread of life, and shows Jesus eating with sinners and disciples alike. What does Scripture have to say about food? In what ways can it illuminate the joy and brokenness in our relationship to eating and drinking? Join us during Common Ground in the Library as we look at the theology of food and spend time in passages orientated around these themes. This week, we'll look at the themes of gluttony and feasting. Questions? Contact Larissa Bossemeyer ([lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org](mailto:lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org)).





**SAVE THE DATE: Midnight Clear Concert** Join us for a fun evening of music and carol singing on Saturday December 11 from 6-7.15 pm. There will be a dessert reception to follow.

**Advent Meditations:** Join us during Advent for a weekly discussion on poems or short stories that help us move into this season of waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus. Each week, we'll read the text together and reflect together on the Advent themes it addresses. We'll meet in the All Saints Room during Common Ground starting on December 5. Questions? Contact Larissa Bossemeyer ([lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org](mailto:lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org)).

**Men's Christmas Dinner:** Join men from Covenant for a Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 16. This will be a chance for many of us to reconnect. We'll meet at Dos Urban Cantina (2829 W Armitage) at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per person with an available cash bar. Registration is required. You can register and find additional information at <https://covenantchicago.org/events/mens-dinner/>

**Covenant Musicians:** If you are a musician and would like to play and/or sing with the worship team on Sunday mornings, please contact our Worship Director, Paul van der Bijl at [pvanderbijl@covenantchicago.org](mailto:pvanderbijl@covenantchicago.org).

**The Covenant Choir** needs singers! They rehearse twice a month and sing in service once a month. Rehearsals are in the sanctuary during Common Ground. If you would like to join the Covenant Choir, contact Iva Riggs at [iva.riggs@gmail.com](mailto:iva.riggs@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 Ian Troll

**Ushers Needed:** Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers on Sunday morning. Ushers greet people as they arrive to church and help clean up the sanctuary after the service. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Jonathan Ellison ([jellisonimages@gmail.com](mailto:jellisonimages@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.

**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](mailto:dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org)).

**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 <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).

**Sermon Text Next Week: Luke 21:25-28**

**Giving QR Code**





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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

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- ☐ 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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