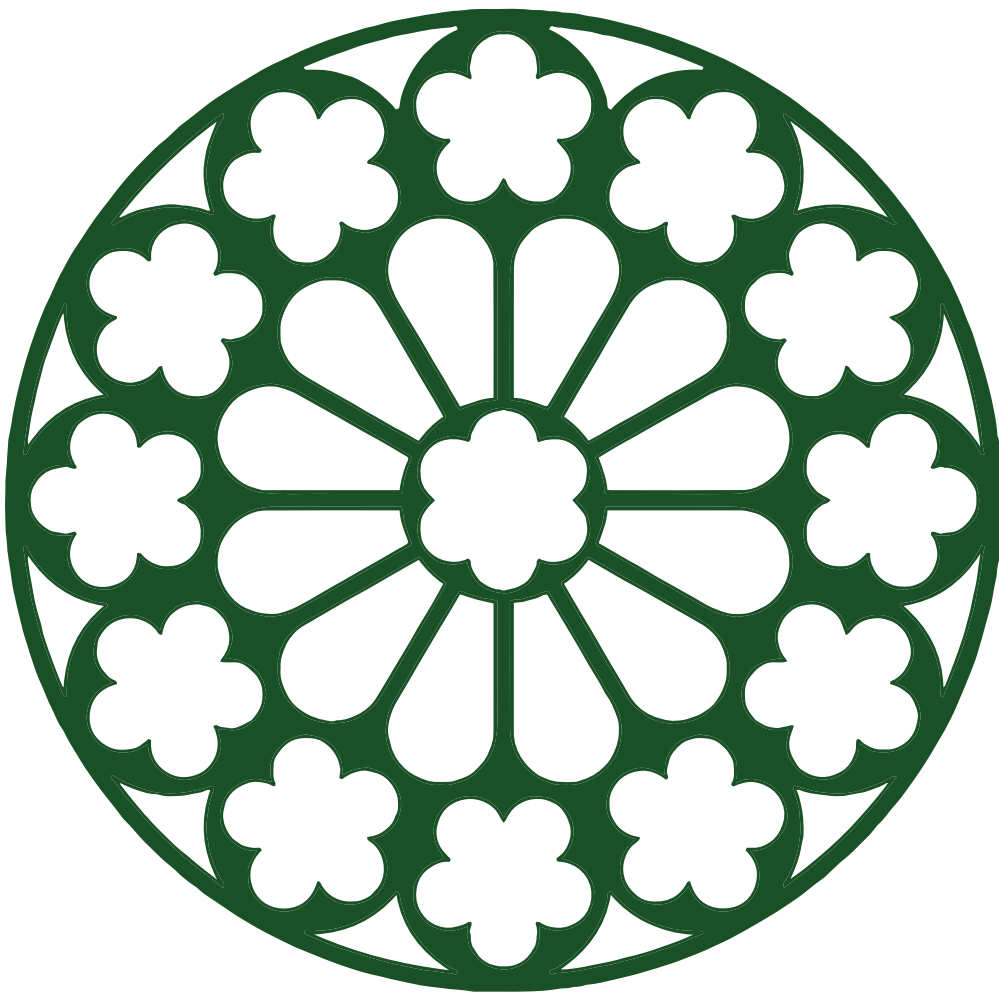




COVENANT &
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2026 | Morning Worship | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Covenant

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Centrally located in the southern hills of Nashville, we are a multigenerational church family seeking to make mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors, our city, and our world. We do this through worship, formation, and mission. Please see a staff member or visit our website at covenantpres.com for more information about our ministries.

