

### To our guests,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace. If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

In Christ,

Pastor Noah Wiersema

### Thank you for visiting with us!

#### **Get Connected!**

Want to plug into the life of Covenant? Scan the QR code to fill out our **Connection Card,** and our team will be in touch to help you get connected!



Hearing Assist: Sanitized devices are available from our ushers.

# Large Print version of the bulletin is available in the narthex.

## Why a pelican?

Carved into the front of our pulpit is one of the most ancient symbols of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. Often referred to as "the pelican in her piety," this symbol offers a vivid picture of how Christ's death brings us life: according to legend, a mother pelican will pluck her breast to feed her young with her blood during a time of famine. As a church, Christ's stunning grace is not only front-and-center in our sanctuary but, more importantly, in our lives. The image of the pelican serves as a frequent reminder that we are deeply rooted in Christ so that we might reach out with Christ.

#### For Children:

**Junior Bulletin:** We love having our children participate with us in worship! Each week, we provide a children's version of our bulletin that can be found in the narthex.

**Nursery:** The nursery (for children birth to 4 years old) is located on the Lower Level at the north end of the building. If you need help locating it, please feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**Wiggle Room:** If you need to step out of the Sanctuary with your child, the Mare Room offers a closed circuit feed of the worship service along with a few toys. Our ushers would be happy to direct you.

Children's Worship (available only at the 8:30 service): A worship training time for children ages four through first grade is offered during the sermon. Children begin worship in the sanctuary and will be dismissed at the appropriate time. Parents should pick up their children in Room 13 on the Lower Level after the service.

# **MORNING WORSHIP**

### Reflection

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

\* Isaiah 26:3

# Greeting

As we enter into worship, please silence your cell phones.

Prelude • Fairest Lord Jesus

God, through his Word, calls us to worship Him.

# Call to Worship • Psalm 150:1-2, 6

PASTOR: Praise the LORD!

PEOPLE: Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

PASTOR: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

PEOPLE: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

PASTOR: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

ALL: Praise the LORD!

In response to God calling us into worship, we sing praises to Him.



Anon., ca. 1757

TRINITY 6.6.4.6.6.6.4. Felice de Giardini, 1769

#### Invocation

We pray to God to bless and guide our worship.

We join ourselves to Christians across time and space by confessing what we believe.

# **Profession of Faith** • The Apostles' Creed

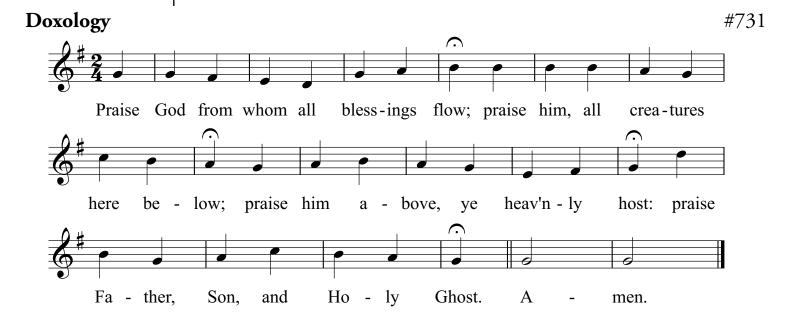
I believe in God the Father Almighty, ALL: Maker of heaven and earth.

> I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

\* universal



# **Corporate Confession of Sin**

ALL:

Merciful God.

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

In fact, our hearts have been divided and our loves disordered.

We have failed to dwell on things that are true, honorable, pure, and lovely.

We have not loved that which is commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise.

Forgive us for our waywardness, for breaking your law and rebelling against your love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We boldly confess our disobedience to God because he is faithful and just.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon** • 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

PASTOR

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our

Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them

in every good work and word.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

We hear of the forgiveness we have in Jesus and respond with grateful hearts.

### **Hymn of Assurance** • I Will Praise Him Still



# Scripture Reading • Psalm 111

Jeremy Marsh p.509

We hear and read from God's word throughout our service.

PASTOR: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

### **Moment for Mission**

Deacons

# Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

Please take a moment to sign the brown attendance pad.

We pray for God's church and the world and then together pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. We cheerfully give back to God because of all he has given us.

# **Offertory** • In Heavenly Love Abiding

CHOIR:

In heav'nly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here. The storm. may roar around me, my heart may low be laid; but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back; my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack. For His wisdom is forever, sight is never dim; He forms each endeavor, and I will walk with Him.

All the way my Savior leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace and comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell,
for I know, what e're befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
for I know, what e're befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen; bright skies will soon be o'er me, where the dark clouds have been; my life I cannot measure, the path of life is free; my Savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.

