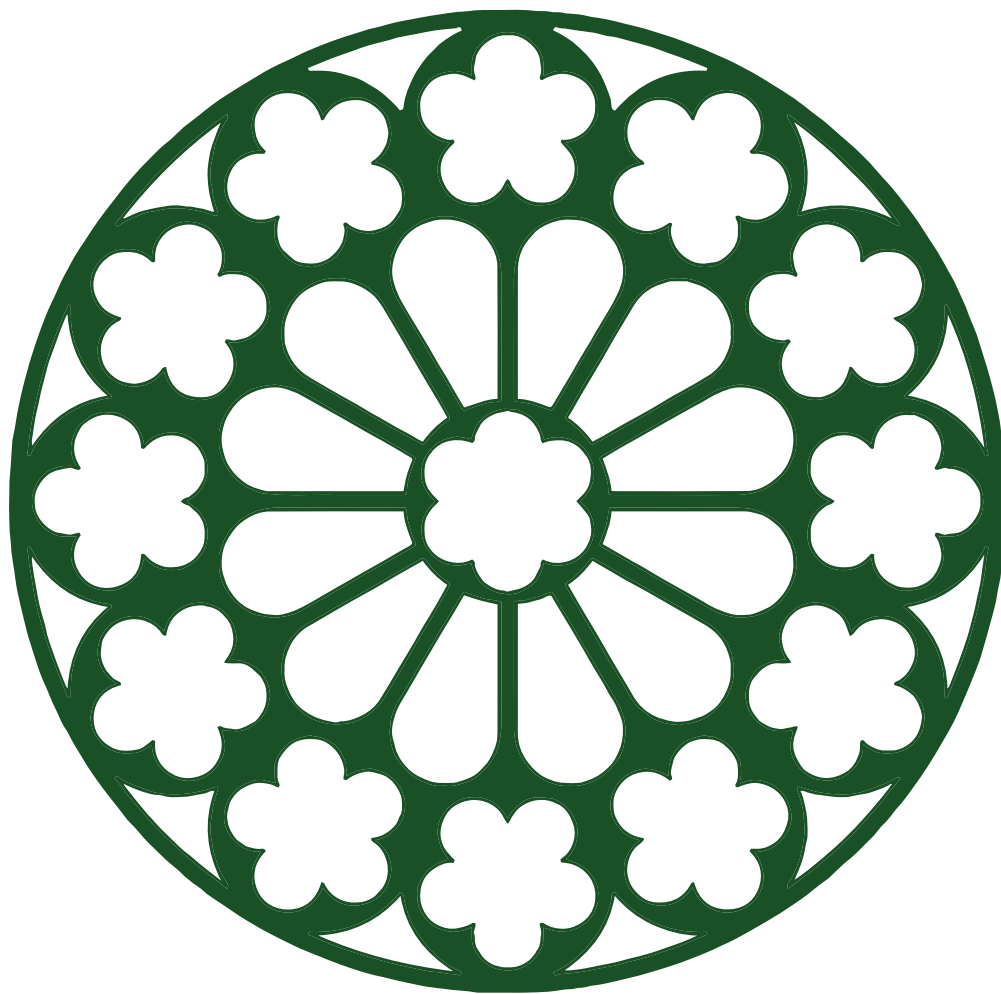




COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 4, 2026 | Morning Worship | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

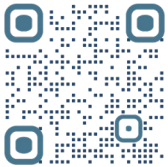
Welcome to Covenant

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 Hulgán, Lee Parks

Ushers: 8:30 a.m.: Chris Dowdy, Dave Glass, Darrell Moore, Rich Pankow, Charlie Rankin, Dan Rasbach, Jonas Rasbach, Shen Rasbach; 11:00 a.m.: Michael Bass, Jon Julian, John Moore, Carlos Ramón, Beau Robinson, Doug Sellers, Mark Wiggins

Greeters: 8:30 a.m.: Travis Dunn, Olivia Howell, Callen Martin, Amanda Moran
11:00 a.m.: Laura Daniel, Shelley Tinsley, Joanna and Chris Wootten

