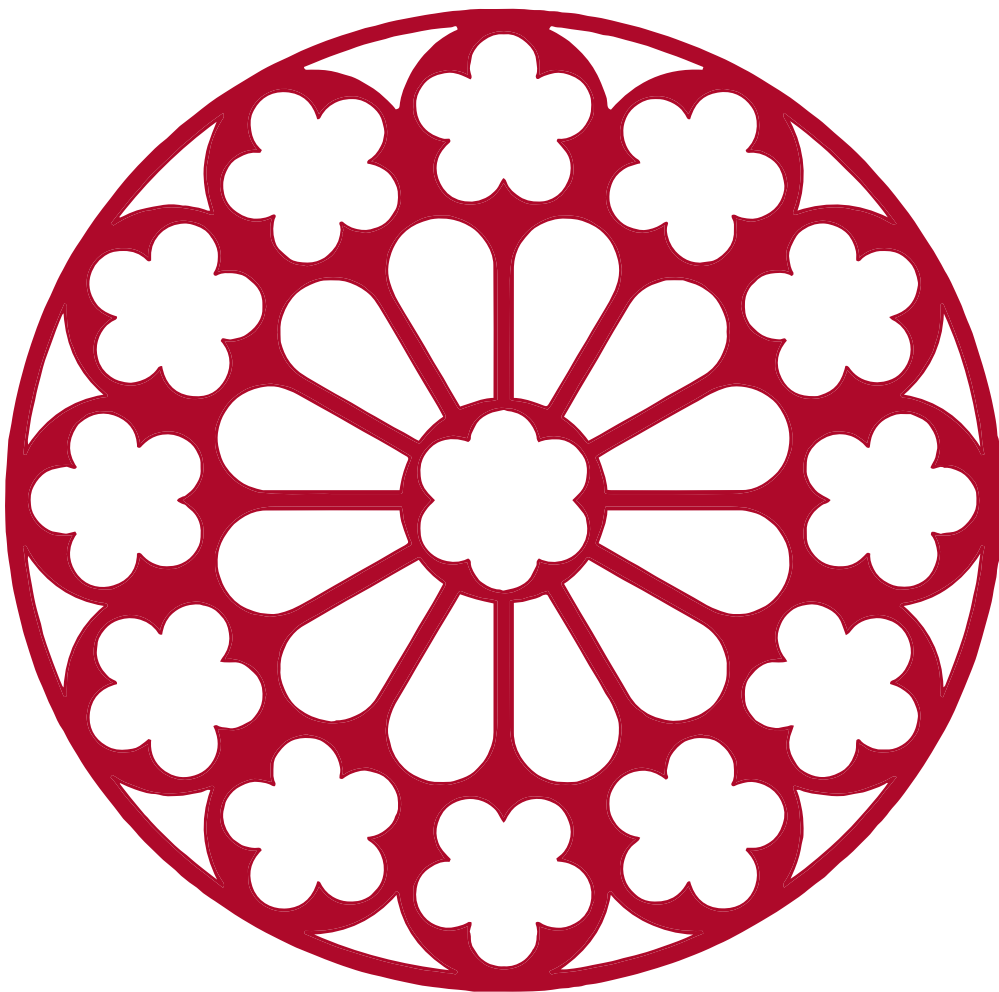




COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 25, 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.: Burrus Cox, Buck Forcum, John Framiglio, James Granberry, Ron Kerr, Mike Martin, Robert Sawyer, Bennett Wilfong; 11:00 a.m.: Matt Daniel, Ryan Durham, Roe Frazer, Michael Hendrix, Stuart Hunter, Raymond Shields, Phillip Vaughn

Greeters: 8:30 a.m.: Jenni and Raymond Lackey, Peyton Pringle, Catherine and Andrew Tuck; 11:00 a.m.: Jordan Delius, John Mummert, Allison Musso, Mande Roberts

Coffee and Donuts: Emily and Greg Hazelwood



ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHRIST FOR US · CHRIST WITH US · CHRIST THROUGH US

GOD CALLS
US TO
WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Minuet and Overture to Water Music, Suite in D
Covenant Strings; Daniel Sommerville, director

G.F. Handel

WELCOME

Rev. Craig Brown

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude on an Early American Folk Hymn ('My Shepherd Will Supply My Need')

Claude T. Smith

† 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

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was written by Martin Luther (1483–1546). It was likely written in 1529, the year of the Diet of Speyer, at which the Lutheran princes issued their "protest," becoming "Protestants." Written as a powerful Christological commentary on Psalm 46, the hymn confidently echoes the promises of eternal security in God our Father, who will unite his people to himself and bring judgment upon the wicked.

