

July 27, 2025

### 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!

Using your phone, please scan this code and fill out our online visitor card. We would love to know you are here and answer any questions you may have.



**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

When Yahweh's king establishes Yahweh's justice, the people of God will cheer him on... We will respond to the display of God's strength by crying out to him to be exalted in it. And we will sing his praise and psalm the epic story of the consummation of history, the happy ending of history, the most satisfying resolution to the greatest story ever made.

🍽 James M. Hamilton, Jr.

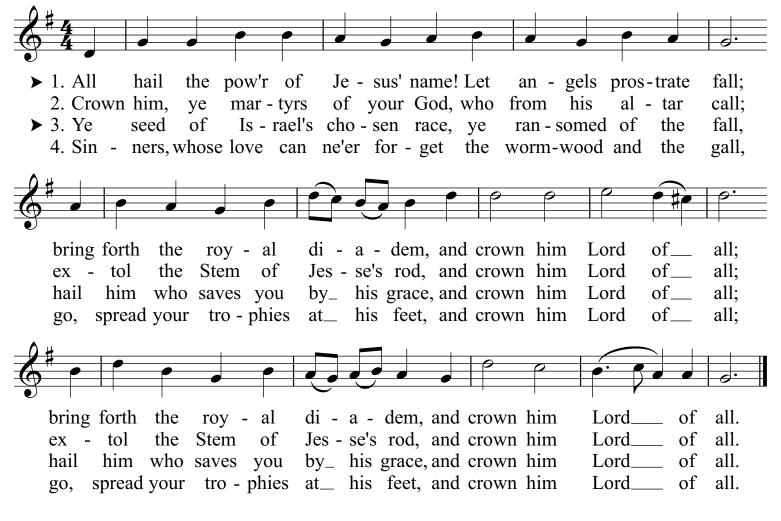
## Greeting

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

# Prelude

God, through his Word, calls us to worship Him.	Call to Worship • Psalm 21:1-6, 13	
1	Pastor:	O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips.
	People:	For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold upon his head. He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever.
	Pastor:	His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him. For you make him most blessed forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
In response to God calling us into worship, we sing praises to Him.	ALL:	Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

**Hymn of Adoration** • All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



- 5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
- 6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

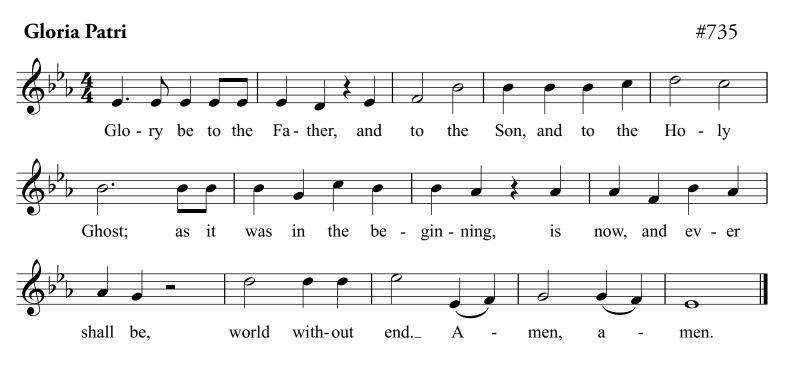
St. 1-5, Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. St. 6, John Rippon, 1787 CORONATION C.M. rep. Oliver Holden, 1793

### 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 • Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #26
PASTOR: How does Christ execute the office of a king?
All: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself

in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.



2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX) Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

# **Corporate Confession of Sin** • from Westminster Shorter Catechism Q #10 and Romans 7

PASTOR: We are made after God's image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness.

ALL: But by our sin, our natures have been corrupted. Sin now dwells within us.
We have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.
We do not do the good we want, but the evil we do not want is what we keep on doing.
When we want to do right, evil lies close at hand.
Though we delight in the law of God, in our inner beings, we see in our members another law waging war against the law of our minds and making us captive to the law of sin.
Wretched people that we are! Who will deliver us from this body of death?