Coffee and Donuts: Kathryn Smith T, Weldon Wilfong



ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHRIST FOR US · CHRIST WITH US · CHRIST THROUGH US

GOD CALLS
US TO
WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chaconne

Louis Couperin; arr. Bonnet

Samuel Metzger, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Billy Barnes

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Peace Like a River

Skip Stradtman

Skip Stradtman, piano

† 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 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

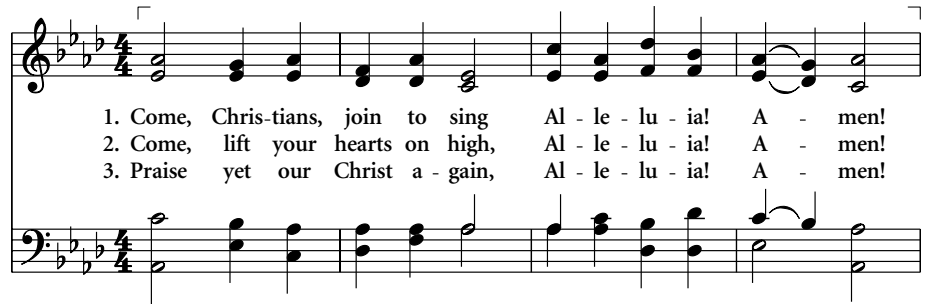
**So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

† HYMN OF ASCENT

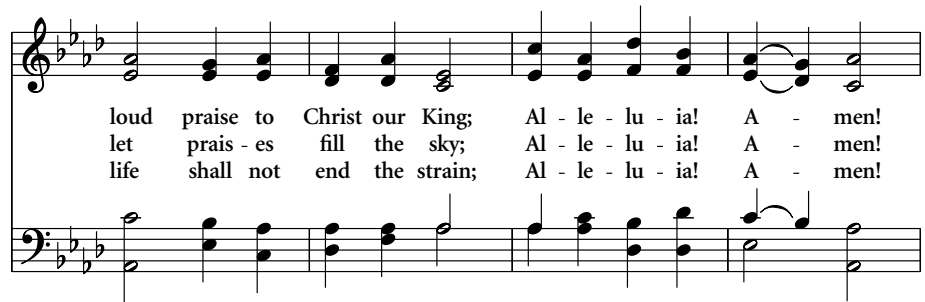
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trinity Hymnal 302

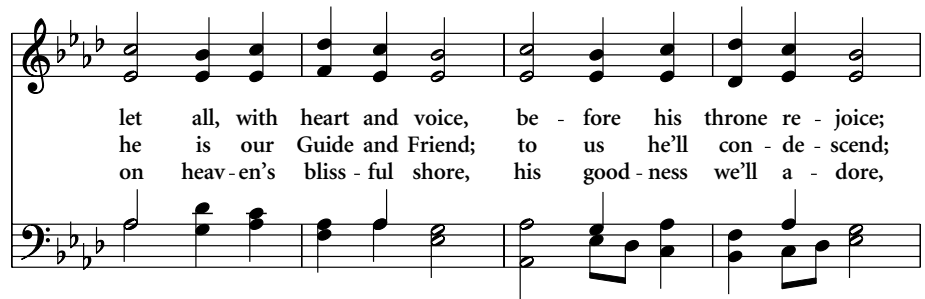
Words: Christian Bateman | Music: Traditional Spanish melody; arr. Samuel Metzger | Psalm 95:1



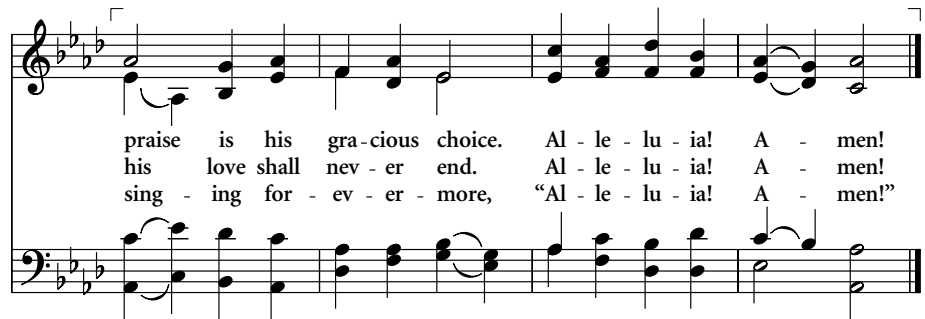
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! 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.”