Children's Worship (8:30am service only)

Parents, please bring participating children ages 4–1st grade to meet their Worship leader in the Narthex during the following hymn. Children can be picked up downstairs in Room 13.

# **Hymn of Preparation** • Be Thou My Vision

#642 (vv.1, 3-5)



Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent. Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912 SLANE 10.10.10.10 Traditional irish melody

### **Scripture Reading** • Philippians 4:2-9

- <sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.
- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

1. Agreeing

2. Praying

3. Thinking

We are raised up to feast with our Lord.

# Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Gluten-free bread is located on the communion table at the front of the sanctuary.

Grape juice is in the clear cups and wine is in the tinted cups.

Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.



#676



- 1. Day by day and with each pass-ing mo-ment, strength I
  2. Ev-'ry day the Lord him-self is near me with a
- 3. Help me then in ev 'ry trib u la tion so to



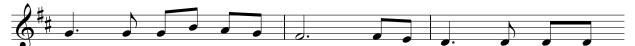
find to meet my tri - als here; spe - cial mer - cy for each hour; trust your prom - is - es, O Lord, trust-ing in my Fa - ther's all my cares he fain would that I lose not faith's sweet



wise be - stow - ment, bear, and cheer me, con - so - la - tion I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. Coun-sel - or he whose name is and Pow'r. of - fered with - in your ho - ly Word. me



He whose heart kind is be - yond all mea - sure gives un of child and The pro tec tion his trea - sure is a when toil and trou - ble Help me, Lord, meet - ing, e'er to



to each day what he deems best—charge that on him-self he laid; take, as from a fa-ther's hand,

lov-ing - ly, its part of "As your days, your strength shall one by one, the days, the

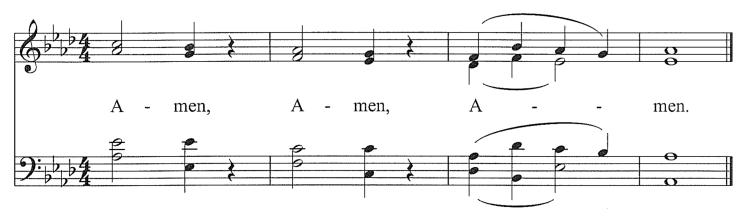


pain and plea - sure, be in mea - sure," mo-ments fleet - ing, min-gling toil this the pledge till I reach with peace and\_ rest.
to me\_ he\_ made.
the prom - ised\_ land.

### **Benediction**

We are sent out with God's blessing.

### **Threefold Amen**



### The Peace of Christ

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you!

We are reminded of the peace we have in Jesus and we share that peace with one another.

### Postlude

Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Jesse Herche, Violin; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals; Bekah Marsh, Vocals; Garrett Jacobs, Drum

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# **EVENING WORSHIP**

If you would like to give your tithe this evening, please place it in the wooden offering box located in the narthex before or after the service.

### Prelude

God, through his Word, calls us to worship Him

# **Call to Worship** • from Psalm 67

PASTOR: May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

PEOPLE: That your way may be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

PASTOR: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

PEOPLE: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

PASTOR: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

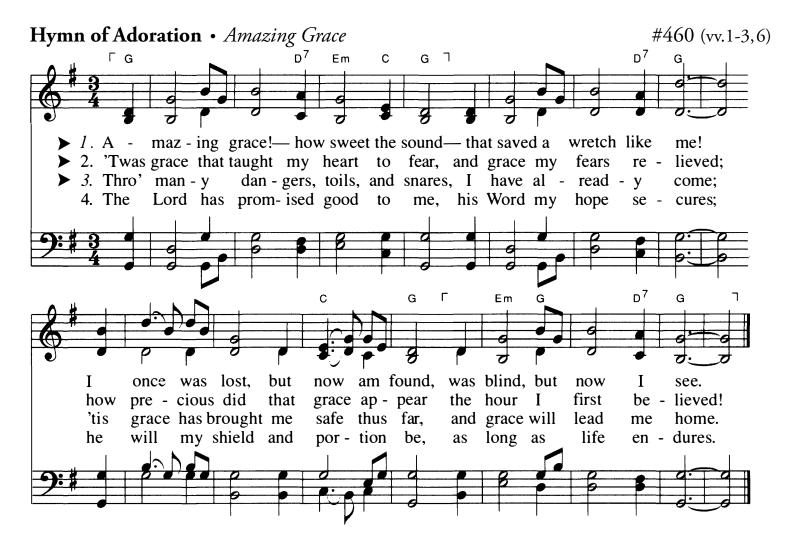
let all the peoples praise you!

PEOPLE: The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

ALL: God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him!



5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

St. 1–5, John Newton, 1779 St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790 ▶ 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

AMAZING GRACE C.M. Traditional American melody Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

# **Opening Prayer**

We pray to God to bless and guide our worship.