HERE ARE A FEW DETAILS AROUND THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

- Refreshments are available in The Commons between services. We hope you will join us!
- Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families in the Sanctuary. Also, please note:
 - A children's bulletin is available in the Narthex from the ushers.
 - Childcare is available during worship for children ages three years old and younger in the Nursery. Enter through Entrance C.
 - Nursing mother space is available in Room 130 near the Grand Staircase and in the Nursery hallway.
 - Livestream is available for parents with children in The Commons, The Grand Staircase vestibule, and the Play/Cry Room in Room 104 in the Nursery hallway.
 - A Sensory Room is available in Room 211 for children or adults who may need a quiet place to regroup or take a break during worship.
- If you have a child with special needs, our Special Needs Ministry would love to talk to you at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex after the service and assist you with your child according to their needs. Come and see us!
- Pew cushions, wheelchairs, wheeled walkers, wireless hearing enhancements, and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Guests, please scan the QR code. We would love the opportunity to get to know you better!
- Supplementary parking is available in the Burton Hills office complex across from the Burton Hills entrance to the church. A shuttle will run between the church and the supplementary parking lot from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Please dispose of any food or beverage and silence electronic devices before entering the Sanctuary for worship. Thank you!

SERVING TODAY

Chancel Guild: Barbara Prather, Lydia Snyder

Communion Servers: 8:30 a.m.: Davis Hunt, Jeremy Kath, Bruce Prather, Marc Severance, Jack Watkins; 11:00 a.m.: Matt Daniel, Roe Frazer, John Gonas, Todd Hulan, Lee Parks

Ushers: 8:30 a.m.: Jonathan Barnes, John Bryant, Joe Crockett, William Hanson, Miller Harris, Michael Howell, Pat Smartt, Geoff Watson; 11:00 a.m.: Rick Adams, Richard Baird, Jarratt Bell, Thomas Gordon, Matt Musso, Bill Priest, Pryor Smartt, David Tudor

Greeters: 8:30 a.m.: Emily Macey, Chris Peake, Becca Rollins, Meredith Zimlich
11:00 a.m.: Don Admire, Mary and Jim Armistead

Coffee and Donuts: Will Hanson, Anna Kate Himes



ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHRIST FOR US · CHRIST WITH US · CHRIST THROUGH US

GOD CALLS
US TO
WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rigaudon

Samuel Metzger, organ

André Campra

WELCOME

Rev. Patrick Curles

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Étude No. 6

Mark Roberts, guitar

Leo Brouwer

† PLEASE STAND AS ABLE

Our worship begins
with a scriptural call
for God's people to
worship. In this way,
our gathered worship
is a conversation
initiated by God
between himself and
his people.

**The congregation
speaks the print
in bold.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 97:1–2, 10–12

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

O you who love the LORD, hate evil!

**He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

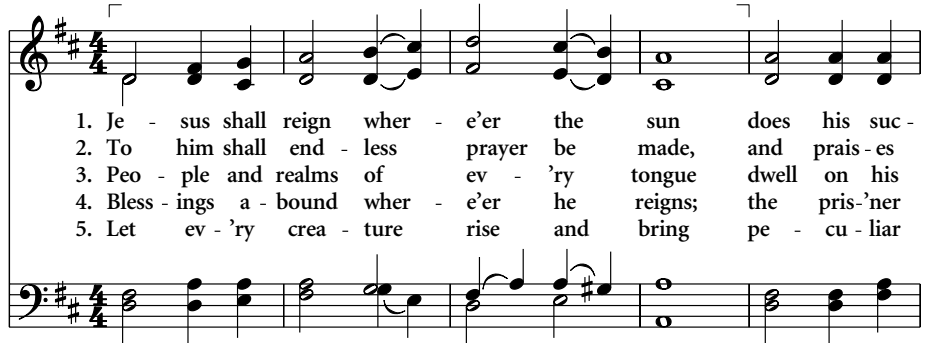
**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