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Trinity Hymnal 310

Children's Choirs

Melanee Horton, Melita Thomas, and Emily Tant, directors

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Please stand and sing as directed:

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.**

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 1

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

† 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.

GOD
CLEANSES
US

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

Psalms 32:1–2, 5

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence, we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 11:25–26

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

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 used in thanksgiving, such as confession, 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.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

8:30 a.m.

Gates & [Billy] Barnes	Daniel Kramer
Austin Benson	Leanna Livings
Ashley & Jackson Benton	Allison & Rio Olend, (Bea and Benjamin)
Reganne Camp*	Josh Ostyn
Graylon Collins	Ben Pulver
Ashley Davidson, (Andrew)	Jennifer & David Steed
Kitsie & Ray Hayles	Ellie Swan
Rhett Hayles	Gracie & Brannon Taylor
Silas Hosler	Brooks & Maxwell Westheimer
Melissa & Dale Jones, Marley & Lila	Madalyn & Carson Woosley
Claire Kennedy	

11:00 a.m.

Selah Allen	Houston Kimbrough
Caroline Cotten	Elliot Oh
Susan & Hill Davis	Patton Orr
Abigail & Ryan Durham, (Luke)	Lilly Reeves
Lindsay Glaccum	Abigail Reynolds
Hannah & [Alexander] Goodwin	Hanna & Phillip* Shelton
Andreana Huynh	Sharen & Dan Sommerville
Caroline & Josh Johnston	Dan Stahl

*Indicates a baptism. Names after a “” are communicant children. Names in parentheses are non-communicant children. Names in brackets are spouses who are already members.
+ indicates a Covenant child who is making a Profession of Faith

DECLARATIONS AND PROMISES

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We have many friends whom we love and enjoy in the Lord, but to us, you are more. Today, we have become family. Until Providence should separate us, or the Lord returns, we are joined to one another in the covenant of grace, sharing together in the rights, privileges and responsibilities of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that his grace may be seen in us together and glory be given to our God. Welcome, brothers. Welcome, sisters. Our lives and names are joined together.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ON PROFESSION OF FAITH

Reganne Camp

8:30 a.m.

Phillip Shelton

11:00 a.m.m

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Russell Walker Tuten

PARENTAL VOWS

Erin and Walker Tuten

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 his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his 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 him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him 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?

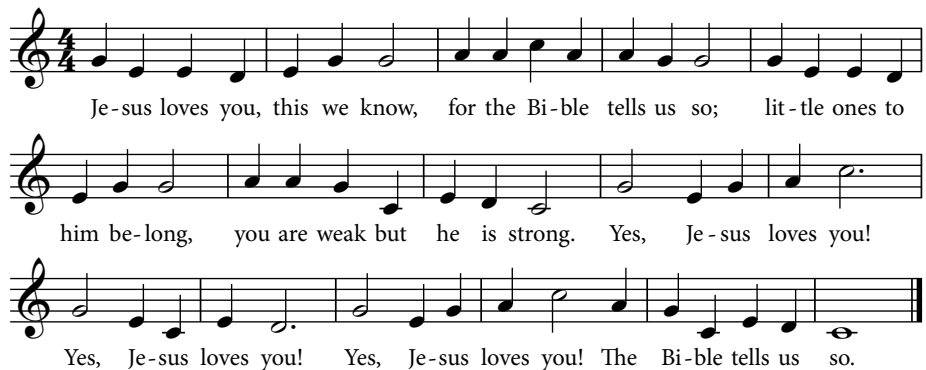
SPRINKLING OF WATER

Rev. Chad Scruggs

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

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson; arr. Samuel Metzger

Chancel Choir

Sloan Yarborough, director

He that ruleth over men must be just,
ruling in the fear of God.

And he shall be as the light of the morning,
when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;
as the tender grass springing out of the earth
by clear shining after rain.

Alleluia, Amen.

