

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

The shepherd's art surely cares for nothing but providing the best for what it has been set over.

Plato

Greeting

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

Prelude

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

Call to Worship • from Jeremiah 31

PASTOR: Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,

and declare it in the coastlands far away;

PEOPLE: He who scattered Israel will gather him,

and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.

PASTOR: For the LORD has ransomed Jacob

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

PEOPLE: We shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,

and we shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,

PASTOR: Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,

and the young men and the old shall be merry.

God will turn their mourning into joy;

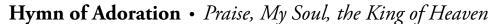
he will comfort them,

and give them gladness for sorrow.

ALL: He will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,

and we shall be satisfied with his goodness.

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



#76 (vv.1, 3-5)



- 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor fa - thers in dis - tress; to our
- ▶ 3. Fa ther like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
- sum-mer's flow'r we flour ish, blows the wind and ➤ 4. Frail as it gone;
- \triangleright 5. An gels, help us a - dore him; you be - hold him to face to face;





- ran-somed, healed, re stored, for giv en, who, like me, his praise should sing? praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless:
- in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
- but while mor-tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
- and moon, bow down be fore him, dwell - ers all time and sun in space,





- ▶ Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er last - ing King. praise him, praise him, praise him, glo-rious in his faith - ful ness.
- praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide ly his as mer - cy goes.
- ▶ Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E ter - nal One. praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us grace.



From Psalm 103 Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod. LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7. John Goss, 1869

Invocation

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

Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, 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

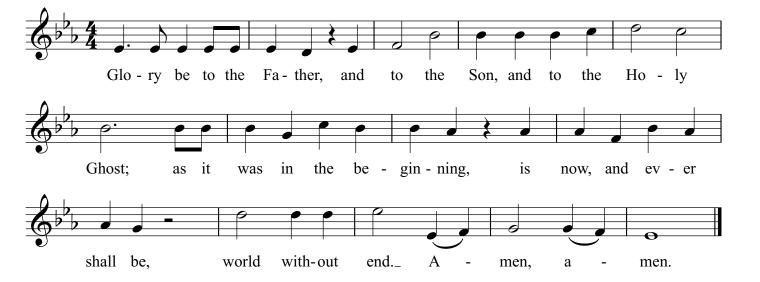
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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

Gloria Patri #735



Corporate Confession of Sin • from Psalm 23 and Ezekiel 34

PASTOR: The LORD is our shepherd; we shall not want.

ALL: Yet we so often fail to follow our good shepherd.
Instead of listening to his voice, we go astray.
Instead of following where he leads,
we seek out the path of least resistance.
Instead of being led in paths of righteousness,
we pursue our own pleasures.

Instead of caring for his other sheep, we feed ourselves.

The weak we have not strengthened,
the sick we have not healed,
the injured we have not bound up,
the strayed we have not brought back,
the lost we have not sought,
and with force and harshness
we have treated one another.
In all of this we have sinned against you O Lord.
So forgive us we pray.

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • from 1 Peter 2

PASTOR:

People of God, Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

ALL:



Psalm 23 Francis Rous, William Mure, and others Scottish Psalter, 1650 CRIMOND C.M. Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1871 Arr. by T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929; alt.

Scripture Reading • John 10:7-30

PASTOR: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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

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

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

Hymn of Preparation • On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, ALL: and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day; there God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. REFRAIN: [men] I am bound (women echo) I am bound (women echo) I am bound for Promised Land. [all] [men] I am bound (women echo) I am bound (women echo) [all] I am bound for Promised Land. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore; sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. REFRAIN: [men] I am bound (women echo) I am bound (women echo) I am bound for Promised Land. [all] [men] I am bound (women echo) I am bound (women echo) I am bound for Promised Land. [all] When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest? REFRAIN: [men] I am bound (women echo)

I am bound (women echo) I am bound for Promised Land. [all] [men] I am bound (women echo) I am bound (women echo) I am bound for Promised Land. [all]

Scripture Reading • Psalm 23

A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.

 He leads me in paths of righteousness
 for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil,
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff,
 they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

God's word is held out to us so that we might better know, love, and serve God. **Sermon** • God's Care for Us

Psalm 23; p.758 Rev. Noah Wiersema

1. The Shepherd of the Sheep (1-4)

2. The Host of the House (5-6)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We are raised up to feast with our Lord.

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.

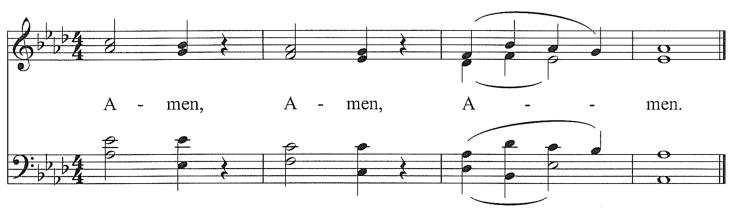
Communion Hymn • Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



We are sent out with God's blessing.