† HYMN OF ASCENT

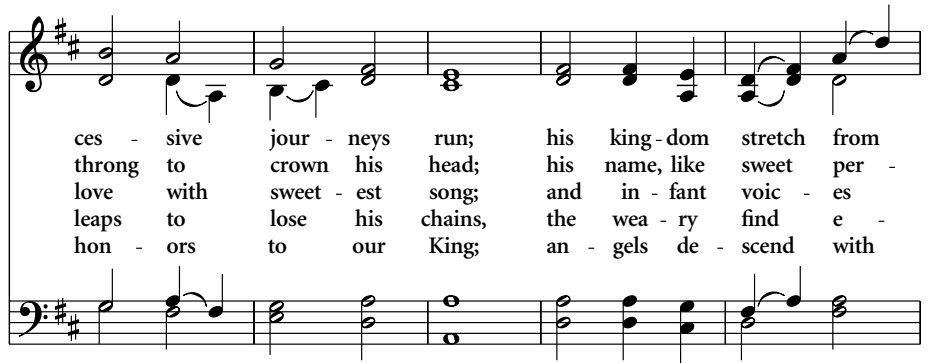
Jesus Shall Reign

Trinity Hymnal 441

Words: Isaac Watts | Music: John Hatton; arr. Samuel Metzger | Psalm 72:8



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Prayers of adoration
are prayers of longing
and delight as we
begin to trace the
narrative arc of God's
redemption across
our service.

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† THE LORD'S 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.”

† SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 36:22–36

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

“Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by.’ And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’ Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

The Gloria Patri is a Trinitarian doxology with roots in the early Christian Church, likely dating back to the 2nd–4th centuries. It is used to praise the Triune God and is often appended to psalms, canticles, and other liturgical texts in Christian worship. The phrase "as it was in the beginning" was added in the 4th century to counter the Arian heresy, affirming the co-eternal nature of the Son and Spirit with the Father. The tune GREATOREX was written by Henry Greatorex (1813–1858), an English-born church musician who immigrated to the United States in 1839.

† GLORIA PATRI

Trinity Hymnal 735

Words: Anonymous | Music: Henry W. Greatorex | Psalm 29:2

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

Within the context of our relationship with God, we are invited in safety, not in shame, to consider our sins.

God loves us in spite of our sins. We rehearse this truth each week by confessing our sins corporately and leaning into his renewal, restoration, and cleansing.

The Scripture that follows our confession assures us of God's forgiveness, grace, and pardon. This is the good news.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeremiah 29:12–14

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, which is prone to evil and slothful in good, and we confess all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Lord, hear us now as we bring to you our silent and individual prayers of confession.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

The Doxology, often sung to the tune OLD HUNDREDTH, is a short hymn of praise traditionally used in Christian worship. The lyrics were written by Thomas Ken in 1674, originally as the final stanza of his hymn, "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun." It has been traditionally sung at the offering or the close of worship. The tune OLD HUNDREDTH was composed by Louis Bourgeois for the Genevan Psalter (1551), originally for Psalm 134, though commonly associated with Psalm 100 in English hymnals.

† DOXOLOGY

Trinity Hymnal 731

Words: Thomas Ken | Music: Louis Bourgeois | Psalm 150:6

Praise God from whom all bless-ings 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.

PARENTAL VOWS

Hillary and Bryan Cox

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

SPRINKLING OF WATER

Rev. Ryan Anderson

BAPTISM HYMN

Jesus Loves You

Words: Anna B. Warner | Music: William B. Bradbury | Galatians 2:20

Je-sus loves you, this we know, for the Bi-ble tells us so; lit-tle ones to
him be-long, you are weak but he is strong. Yes, Je-sus loves you!
Yes, Je-sus loves you! Yes, Je-sus loves you! The Bi-ble tells us so.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

If you have prayer requests or if you would like to receive the weekly prayer email, contact prayer@covenantpres.com.

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES & CALL TO GIVING

Our giving is an act of worship; it is both a response of gratitude for God's generosity toward us and a sign of faith in God's future provision. Please continue to give generously. You may also give online at covenantpres.com/giving or mail a check to: Covenant Presbyterian Church, 33 Burton Hills Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Judge Eternal Throned in Splendor

Malcolm Archer

Chancel Choir

Sloan Yarborough, director

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgment purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release:
And the city's crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavor, cleave our darkness with thy sword:
Feed the faint and hungry heathen with the richness of thy word:
Cleanse the body of this empire through the glory of the Lord.