† **SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 8:30-39
(pages 1201-1202 in pew Bible)

³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

No Separation From the Love of God

Rev. Chad Scruggs

† **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Ryan Anderson

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 a translation of a Greek word which means "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-communicating 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

Jesus Paid it All

Words: Elvina Hall | Music: John Grape | Isaiah 1:18

Jaron Bundy, piano; Joshua Kauffman, guitar and vocals

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small,
2. Lord, now in - deed I find thy pow'r, and thine a - lone,
3. For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim —
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."
can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - vary's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

COMMUNION HYMN

Is He Worthy

Words and Music: Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive | Revelation 5

Do you feel the world is broken?

We do

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

We do

But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through?

We do

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

We do

Is all creation groaning?

It is

Is a new creation coming?

It is

Is the glory of the Lord
to be the light within our midst?

It is

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

It is

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave;

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy?

Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this?

He is

Does the Father truly love us?

He does

Does the Spirit move among us?

He does

And does Jesus our Messiah

Hold forever those He loves?

He does

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

He does

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave;
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests
to God to reign with the Son

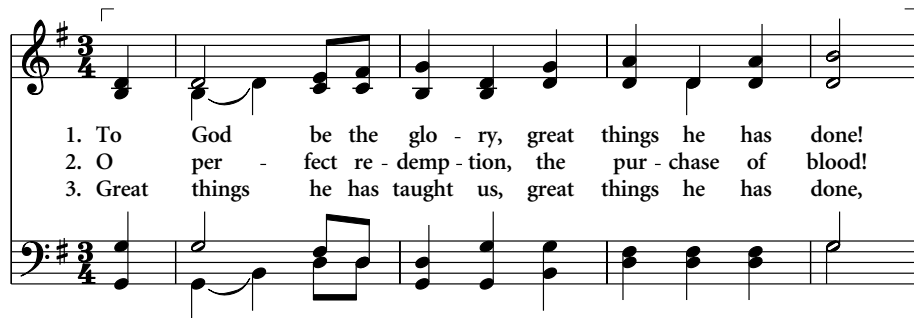
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is

† HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

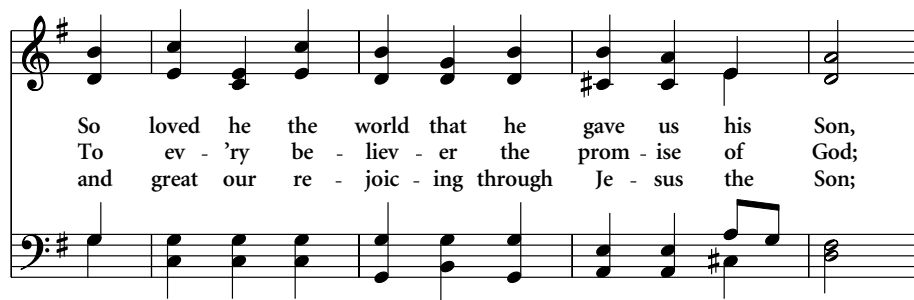
To God Be the Glory

Trinity Hymnal 55

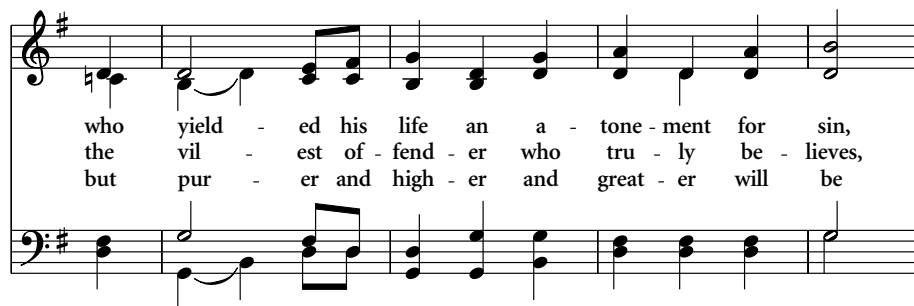
Words: Fanny Crosby | Music: William Doane; arr. Samuel Metzger | Galatians 1:3-5