# **Silent Confession**

### Assurance of Pardon • from Romans 7-8

PASTOR: Who will deliver us from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set us free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

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

# Hymn of Assurance • I Know that My Redeemer Lives



Scripture Reading • Revelation 19:11-16 This is the word of the Lord. PASTOR:

Thanks be to God! ALL:

# **Formation Focus**

# Inductive Bible Study Workshop Fall Women's Retreat

# Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of	We pray for God's church		
All:	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.	and the world and then together pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.	
	Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.		
	<ul> <li>Give us this day our daily bread.</li> <li>And forgive us our debts,</li> <li>as we forgive our debtors.</li> <li>And lead us not into temptation,</li> <li>but deliver us from evil.</li> <li>For thine is the kingdom,</li> <li>and the power, and the glory,</li> <li>forever. Amen.</li> </ul>		
	Please take a moment to sign the brown attendance pad.		
<b>Offertory</b> • O God, You Are My God (Psalm 63) Ortega			We cheerfully give back to God because of all he has
Ensemi	BLE: Oh God, you are my God Earnestly I seek you My Soul thirsts for you, My flesh yearns for you In a dry and weary land Where there is no water		given us.

I remember you at night Through the watches of the night in the shadow of your wings I sing because you helped me My soul clings to you And your hand upholds me You alone

> <u>Children's Worship (8:30am service only)</u> Parents, please bring participating children ages 4–1st grade downstairs to room 13 during the following hymn.

Hymn of Preparation • My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness



### Scripture Reading • Psalm 21

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- **21** O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah
- 3 For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him.
- 6 For you make him most blessed forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
- 7 For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.
- 8 Your hand will find out all your enemies; your right hand will find out those who hate you.

 9 You will make them as a blazing oven when you appear.
 The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath, and fire will consume them.

- 10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth, and their offspring from among the children of man.
- 11 Though they plan evil against you, though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.
- 12 For you will put them to flight; you will aim at their faces with your bows.
- 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

Psalm 21; p. 457 Rev. Josh Fikkert

2. The King's Promised Future (8-12)

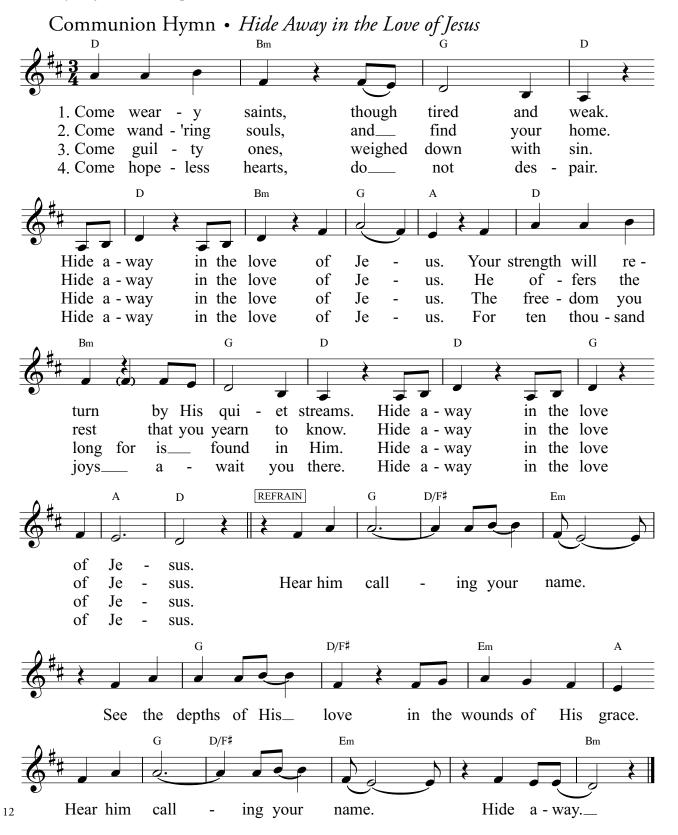
3. Our Praise (13)

# Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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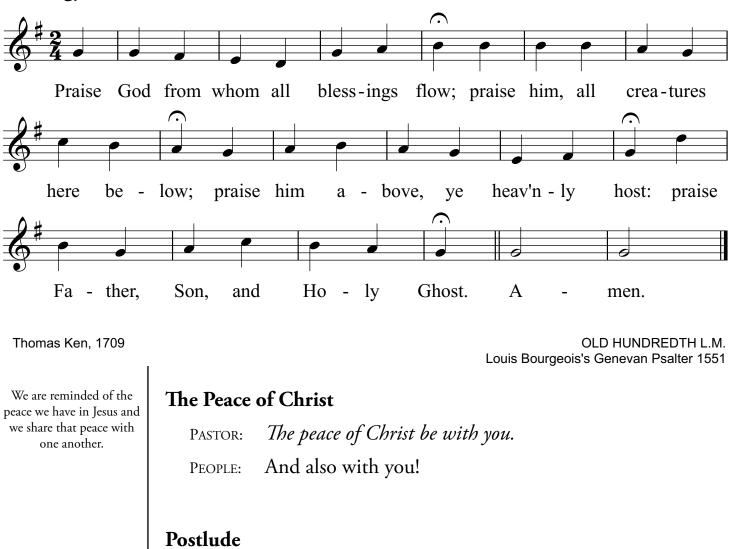
Grape juice is in the outer ring of the trays and wine is in the inner rings.

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



# Doxology

We are sent out with God's blessing.



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Musicians - Brent Johnson, Piano; Carrie and Emily Roberts, Violin; Charlotte Roberts, Vocals

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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.

# Reflection

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

🍽 John 17:15-18

# Prelude

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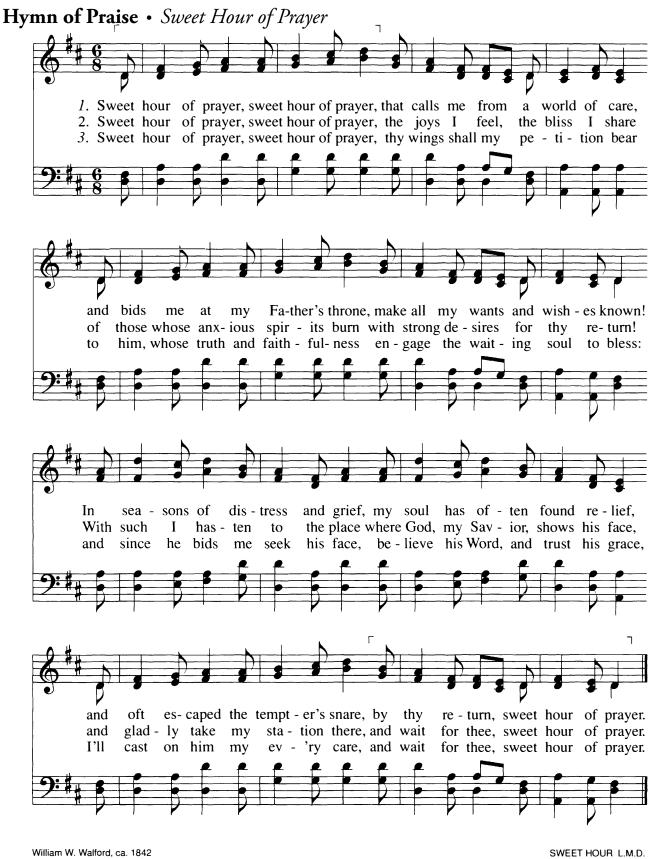
<b>Call to Worship</b> • from Psalm 61		
LEADER:	<i>Hear our cry, O God, listen to our prayer; from the end of the earth we call to you when our heart is faint.</i>	
People:	Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.	
LEADER:	Let us dwell in your tent forever! Let us take refuge under the shelter of your wings!	
People:	For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.	
LEADER:	Prolong the life of Christ our king; may his years endure to all generations! May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!	
ALL:	So will I ever sing praises to your name, as I perform my vows day after day.	



Based on Psalm 117 Isaac Watts. 1719; mod.

# **Opening Prayer**

We pray to God to bless and guide our worship.



William B. Bradbury, 1859

We take time to pray for one another.

**Prayer Requests** 

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Hymn of Preparation • Faith of Our Fathers



Frederick W. Faber, 1849; alt. Alt. 1961

ST. CATHERINE 8.8.8.8.8.8. Henri F. Hemy, 1864 Arr. by James G. Walton, 1870 God's word is held out to us so that we might better know, love, and serve God.