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgment purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion with the healing of thy wings. Amen.

† **SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 9:14–24
(page 1202 in *pew Bible*)

“¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.’ ¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, ‘For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.’ ¹⁸So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

¹⁹You will say to me then, ‘Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?’ ²⁰But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, ‘Why have you made me like this?’ ²¹Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? ²²What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—²⁴even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“God’s Glory in Mercy... and Judgment”

Rev. Morgan Johnson

† **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Craig Brown

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing...

Communion is a holy sacrament of the Church. The word "sacrament" is the Latin rendering of a Greek word meaning "mystery." Baptism and communion are the "mysteries" of the Church that God uses to powerfully nourish our faith. Communion is not just a ritual or a memorial, it is a fellowship with the risen Christ.

We invite all who are baptized Christians and members in good standing of a gospel-believing church to come forward, if you are able, to receive the sacrament. You may commune immediately or return to your seat to commune. If you are unable to come forward, a pastor will be available to serve you where you are. (Baptized children can only eat and drink after they have made a profession of faith approved by the session. If you would like to know more, please reach out to one of our pastors or elders.)

For those not communing, we are glad you are here! We invite you, including non-communing children, to participate by coming forward to receive a simple gospel blessing. Or you may choose to remain in the pew for meditation and prayer; the prayers on the following page may help you formulate your prayer to God.

† SANCTUS

Words: 3rd or 4th Century Hymn | Music: Richard Proulx | Isaiah 6:3

Organ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est
Opt. descant: Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na in the high - est.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

Alleluia!

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take these in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, and drink, remembering that Christ's blood has been shed for you!

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

All bread is gluten free. All wine is fermented. The outer ring of each tray contains juice instead of wine.

PRAYER

We would love to pray for you. Come forward during communion, and the prayer team will gladly pray for you. Prayer team members are available on the Sanctuary floor near the pulpit and lectern and upstairs in the back of the balcony. You can also fill out a prayer request card and drop it in the offering plate or prayer box in the Narthex, or you can submit an email to prayer@covenantpres.com.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Please use the prayers below during communion as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, 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 sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

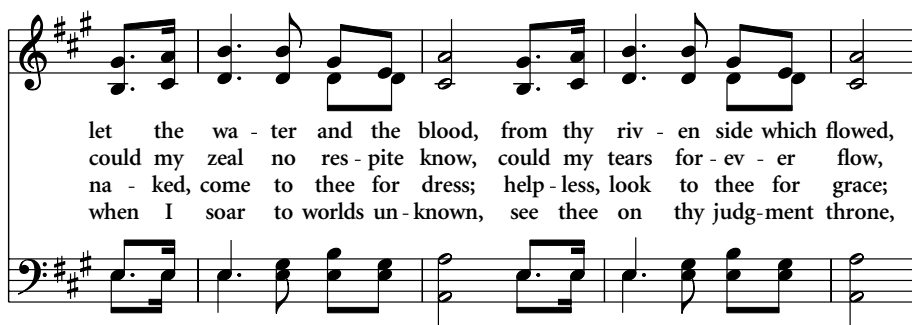
Rock of Ages

Words: Augustus Toplady | Music: Thomas Hastings | 1 Corinthians 10:4

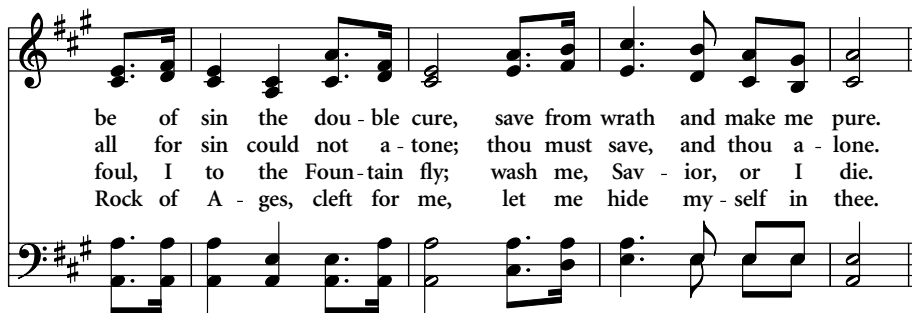
Jaron Bundy, guitar and vocals; Hans Nelson, piano