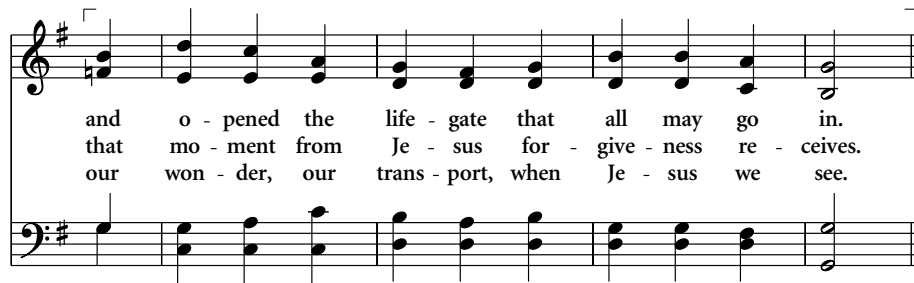
1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done!
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood!
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 the vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

The first line of the refrain is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The melody is in the treble clef, starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then C5. The accompaniment is in the bass clef, starting on G3, moving to A3, B3, and then C4. The lyrics are: "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!"

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody in the treble clef moves from C5 down to B4, A4, and then G4. The accompaniment in the bass clef moves from C4 up to D4, E4, and then F4. The lyrics are: "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!"

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

The third line of the refrain continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody in the treble clef moves from G4 up to A4, B4, and then C5. The accompaniment in the bass clef moves from F4 up to G4, A4, and then B4. The lyrics are: "O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,"

and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

The fourth line of the refrain concludes the melody and accompaniment. The melody in the treble clef moves from C5 down to B4, A4, and then G4. The accompaniment in the bass clef moves from B4 down to A4, G4, and then F4. The lyrics are: "and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!"

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

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

† 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 on "Amazing Grace"

Christopher Pardini

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Buddy Creech, timpani; Jeff Davis, Matthew Oh, Marshall Richardson, percussion; Jamie Fong, livestream; Eli German, audio;

WELCOME

Here for the baptism of Russell Walker Tuten, we welcome Claire Gulmi, Theresa and Dale Moody, Diane and Kent Patterson, Avery and Jack Tuten, Avery and Sam Tuten, Gracia and James Tuten.

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.



Welcome New Members



Selah Allen

Selah has been attending Covenant since 2024 and enjoys spending her free time reading, baking, or hiking.



Gates & [Billy] Barnes

Gates is from Birmingham and is an Auburn University alum who now calls Nashville home. She moved here after marrying her husband, Billy, on April 6, of this year. She's a mom of 26-year-old twins: a son, who is married and lives in Birmingham, and a daughter, who works as a nurse in Dallas, Texas.



Austin Benson

Austin is a native Tennessean from Knoxville and moved to Nashville in 2025 to be closer to family. He works in the mechanical engineering space at Amazon. He and his fiancé are getting married at Covenant in the spring of 2027.



Ashley & Jackson Benton

The Bentons moved to Nashville from Jackson, Mississippi. Jackson just started his pediatric residency at Vanderbilt Children's and Ashley is a landscape painter. They enjoy being outside and hanging out with friends!

NOT PICTURED

Reganne Camp

Reganne moved to Nashville in 2025 after previously living in Illinois, New Jersey, and Florida. She is a former D1 softball player, who enjoys running, baking, and spending time outdoors with her dog. She is grateful to become part of the Covenant community.



Graylon Collins

Graylon is a 19-year-old musician from Hillsborough, North Carolina. He plays guitar and banjo, loves studying biblical Hebrew, and is always eager to share his faith. Graylon is currently pursuing a degree in music business at Belmont University.



Caroline Cotten

Caroline hails from Jackson, Mississippi. She's a big fan of Ole Miss, RUF, Covenant Seminary, and she can't wait to belong to Covenant Pres!



Ashley Davidson, Andrew

Ashley is from Little Rock, Arkansas, and has lived in Nashville since 2018. She lives in Sylvan Park with her husband, Scott, their son, Andrew, and their dog, Ollie.



Susan & Hill Davis

Susan and Hill moved to Nashville in July 2025 from Columbia, South Carolina for work. They have three grown boys who still live in South Carolina.