# Scripture Reading • 1 John 4:1-6

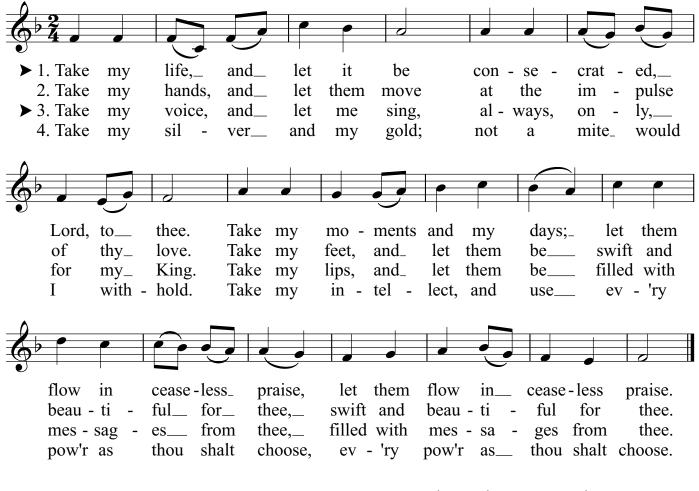
**4** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Sermon • The Christian's Yardstick	1 John 4:1-6, p.1023
	Mr. Will Nabholz
Covenant Theological Seminar	y Student and CPC Youth Intern

1. Test the spirits (1-3)

2. Trust in Christ (4-6)

Hymn of Response • Take My Life, and Let it Be



 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.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Benediction

 ▶ 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.

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

> > We are sent out with God's blessing.

Musicians - Jonathan McGuire, Piano

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# **CONNECTIONS**

### THIS WEEK at COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### TODAY, JULY 27

Evening Worship | 6:00pm; Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Jr. High Funtacularganza | 5:00pm; Stan & Carrie Roberts' House Sr. High Funtacularganza | 7:00pm; Stan & Carrie Roberts' House Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm; Zoom

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

Inductive Bible Study Workshop | 6:30pm; Covenant Church

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Schaeffer House Coffee Shop | 8:00am; Schaeffer House

### 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.

July 30:	Funtacularganza (Summer D-Groups)
July 31:	Inductive Bible Study Workshop
August 1:	Schaeffer House Coffee Shop
August 1:	Young Adults Summer Fellowship
August 2-6:	RYM Middle School Texas
August 7:	Young Adults Summer Fellowship
August 8:	Schaeffer House Coffee Shop
August 8:	Schaeffer House Lecture
August 10:	Visitor Reception
August 13:	Schaeffer House Book Discussion
August 15:	Schaeffer House Coffee Shop
August 18:	Guys Night Out



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

Elder: John & Phyllis Dawson

**Deacon: Jamey & Paula Brester** (Thomas, Caroline) Dean & Carol Kappel Henry Etta Lindley Griffin & Allyson Medart (George, Thomas, Luke) Jim & Lois Miller Tim Weston (ISI in Seattle, WA) David & Gwen Brooks (Wycliffe Bible Translators SE Asia Coordinator) PCA Ministry: Reformed University Fellowship

# ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

# Inductive Bible Study Workshop

Thursday, July 31 6:30-8:30pm; Covenant Church

Come and be equipped to study the Word of God together! Childcare is provided (\$5 per child). Our own Dan and Lydia Seibert are Precept-trained inductive Bible study experts and will be teaching us the tools of inductive Bible study and helping us practice it together. Register today through the QR code.

# Schaeffer House Lecture

# Friday, August 8 | 7:00pm; Schaeffer House

Join us as we welcome Pastor & Author, Mark Meynell. His lecture is titled "All Artists Are Deceptive Truth Tellers". Doors open at 6:15; Discussion starts at 7:00pm. Register today through the QR code.

# Schaeffer House Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 13 | 7:00pm; Schaeffer House
Join us for a discussion of Van Gogh as a Broken Heart by Russ Ramsey, led by Emily Bryan.
Doors open at 6:15; Discussion starts at 7:00pm. Register today through the QR code.