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



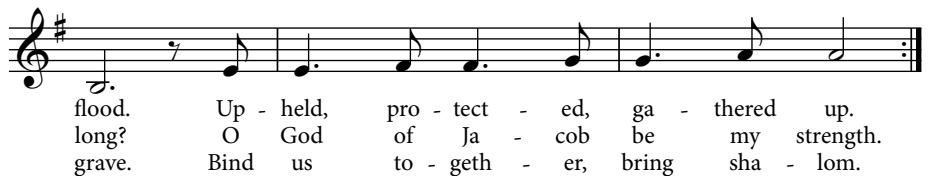
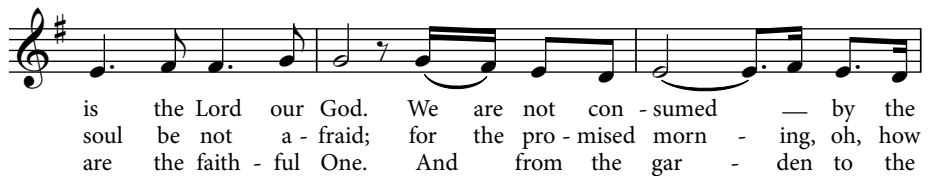
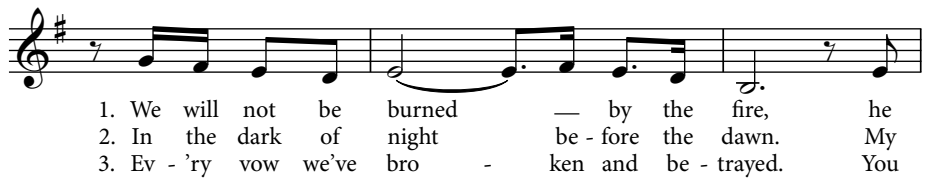
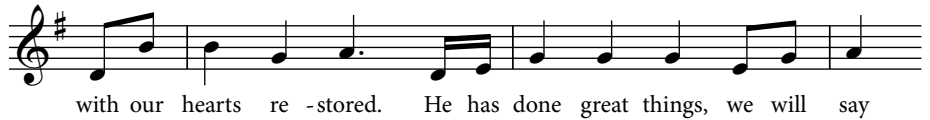
be of sin the dou - ble cure, save from wrath and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore | Isaiah 25:6–8

Refrain



† HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Trinity Hymnal 498

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman | Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard; arr. Samuel Metzger | Matthew 11:19



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er
2. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest
3. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in



of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my
still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er-takes me, he, my
him I find; he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am



Sav - ior, makes me whole.
pi - lot, hears my cry. Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
his, and he is mine.



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing,



keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

Our worship
concludes with
God's sending us
into the world with
his blessing as we
seek to love our
community in the
power of the Spirit.

† BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:4–7

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness 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. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

† DISMISSAL

Let us go out and serve the world and our city as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Richard Elliott

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Riley Dulaney, livestream; Eli German, audio

WELCOME

Here for the baptism of Lucy Marie Cox, we welcome Megan and Austin Barry, Ben, Chelsea, Lydia, and Brooklyn Barry, Lisa and Dan Barry, and Paula and Robert Cox.

RECYCLING AND TRASH

Please place your bulletins in the baskets for reuse or in the bins for recycling. A digital bulletin is always available on our CovenantNashville app or our website: covenantpres.com. Please help us keep the Sanctuary clean by throwing away your communion cups and other trash in the bins in the Narthex.

NAME TAGS

If you would like a name tag, please scan the QR code to the left. They will be available for pick-up in the Narthex.



OUR MISSION: WHY WE EXIST

To respond to the Great Commission by so presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that all may come to know him as Savior and follow him as Lord.