Abigail & Ryan Durham, Luke

Ryan is from Williamson County, and Abigail was born in St. Louis but raised in Santa Fe, TN. Ryan is a Master Patrol Officer and Drug Recognition Expert with the Franklin Police Department and a part-time instructor at the TN Law Enforcement Training Academy. Abigail is the manager of a screen printing and vinyl business. They are both Nashville sports fans and are lifelong Christians.



Lindsay Glaccum

Though originally from Houston, Texas and Washington, D.C., Lindsay has been living in Nashville for the past few years while completing her undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University. She has loved attending Covenant while living here and is excited to become a member.



Hannah & [Alexander] Goodwin

Hannah grew up in Birmingham and moved to Nashville after graduating from Auburn and went to Christ Pres Music Row until this year. She is a project manager at Brasfield & Gorrie. Hannah and Alexander were married at Covenant in March and live in East Nashville with their two dogs.



Kitsie & Ray Hayles

Ray and Kitsie are so glad to be back at Covenant! Ray grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, and Kitsie grew up in Seguin, Texas. They met at SMU through RUF and have been married for 30 years. Together, they have four children: Jack and Virginia, Mary Caroline, Rhett, and Millie. Ray has been with Walker Lumber for the past 10 years, while Kitsie has been a full-time wife and mom. They look forward to reconnecting with this church family.



Rhett Hayles

Rhett recently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and is beginning a career in residential construction. He just moved back to Nashville and is excited to grow in his faith and community as he settles into the city.



Silas Hosler

Silas is from Dallas, TX. He is a senior at Vandy and is studying engineering. He enjoys golfing, George Strait, and smoking brisket.



Andreana Huynh

Andy grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma and graduated from the University of Tulsa. She spent four wonderful years in Memphis, TN for optometry school before moving to Nashville in July 2025 to work in a private practice. Andy is thankful for the Lord's faithfulness in bringing her to Covenant and is excited to be a part of and serve in this church body.



Caroline & Josh Johnston

Josh and Caroline both grew up in a PCA church with Caroline's father, a minister and Josh's parents, missionaries. Josh is a musician and Westminster Theological Seminary student. Caroline is an elementary school teacher. Both are from Georgia originally, and lived previously in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where Josh worked for RUF at LSU.



Melissa & Dale Jones, Marley & Lila

The Jones family started attending Covenant in August of 2025. Dale works in database administration and Melissa works in accounting. Marley and Lila are both students at CPA. They are thankful God called them to Covenant and are looking forward to being more involved and building relationships in the Covenant community.



Claire Kennedy

Originally from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Claire made her way to Tennessee in 2022 and graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in May 2026, where she was deeply blessed by the communities at RUE, Redeemer Church, and The Cross ministry. After moving to Nashville for work in June, she was quickly welcomed by the warmth of Covenant. She is excited to plant roots here, worship alongside this church family, and join in what the Lord is doing in Nashville.



Houston Kimbrough

Houston is from Jackson, Mississippi. He got his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and his law degree from Ole Miss. He moved to Nashville for work in November of 2024.



Daniel Kramer

Daniel is a 20-year-old junior in college. He spent two years at the United States Military Academy and left this past July. He is currently taking a gap semester and applying to schools for the spring semester.



Leanna Livings

Leanna is originally from South Florida. She went to Auburn and moved to Nashville two years ago to start her career as a pediatric speech language pathologist.



Elliot Oh

Elliot was born and raised in a missionary family in Nagoya, Japan, with Mission to the World. She is a junior at Vanderbilt University studying Child Development and Multilingual and Multicultural Education. She is excited to become a member of Covenant and get plugged into this community!



Allison & Rio Olend, Bea & Benjamin

Rio and Allison Olend are high school sweethearts that have been married since 2017 and recently moved from southeast Louisiana to middle Tennessee where they are raising their two children and expecting a third in February of 2027.



Josh Ostyn

Josh works up in Boise, Idaho, comes from a family of ten siblings, and moved to Nashville two years ago. He is working at a hospital, and is pursuing emergency medicine/firefighting.