## North City Tornado Relief

Our neighbors in North St Louis have suffered unprecedented loss in the May 16 Tornadoes. Restore St. Louis is forming groups of 5-10 volunteers to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support to assigned homes. This includes helping families apply for vital FEMA benefits – the 60-day window is closing fast! Let's be the comfort of Christ (2 Cor 1:3-4). Sign up this week and make a profound difference in a family's life. Please contact Hugo Figuera (hcaf42@gmail.com) or Andrew Smith (smithar1@zoho.com) if you'd like to volunteer your time.

# Schaeffer House Coffee Shop

Free Coffee Shop! Join us on Fridays this summer from 8:00-11:00am through August 15.

## Young Adult Group Summer Fellowship

Come to the Kvale's for food and fellowship with friends each **Thursday** evening throughout the summer! Come anytime after 5:00pm-—we eat at 6:00pm. For more details and to let us know you are coming, please text either Anna (218-252-0601) or Evan (253-475-7109). Address: 441 Covenant Ln Apt. I, 63141.

## Fall Women's Retreat

September 19-20 | Todhall Retreat Center, Belleville, IL

Bible Study author and visiting instructor at Covenant Seminary Christine Gordon will be teaching on "Trusting Together" in John 15-17. You can choose on the registration form whether you'd like to have a room alone (\$205), with someone else (\$175), or whether you'd like to have the 3 meals but commute rather than staying overnight (\$110). Please contact

Morgan Fikkert (mfikkert@cpcstlorg) if you need financial assistance. Please join us and invite someone to come alongside you, too! Register through the QR code (registration deadline is August 19).











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### **CONNECTIONS continued....**

### **CURRENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

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

**The Identity of Jesus in John** *Fellowship Hall* 

Young Adult Summer Sunday SchoolRoom 108; led by Morgan Fikkert, Brett & Ellie Allen

Romans Room 107; led by Dick Tiburzi

Vietnamese Bible Study Room 109; led by Stephen Nguyen

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

Knowing Jesus Junior High Youth House | led by Stephanie Smole, Tara McGuire, ヴ Parker Clemmons

**The Apostles' Creed** Senior High Youth House | led by Will Nabholz & Josh Fikkert

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

Contact the Children's Ministry Committee if you have any questions: kids@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)

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

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

### **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

#### MONDAY

Klinger Group 1st & 3rd Mondays; 3:00pm Contact: Jeff Klinger, <u>jlklinger23@att.net</u>

#### **TUESDAY**

#### South County Group

1st & 3rd Tuesdays; 6:30pm Sermon on the Mount by Sinclair Ferguson Contact: Mike Koller, <u>koller7@gmail.com</u>

#### **THURSDAY**

#### **McGreevy Group**

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 6:30pm | I Corinthians Contact: Mary Beth McGreevy, <u>mbmcgreevy@sbcglobal.net</u>

#### (Thursday continued)

Yates Group 1st & 3rd Thursdays; 7:00pm Contact: Linda Yates, <u>lindacyates@sbcglobal.net</u>

#### Allen Group (St. Charles)

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 7:00pm (32 Weldon Spring Heights Drive, 63304) Contact: Ellie Allen, <u>ellie.moore.allen@gmail.com</u>

#### **FRIDAY**

Hiler Group 2nd & 4th Fridays; 7:00pm Contact: Lois Miller, <u>ephraim06@gmail.com</u>

Theus / Moore Group1st & 3rd Fridays; 6:00pmContact: Nathan Theus, <u>nat5the@hotmail.com</u>



Jonathan McCluskey

Bill McGreevy

Alan Norman

David Yates

Roland Van Heest

#### Preaching Schedule

<u>August 3</u> Morning: Psalm 22 Evening: 1 John 4:7-21 <u>August 10</u> Morning: Psalm 23 Evening: 1 John 5:1-12

#### Church Staff

Noah Wiersema, Senior Pastor Chris Smith, Associate Pastor John Roberts, Assistant Pastor/Head of School Josh Fikkert, Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry Stephanie Smole, Administrative Assistant Morgan Fikkert, Director of Women's Ministries Faithe Bennett, Covenant Life Coordinator Jamey Brester, Property Manager Julie Bauer, Bulletin Coordinator Donna Baber, Bookkeeper

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#### 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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