OUR MOTTO

Christ for us – Christ with us – Christ through us

OUR VISION: WHAT WE LONG TO SEE HAPPEN

For God’s glory, we want to be a people so formed by the grace of Jesus Christ that we are warmly welcoming others into the fellowship of the church, helping one another grow into a deep and vibrant maturity under the nurture of God’s word, cultivating a safe place for the broken and suffering to receive hope and care, courageously extending the reach of the gospel at home and abroad, and prayerfully creating a kingdom legacy for generations to come.

+ indicates part time

OUR VALUES: WHAT GUIDES OUR BEHAVIORS

- The centrality of the gospel
- Our confessional identity
- A multigenerational family
- The grace of ordinary faithfulness
- A joyful and costly commitment to mission

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in the power of the Holy Spirit and according to the gifts given them, respond to the Great Commission by bearing witness to Jesus Christ wherever they may be, carrying on his work of reconciliation in the world, and taking their place in the life of the church.

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Mission Partners

*Covenant Presbyterian Church participates with mission partners throughout our city, state, and world to see our vision realized.
We focus on these primary ministry relationships: Church Planting, Campus Ministries, Compassionate Partnerships, and Engaging the Countless Unreached.*

CHURCH PLANTING

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corozal, Belize | Isaias Botes

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Edinburgh, Scotland | Neil MacMillan

Hope International Church

Brussels, Belgium | Daniel & Katie Brink

Mission To The World

Colombia | Nate & Nikki Bonham

France | Pete Mitchell

Germany | David & Eowyn Stoddard

Indigenous Ministries of North America | Bill & Susan Carr

Japan | Peter & Diane Bakelaar

Japan | Seth & Lindsey Iverson

Japan | Roger & Abi Lowther

Scotland | Bridget Bloxom

Oxford Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Oxford, England | Andy Young

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Campus Outreach

Edinburgh, Scotland | Spencer and Katie Logsdon

Reformed University Fellowship

Area Coordinator for TN and AL, Britton Wood

Austin Peay State University, Will Cote

Belmont University, Jacob Tanner (Intern)

Belmont University, Kevin Twit

Belmont University, Wendy Twit (Campus Staff)

Harvard University, Isaac Noh

Middle Tennessee State University, Jacob Virtue

Tennessee State University, Chris Reed

Tennessee Tech University, Ryan Angel

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Julia Bryan (Intern)

University of Tennessee Knoxville, Robby Barnes (Intern)

University of Tennessee Knoxville, Mac Holt

University of Texas at Austin, Evie Daniel (Intern)

Vanderbilt University, Chase Daws

Vanderbilt University, Sam Jones (Intern)

Vanderbilt University, Morgan Kendrick (Campus Staff)

Vanderbilt University, Katherine Noonan

Reformed University Fellowship International

University of Tennessee Knoxville, Lee Leadbetter

Vanderbilt University, Andrew Terrell

Vanderbilt University, Etta Horan (Campus Staff)

Reformed University Fellowship Global

Oliver Pierce, Brussels

Ben Spivey, London

COMPASSIONATE PARTNERSHIPS

Discipleship, Evangelism, & Mentoring

Barefoot Republic Camp

The Branch of Nashville

Christianity Explored

The Covenant School

Mission to North America Hispanic Ministry

Preston Taylor Ministries

Reformed Youth Ministries

Strong Tower Community Partnership

UpRise Nashville

Medical, Pregnancy, Adoption, & Counseling

Hope Clinic for Women

Siloam Health

Ministry to the Least of These

The Belize Project

Ekisa Ministries | Uganda, Africa | Taylor & Lizzy Barnes

Ethiopia Act and Mission to the World | Andy & Bev Warren

Oakseed Ministries International

Rescue, Recover, & Restore

Harvest USA

Men of Valor

Nashville Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition

The Next Door Recovery

COUNTLESS UNREACHED

It is estimated that over 6,000 people groups in the world are categorized as unreached. This means about 3.48 billion people are without an indigenous Christian church and have never heard or embraced the gospel. It is Covenant's hope that our church would identify a specific unreached people group with which to engage. Our mission committees are actively praying for this vision to be realized in the coming year.*