Lilly Reeves

Lilly is a Vanderbilt sophomore from Dallas, Texas. She is majoring in music education and plays percussion at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music. She started visiting Covenant almost a year ago and loves the closely knit community!



Patton Orr

Patton is a second-year MBA student at Vanderbilt, focusing on the healthcare industry. He grew up in Memphis attending Second Presbyterian Church and went on to study at UNC-Chapel Hill before heading to Nashville for school. In his free time, Patton enjoys playing golf.



Ben Pulver

Ben moved to Nashville for work after graduating from the University of Tennessee. He is originally from Walnut Creek, California but has found his home here in Tennessee over the last four years. His faith was greatly impacted by RUF and The Cross at UTK, both of which helped lead him to Covenant after graduation.



Abigail Reynolds

Abigail is originally from Birmingham, Alabama, and works as a civil engineer in town. She loves being outdoors, traveling, hosting friends, and bringing people together—though I'm equally happy sitting on my back deck with a matcha and nowhere to be. She values meaningful relationships, good conversation, and creating a sense of community wherever she goes.



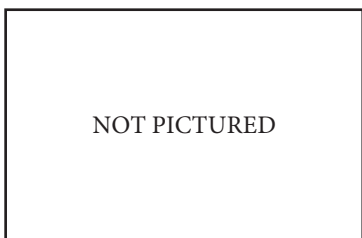
Hanna & Phillip Shelton

Hannah and Phillip are from Clarksville and have been attending Covenant for a little over a year. Hanna works for the school system, and Phillip is in the U.S. Navy Reserves.



Sharen & Dan Sommerville

After both retired from the education profession in Illinois, Sharen and Dan relocated to Columbia, Tennessee to be near their eldest son and his family. They value the worship and teaching ministries here at Covenant Pres.



Dan Stahl

Dan was born in Nashville, but raised outside of Philadelphia. He studied Economics and History at Auburn and works in the financial services industry. He loves reading, golf, tennis, fly fishing, and spending time with family.



Jennifer & David Steed

Jennifer and David moved to Tennessee so that they could be near their grandchildren, who all moved here in 2023. They have been together for 41 years, and have always attended church together. They spent three years in Nashville looking for a church home and believe that they have found it here at Covenant Presbyterian. They are hopeful they have found their 'forever-home' here in Nashville, and they're looking forward to seeing their family grow roots here in the church and the community.



Ellie Swan

Ellie is the middle of three girls, born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She fell in love with Covenant the first Sunday she moved to Nashville and is so excited to become part of the Covenant family.



Gracie & Brannon Taylor

Gracie grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, attended Ole Miss for undergrad, and has been in Nashville since 2021. Brannon grew up in Owensboro, Kentucky, attending Vanderbilt for undergrad, and Emory for law school. He has lived here full time since 2019, after a few years in Dallas.



Brooks & Maxwell Westheimer

Brooks and Maxwell are both originally from Texas and moved to Nashville after years out west in Wyoming and Colorado. They can't wait to plant roots in Nashville as they grow their family. They are lifelong learners and enjoy volunteering and staying engaged with their community.



Madalyn & Carson Woosley

Madalyn and Carson got married on August 15th, of this year. They both went to the University of Tennessee and now live and work in Nashville.

About Covenant

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.

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 | Isaías 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

United Kingdom Partnership

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

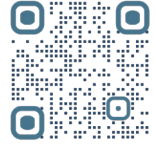
Refugee Hope | Nashville, TN and International

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

Member Photo Refresh

Sundays through October 10, Church Library

Help us keep our church records up to date! Stop by to have your member photo taken for our internal directory and church database. It only takes a few minutes, and an updated photo helps our pastors, staff, and members connect with one another.

Save the Date

- November 8 - SMC Connect: Educating Our Emotions with Jonathan Pennington
- November 8 - Lunch & Learn: Becoming a Disciple of the King with Jonathan Pennington
- 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

PRAYER

covenantpres.com/prayer

Mondays with the Maker

Monday, October 5, 7:00 a.m., Room 110B

Join us for a 30-minute time of prayer and connection every first Monday morning in the Pie Room. Gather with others to pause, reflect, and lift up whatever's on your heart as we begin each month in God's presence.