### Presentation

Khen & Rith Tombing



- 5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

  Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- ➤ 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store

  Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

HENDON 7.7.7.7.rep. Henri A. César Malan, 1827



Khen & Rith Tombing, along with their children, have labored as missionaries with Presbyterian Missions International (PMI) in a sensitive region in Asia for more than 30 years. Their ministry includes an orphanage for abandoned babies, 2 Christian primary schools, a high school and college, a seminary, rehab center for substance addiction, women's rehab and job training, church planting & Bible Institute. Khen graduated from Covenant Seminary with his M.Div. in 1986 and then followed with a Th.M. degree three years later.

Musicians – Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals

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or God so loved the world that
He gave His only begotten Son
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.

№ John 3:16

# December At A Glance

December 3: Youth Christmas Party

December 6: Women's Advent Tea (10:00am)

December 14: Lessons & Carols (Evening Service)

December 15: Schaeffer House Blue Christmas

December 17: Schaeffer House Blue Christmas

December 21: Carol Requests (Evening Service)

December 24: Christmas Eve Services (4pm & 6pm)

December 28: One Morning Service (10:00am)

- No Sunday School

- No Evening Service

# **CONNECTIONS**

### THIS WEEK at COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### **TODAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Evening Worship | 6:00pm; Sanctuary

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

Guys Night Out | 6:00pm; Missouri Athletic Club

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

Precept Inductive Bible Study | 7:00pm; Schaeffer House

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Jr. & Sr. High L'Abri Night | 6:00pm; Schaeffer House Parenting Teens Book Group | 6:00pm; Mare Room Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm; Zoom Choir | 6:30pm; Sanctuary

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Events:** For more information about all of our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit www.cpcstl.org/calendar or the "Upcoming Events" tab in the church app.

November 17: Guys Night Out

November 17: Young Adult Friendsgiving

November 19: Youth L'Abri Night

November 21: Schaeffer House Concert - Russ Mohr

November 27: Thanksgiving Service (9:00am)

November 30: Advent Begins

December 3: Youth Christmas Party
December 6: Women's Advent Tea

December 7: Mexico Mission Trip Information Meeting
December 15: Blue Christmas Service (Schaeffer House)
December 17: Blue Christmas Service (Schaeffer House)

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#### **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS**

Elder: Alan & Sheila Norman

**Deacon: Nathan & Sarah Theus** (Kennedy)

John & Hannah Shim

Mike & Evelyn Dreher

Hugo & Erin Figueira (Alyssa, Luca)

Brent & Cherie Johnson (Ella, Aria, Colson)

Rebecca Ludwick (Salt Lake City, UT)

Paul & Kim Gualnam (India)

PCA Ministry: PCA Administrative Committee

### ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

### Young Adult Friendsgiving

Monday, November 17 | 6:00pm; Schaeffer House

Join us for our Young Adult Friendsgiving! Last names A-L bring a side, last names M-Z bring a sweet. Turkey will be provided.

### **Thanksgiving Service**

Thursday, November 27 | 9:00am; Sanctuary

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Day Praise Service on Thursday, November 27 at 9:00am.

### Women's Advent Tea - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 6 | 10:00am; Fellowship Hall

### Mexico Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, December 7 | after the 11:00am service; Fellowship Hall

Join us for an informational meeting about our 2026 Mexico Mission Trip (July 11-19, 2026). Anyone in the church ages 14+ is invited to consider joining the trip to gain a a broader vision of the kingdom of God and to partner with Christ's body in Mexico in bringing encouragement and practical assistance to the Sac-Be presbytery in Mexico. For more information, contact Josh Fikkert or Dan Legters.

### City Missions Trivia Night - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, January 17 | 6:00 pm; Fellowship Hall

Get ready for our annual City Missions Trivia Night! We'll spend a rollicking fun evening searching our minds and challenging each team with questions on the theme of our 250th American Anniversary. Collect your team, or just sign up to play and we'll assign you to a team. Look for more info soon.

#### The Covenant Women's Book "Club"

Monday, January 19 | 7:00 pm; Commons

We will not meet in November or December but instead will meet in January for a discussion of "Winter Solstice" by Rosemunde Pilcher. For more information or to be placed on the email list, contact Peri Pepmueller (peripepmueller@gmail.com or 314-956-7749).

## Men's Ministry Scripture Reading Groups

Consider joining one of the men's "Seeing Jesus Together" Scripture Reading groups.

We'll continue our journey through the Bible using the Seeing Jesus Together reading plan

(https://www.seeingjesustogether.com/). The men meet in small groups throughout the week.

To join or for further information, please reach out to Hugo Figueira (<a href="https://hcaf42@gmail.com">hcaf42@gmail.com</a>) or Jeff Stillwell (<a href="jeffstillwell15@gmail.com">jeffstillwell15@gmail.com</a>).