Matt Bonner | Equipping Leaders International

Mike & Mary | Serving in sensitive areas where Christianity is restricted

Ariana & Mark | Serving in sensitive areas where Christianity is restricted

Refugee Hope | Nashville, TN and International

Servant Group International | Nashville, TN and International

Third Millennium Ministries | International

**from the Joshua Project*

WAYS TO CONNECT



Events marked with an * require registration.
Visit covenantpres.com/events or scan the QR code to register.

CHURCHWIDE

Officer Nominations

The Session has approved a time for the nomination of new church officers. The nomination period closes on November 1. To learn more about the nomination process and to participate in voting, please pick up a booklet in the Narthex or view on our website.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 25, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

The Session has called a congregational meeting to consider an important facility financing motion and to receive an update on campus master planning. All communing members of the church in good standing are entitled and encouraged to participate and vote. Nonmembers are welcome to attend the meeting.

Ordination Service

Sunday, October 25, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary

We invite you to the Ordination and Installation of Harrison Buck Brown as Assistant Pastor. Buck is currently serving as our Director of High School Ministries and will continue in that role.

Flower Guild Workshop*

Saturday, October 31, 10:00 a.m., Narthex

The Flower Guild provides fresh floral arrangements in the Narthex for our Sunday services. We invite anyone interested in joining our group to attend a special floral workshop led by a guest florist.

Operation Christmas Child

Please help us spread the love of Christ through Operation Christmas Child. Pick up shoeboxes at the table below the grand staircase starting November 1 and return them by November 22.

SMC Connect: "Educating Our Emotions" with Jonathan Pennington

Sunday, November 8, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Emotions are a part of life and are not to be avoided, but they must be educated through a thoughtful way of seeing the world. Learn how the Bible's teaching leads to true virtue and human flourishing.

Lunch & Learn: "Becoming a Disciple of the King" with Jonathan Pennington*

Sunday, November 8, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, Fellowship Hall

Who is Jesus, and how can I become more like him? These fundamental questions are at the heart of the Christian life. Lunch and childcare will be provided. RSVP recommended.

MidWeek

Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.

October 21 Menu - chili—beef, white chicken, and vegetarian, assorted toppings, salad, muffins, s'more brownies, cookies, fruit tea

Save The Date

November 29 - Advent Vespers

December 6 - Advent Vespers

December 13 - Christmas at Covenant

December 13 - Churchwide Christmas Party

December 20 - Advent Vespers

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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Reformation Service

Sunday, October 25, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

We invite you to join us for a special evening of worship as we gather with sister churches from across the Nashville area to celebrate the beauty and power of the gospel reclaimed in the Reformation. Together, with pastors and choirs from local congregations, we will lift our voices in gratitude to God for his faithfulness in every generation.

This service will feature brass, organ, and a combined choir made up of members from Covenant, First Baptist Church (Nashville), Christ Presbyterian Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church (Murfreesboro), Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, and New College Franklin.

Pastors from Covenant, Edgefield Church, Immanuel Church Nashville, Trinity Presbyterian Church (Murfreesboro), Westwood Baptist Church, Woodmont Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church (Nashville) will lead us in prayer and proclamation.

MISSIONS

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RUF-I Young Adult Thanksgiving Dinner*

Saturday, November 14, 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we host a Thanksgiving Dinner for RUF-I students from Vanderbilt University. Volunteers with a heart to invest in young adults by serving are needed to help make the evening happen.

Missions Prayer

Lord, we ask you to bless the ministry of The Next Door Recovery and their leaders Amanda Dunlap and Rachel Morris, as they care for women recovering from addiction. Please provide grace and mercy as they help with issues of substance abuse and mental health issues.

KIDS

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Fall Family Picnic

Sunday, October 18, Patio & Back Lawn

Bring your lunches and blankets and join us for a Brown Bag Family Picnic after the late service!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The Maze

Saturday, October 24, 6:00 p.m., Gym

Can you find your way through 80 refrigerator boxes in the dark? Come and see! Friends welcomed!!

