

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP
JULY 28, 2024



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Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you. – Leviticus 20:7-8

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On The Lord's Day of July 28, 2024

Welcome to worship!

We're grateful that you've joined us today! Our mission at Covenant is to build a church culture that joyfully honors God through worship, positively impacts lives through discipleship, and genuinely loves our neighbors through service. It is our prayer that your faith may be strengthened today as we worship our Triune God together!

Our Invitation to the Lord's Supper:

The Elders of Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) warmly invite baptized individuals who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ, and are currently members of a Christian church, to join us in the Lord's Supper. This sacred act serves as a means of grace, providing spiritual nourishment and symbolizing our shared unity in Christ. If you have not yet made such a profession of faith, are under church discipline, or are not currently a member of a Christian Church, we respectfully request that you refrain from partaking. We encourage you to explore the Christian faith and consider seeking membership within His church, enabling you to share in this blessed meal in the future. For those able to participate, we provide gluten-free bread and offer a selection of either wine or grape juice.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:30AM Morning Worship

10:45AM Refreshments & Fellowship

CONFESSION OF FAITH (WSC 63-66):

Question 63: Which is the fifth commandment?

Answer: The fifth commandment is, *Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

Question 64: What is required in the fifth commandment?

Answer: The fifth commandment requires preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors or equals.

Question 65: What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

Answer: The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to every one in their several places and relations.

Question 66: What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

Answer: The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

Weekly Fellowship:

- **Young Men's Group (Wednesdays at 6:00 PM):** All young men are encouraged to join our weekly meal, study in the Gospel of Mark, and time for fellowship and prayer. If you have any questions, please speak to Gabriel Allen, Derek Fischer, or Elijah Perry.

SERMON NOTES

“Life Under the Sun: Understanding Reverent Vows”

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 28

Worship—Discipleship—Service

- **Prayer Requests:** If you wish to submit a prayer request to the Session (for private and/or congregational prayers), a single-sided insert is included in the bulletin.
- **Summer Workday (Saturday, August 3):** Our next workday is this Saturday, August 3 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM! We'll be cutting away greenery and shrubs, and cleaning up the perimeter of the church. Heather Valentine is coordinating the event, and she'll be providing morning refreshments for those who join!
- **Fellowship Meal (Sunday, August 4):** Our monthly Fellowship Meal is next Sunday, August 4 after the service, and all are welcome to attend! If you're able to, please consider bringing something to share.
- **GriefShare (Thursdays at 6:30 PM):** GriefShare meets on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in The Gathering Place; for more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board, or speak to Janis Caples.
- **Discipleship Hour (resumes Sunday, September 8):** Discipleship Hour for Adults and Children, our time of discussion, learning, and engagement with God's Word, is on hiatus for the summer and will resume after the service on Sunday, September 8.

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Worship on the Lord's Day of July 28, 2024

MEDITATION (MATTHEW 23:16-19)

Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 116:16-19)

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

HYMN 731: DOXOLOGY

HYMN 296: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Corporate Confession of Faith (WSC 63-66)

See Bulletin or Overhead

Corporate Confession of Sin (Ten Commandments)

See Insert or Overhead

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS (LUKE 6:35-36)

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

PSALM OF PRAISE (PSALM 119:89-96):

"ETERNAL IS YOUR WORD, O LORD" (VERSES 1-3)
(SEE OVERHEAD)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS: (JOB 28:12-15)

But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? Man does not know its worth, and it is not found in the land of the living. The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.' It cannot be bought for gold, and silver cannot be weighed as its price.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 50:1-23

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JAMES 3:1-18

SERMON (ECCLESIASTES 5:1-7)

Life Under the Sun: Understanding Reverent Vows

HYMN 521: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GLORIA PATRI

CHARGE (JAMES 5:12)

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

BENEDICTION (MAY THE PEACE)