## **Update Your Photo for the Directory!**

Sunday, November 23 & November 30 | Outside the School Entrance

For 8:30am service goers, 9:45am-10:00am or 10:45am-11:00am

For 11:00am service goers, 9:45am-10:00am or 12:15pm-12:30pm

#### **CURRENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

#### **ADULTS (BEGINS AT 10:00AM)**

Connecting Sunday to Monday: Faith & Work

Room 108; led by Matt Brandt

Skills for Building Healthy Relationships

Room 105; led by Carol Kappel & Mary Beth McGreevy

Habits of the Household

Room 103; led by Bill Cahill & Morgan Fikkert

**Stewarding God's Resources** 

Fellowship Hall; led by Chad Frizzell

Romans

Room 107; led by Dick Tiburzi

Vietnamese Bible Study

Room 109; led by Stephen Nguyen

#### **YOUTH (BEGINS AT 9:45AM)**

Tracing God's Story Junior High

Youth House | led by Stephanie Smole & Jon McCluskey

Christian Apologetics Senior High

Youth House | led by Josh Fikkert & Will Nabholz

#### ROOTS (5TH/6TH GRADES - 9:45AM)

Room 5 (lower level) | led by Abigail Nabholz and Evan Kvale

#### **CHILDREN (BEGINS AT 9:45AM)**

Contact John Fussell if you have any questions: ifussell@cpcstl.org

#### Stories from the life of Jesus!

3 year olds - 4th graders; on the lower level

- 3 year olds Kindergarten (Room 15)
- 1st-4th graders in the Heartland Room (Room 12)

### **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

#### **MONDAY**

#### Manchester Day Group

1st & 3rd Mondays; 3:00pm

Contact: Jeff Klinger, ilklinger23@att.net

#### **TUESDAY**

#### **South County**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays; 6:30pm

Sermon on the Mount by Sinclair Ferguson Contact: Mike Koller, koller/@gmail.com

#### **THURSDAY**

#### Des Peres

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 6:30pm | I Corinthians

Contact: Mary Beth McGreevy, mbmcgreevy@sbcglobal.net

#### Webster/Kirkwood

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 7:00pm

Contact: Linda Yates, lindacyates@sbcglobal.net

#### **FRIDAY**

#### Manchester

2nd & 4th Fridays; 7:00pm

Contact: Lois Miller, ephraim06@gmail.com

#### St. Peters

1st & 3rd Fridays; 6:00pm

Contact: Nathan Theus, nat5the@hotmail.com

#### St. Charles

2nd & 4th Fridays; 6:00-8:00pm

(1615 Burnside Lane, 63303)

Contact: Ben Butterfield, <u>bbutterfield@gmail.com</u> or Gina Butterfield, <u>ginamariebutterfield@gmail.com</u>

#### Use the QR code to sign up to receive ministry emails



Preaching Schedule	Session Elders		
November 23	Matt Brandt	Garrett Jacobs	Jonathan McCluskey
Morning: Philippians 4:10-23	Bill Cahill	Jeff Klinger	Bill McGreevy
Evening: Zechariah 7:1-14	John Dawson	Mike Koller	Alan Norman
November 30	Dave Haverdink	Dan Legters	Roland Van Heest
Morning: Luke 1:1-38	Will Haynes	Jeremy Marsh	David Yates
Evening: Why Redeemer Man?	D:		
Church Staff	<u>Diaconate</u>		
Noah Wiersema, Senior Pastor	RC Balaban	Don Jacobs	Norman Reed
Chris Smith, Associate Pastor	Andy Belval	Casey Jowdy	Todd Schultz
	Jamey Brester	Jeff Massot	Nathan Theus
John Roberts, Assistant Pastor/Head of School	Walt Bosch	Dan Moore	Reed Voorhees
Josh Fikkert, Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry	Kevin Dana	David Moore	
Stephanie Smole, Administrative Assistant	TTT	<b>.</b>	
Morgan Fikkert, Director of Women's Ministries	Women's Ministry Leadership		
Rebekah Marsh, Director of Music	Moms of Littles - Anna Kvale, Lauren Dakich		
John Fussell, Director of Children's Ministry	Hospitality & Fellowship - Tricia Creel, Sarah Theus, Amanda Moore		
Faithe Bennett, Covenant Life Coordinator	Service & Compassion - Mary Reed, Debbie Jacobs		
Jamey Brester, Property Manager	Discipleship - Lydia Seibert		
Julie Bauer, Bulletin Coordinator			
Donna Baber, Bookkeeper			



By the grace of the Triune God, Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to form and send disciples with passion for God and compassion for people.

#### Statement of Faith

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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