HIGH SCHOOL

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High School Sunday Night Fellowship

Sunday, October 18, 5:30 p.m., Offsite

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Contact Buck for location.

YOUNG ADULTS

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Young Adults Lunch

Sunday, November 15, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

MEN

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Men's Bible Study*

Tuesdays through November 17, 6:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Men's Worship Night*

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

An evening to gather for dinner, worship, and encouragement as we grow together in faith.

WOMEN

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Women's Bible Study*

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall A or Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., Room 206

Baby the Mamas Dinner*

Monday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.

If you have had your first or your fifth baby in the last six months, let us love on you! Covenant moms will host dinner at a Covenant home for mamas of new babies.

Prime Timers

Tuesday, November 3, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall B

Monthly lunch for senior women following Women's Bible Study.

Moms' Coffee*

Thursday, November 12, 9:30 a.m., Room 205

Come for coffee and a devotion relating to motherhood for moms of young and not-so-young children.



ADULT SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES

9:45 A.M.

Ecclesia - Fellowship Hall A

A multigenerational community for adults of all ages.

Topic: The Storyline of Scripture

Facilitators: Mary Kay & Davis Hunt

Lisa & Jeremy Kath

Grace for the Journey - Room 206

Dedicated to hearing and learning God's Word with a heart to engage, discuss, and ask tough questions.

Topic: The Parables of Jesus

Facilitators: Micah Kandros & Dave Barnes

Life Abundant - Room 207

A multigenerational class with many families sharing the season of parenthood from elementary through young adulthood.

Topic: James

Facilitators: Elizabeth & Tom Sherrard

Lynn & Cory Brown

One Another - Room 205

Consisting of followers of Christ ages 30-80 who desire to learn more about the mighty work of God through lecture-based teaching and prayer.

Topic: The Acts of Faith

Facilitators: Pam & Brad Turley

Meg & Rob Ikard

Wendy & Ron Kerr

Sunday Circle - Room 204

Serving all, with an emphasis on parents in their 30s-40s.

Topic: The Atonement

Facilitators: Avery & Francis Stanley

Macey & Matt Benton

Loved and Light - Cafe

Serving the mid-20s-30s age group and the stages of life that those believers and non-believers find themselves in.

Topic: Life With One Another: A New Testament Study

Facilitators: Blair & Richard Baird

Virginia & Jack Hayles

Anne Grace & Alex Simmons

Young Adults - Fellowship Hall B

Exists to provide a second space for Young Adults in their 20s-30s.

Topic: Ecclesiastes

Facilitators: Courtney & Luke Lindsey

College-Aged - Room 218

Primarily serves ages 18-22, including all who are entering college and those who are presently engaged in a vocation or undergraduate coursework.

Topic: Ten Commandments

Facilitators: Jill & John Gonas

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 A.M.

Youth

High School: Room 110B

Middle School: Room 109

Get connected this Sunday! Donuts, games, and group time with our incredible leaders.

Kids

Preschool and Elementary (PreK4-Rising 5th Grade)

Parents, check in at 9:45 a.m. at the stations by the Kids' Ministry Entrance (Entrance C).

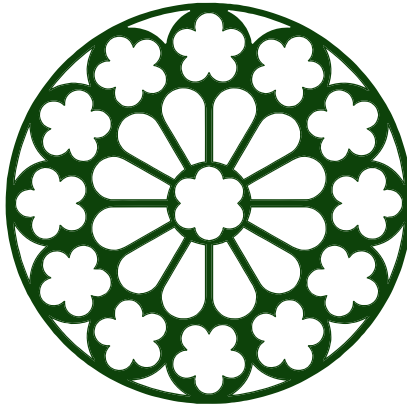
Check out at 10:45 a.m.

Nursery (0-3 years)

Parents, check in at the stations by the Kids' Ministry Entrance (Entrance C).

The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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