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, St. James Midtown Fellowship, 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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City Serve Day*

Saturday morning, October 17, Men of Valor

Join us for a City Serve Day at Men of Valor. There will be opportunities for both indoor/outdoor projects, including clearing up a walking trail and helping with indoor organization. Sign-up is required. Contact AspenGrace if you have any questions.

Missions Prayer

Lord, please bless the ministry of UpRise Nashville as they seek to care for the poor. Please guide the volunteers and staff as they seek to alleviate relational, economic, and spiritual poverty through education and the gospel.

KIDS

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Fall Family Picnic

Sunday, October 18, Patio and 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 Conference* - Registration closes TODAY, Sunday, October 4.

Friday – Saturday, October 9 & 10, Covenant

Join us for a conference designed for young professionals who want to live out their faith in their work, relationships, and daily rhythms.

MEN

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Men's Bible Study*

Tuesdays, September 15 – November 17, 6:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Spend the semester unpacking lessons on Practical Spirituality during a short table discussion following teaching by our pastors.

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
Join our study on I Samuel.

Prime Timers

Tuesday, October 6, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall B
Monthly lunch for senior women following Women's Bible Study.

Moms' Coffee*

Thursday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.
Come for coffee and a devotion relating to motherhood for moms of young and not-so-young children.

Women's Dine Around*

Tuesday, October 20 | 6:30pm | Various Locations
Let's do the Dine Around! Choose from one of seven restaurants around Nashville and join a small group of women for dinner. Sign up soon, tables fill up quickly!

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.



SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES

9:45 A.M.

ADULTS

Ecclesia

The Storyline of Scripture
Fellowship Hall A

Grace for the Journey

The Parables of Jesus
Room 206

Life Abundant

James
Room 207

One Another

The Acts of Faith
Room 205

Loved and Light

Life With One Another: A New
Testament Study
Cafe

Young Adults

Ecclesiastes
Fellowship Hall B

College-Aged

Ten Commandments
Room 218

Sunday Circle

The Atonement
Room 204

YOUTH

High School: Room 110B

Middle School: Room 109

CHILDREN

Parents, check in preschool and elementary children (PreK4-Rising 5th Grade) at 9:45 a.m. at the stations by the Kids' Ministry Entrance (Entrance C). Check out at 10:45 a.m.

Parents, check in nursery children (0-3 years) at the stations by the Kids' Ministry Entrance (Entrance C). The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



**MID
WEEK**
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Menu for October 7

brisket pot roast, grilled chicken, smashed potatoes, bacon fried corn, muffins, fall salad, vanilla cake, fruit tea

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. **MidWeek Dinner | Fellowship Hall**

\$8 Adults | \$5 Children | \$20 Max per family

First-time guests eat free! Credit card payment only.

5:15 - 7:00 p.m. **Covenant Kids Preschool & Elementary**

Children's Choirs

(Kids eat with parents before choir.)

5:00 - 5:15 p.m. | Arrival & Check-in: The Commons

5:15 - 6:00 p.m. | Rehearsal

Kids' Quest

(Kids eat with parents before check-in.)

5:55 - 6:00 p.m. | Arrival & Check-in: The Commons

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Activities

Pick-up: 7:05 p.m.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Adult Classes** (Some require registration)

Youth D-Groups

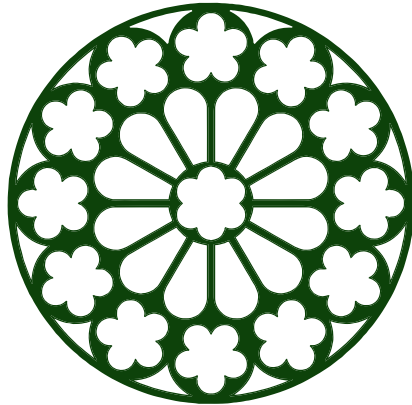
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. **Chancel Choir**

Covenant Bronze (Rehearses seasonally)

Covenant Strings (Rehearses seasonally)

Find out more and register for classes at
covenantpres.com/midweek or scan QR code.





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