† HYMN OF ASCENT

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal 92

Words and Music: Martin Luther; arr. Samuel Metzger | Psalm 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sab - a - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

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.”

† **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† GLORIA

Richard Proulx (from Community Mass)

Organ

Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good-will. We
praise you, we bless you we a - dore you, we
glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great
glo - ry. A - men, a - men.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 3:23–24

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

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.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

based on Isaiah 53:4-6

Lord Jesus Christ, surely you have borne my griefs and carried my sorrows, yet I have considered you stricken by God and afflicted. But you were pierced through for my transgressions; you were crushed for my iniquities; the chastening for my well-being was upon you, and by your scourging, I am healed. Like a sheep, I have gone astray; I have turned to my own way, but the Lord has caused my iniquity to fall on you, my blessed Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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 blessings 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.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

Sloan Yarborough, director

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it; mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

† **SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 9:24-10:4
(page 1202 in *pew Bible*)

9:24–33

²⁴even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵As indeed he says in Hosea,

‘Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’
and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’

²⁶‘And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’
there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’

²⁷And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: ‘Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, ²⁸for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.’ ²⁹And as Isaiah predicted,

‘If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring,
we would have been like Sodom
and become like Gomorrah.’

³⁰What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³²Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³as it is written,

‘Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

10:1–4

¹‘Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Problem of Jesus”

Rev. Ryan Anderson

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Billy Barnes

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. *Opt. descant:* Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na in the high - est
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

Jesus, Strong And Kind

Words and Music: CityAlight | Matthew 11:28

Skip Stradtman, vocals

C C/E F C Am G C

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
 3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
 4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.

C C/E F C Am G C

No one else can sat - is - fy. I should come to him.
 No one else can be my strength. I should come to him.
 No one else can be my shield. I should come to him.
 And he showed me on that cross he will come to me.

Refrain

F C G C F C Gsus G

For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night.

C F C G Am F G C

We can al - ways run to Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind.

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Words and Music: Getty Music | Romans 8:38-39



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
3. Un-to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he



lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-
good. Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
lives!" And what re-ward will hea-ven bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with



long. Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes, a-
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-
him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, the sin and



part from his com-mand? And what will keep us to the
bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
death will be de-royed, and we will feast in end-less



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
nigh un-to the shore, the rock of Christ.
joy, when Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.

Refrain



O sing hal-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O sing hal-le-



lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

† HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal 642

Words: Traditional Irish | Music: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Samuel Metzger | Philippians 3:7

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
 thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther, and I thy true son;
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

† 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

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrope

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Riley Dulaney, livestream; Eli German, audio

FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Victoria (McCoy) and Paul Delashaw.

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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We focus on these primary ministry relationships: Church Planting, Campus Ministries, Compassionate Partnerships, and Engaging the Countless Unreached.*

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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.

Ordination Service

Today, 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 28 Menu - beef brisket stroganoff , buttered noodles, Italian green beans, rolls, salad, strawberry cake, fruit tea

We are Hiring! We are looking for the following roles: Director of Engagement, Director of Communication, and Special Needs Coordinator. Visit covenantpres.com/employment to find out more and apply.

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

Today, 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, St. James MidTown, and First Baptist Church (Nashville) will lead us in prayer and proclamation.

Todd Alexander in Concert

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Todd Alexander, Chief Musician and Dean of the Conservatory at Saint Andrew's Chapel in Sanford, Florida, will perform on Covenant's magnificent C. B. Fisk Organ, Opus 134. The concert is free and open to everyone. Bring a friend, bring the family, and come experience the Fisk as it sings!

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.

Turkey Drive for The Branch

Covenant will be collecting frozen turkeys and turkey breasts for The Branch. Bring a frozen turkey or turkey breast to the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 15 or 22, and place it in the designated bin outside Entrance A (covered entrance).

Missions Prayer

Lord, we give You thanks for Pete Mitchell and his career as a church planter with MTW in Toulouse, France. Please continue to sustain Pete as he leads the Southern France Church Planting Team, and please send more laborers to the harvest in France.

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., Fellowship Hall B

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

May & William Clinkscales

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).

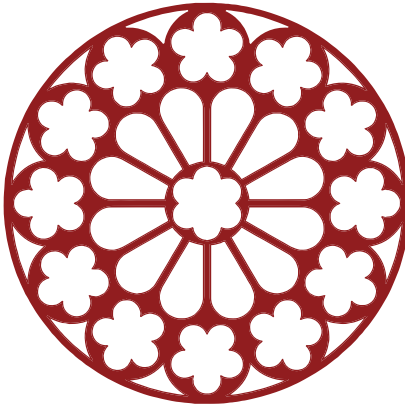
Check out at 10:45 a.m.

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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