Benediction

Threefold Amen



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

The Peace of Christ

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Postlude

Musicians – Jonathan McGuire, Organ & Piano; Brent Johnson, Piano

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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.

Reflection

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

The Westminster Confession of Faith 16.2

Prelude

Call to Worship • from Psalm 119:169-172

PASTOR: Let my cry come before you, O LORD;

give me understanding according to your word!

PEOPLE: Let my plea come before you;

deliver me according to your word.

PASTOR: My lips will pour forth praise,

for you teach me your statutes.

ALL: My tongue will sing of your word,

for all your commandments are right.

God, through his Word, calls us to worship Him

We pray to God to bless and guide our worship.

Opening Prayer

We join ourselves to Christians across time and space by confessing what we believe. **Catechism Question** • Heidelberg Lord's Day 2

PASTOR: From where do you know your sins and misery?

ALL: From the law of God.

PASTOR: What does God's law require of us?

ALL: Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these

two commandments.

PASTOR: Can you keep all this perfectly?

ALL: No,

I am inclined by nature

to hate God and my neighbor.

Hymn of Praise • Jesus, Lover of My Soul



Prayer Requests

We take time to pray for one another.

Hymn of Preparation • Speak O Lord



- 1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your ho ly Word.
- 2. Teach us, Lord, full o be di ence, ho ly rev er ence, true hu mil i ty.
- 3. Speak, O Lord, and re new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



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Scripture Reading • 1 John 5:1-12

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

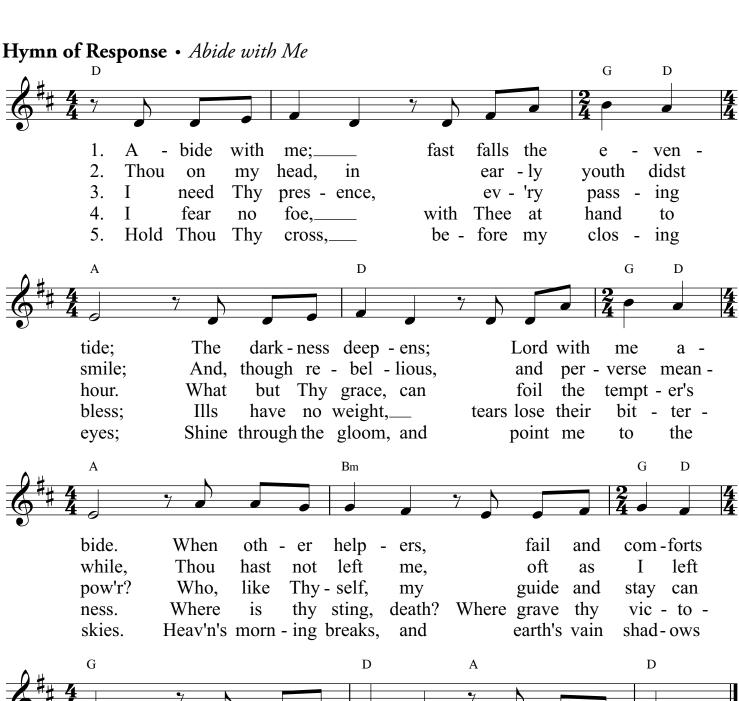
Sermon • The Life of Faith

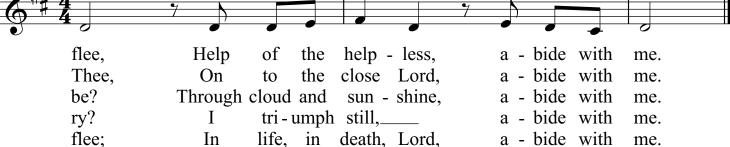
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1. What Faith Does (1-5)

2. Where Faith is Placed (6-10)

3. What Faith Receives (11-12)





Benediction	We are sent out with God's blessing.
Postlude	

Musicians – Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals

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CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK at COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY, AUGUST 10

Visitor Reception | 10:00am; Mare Room Evening Worship | 6:00pm; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Schaeffer House Book Discussion | 7:00pm; Schaeffer House

Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm; Zoom

Youth Parent Night | 7:00pm; Youth House

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Young Adults Summer Fellowship | 5:00pm; Kvale's house

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Schaeffer House Coffee Shop/Mom's Mingle | 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.

August 10: Visitor Reception

August 13: Schaeffer House Book Discussion

August 13: Youth Parent Night

August 14: Young Adults Summer Fellowship

August 15: Schaeffer House Coffee Shop (Last of summer)
August 15: Moms of Little Moms Mingle at Schaeffer House

August 18: Guys Night Out
August 18: Women's Book Club

August 27: Fall Youth D-Groups Begin



ANNOUNCEMENTS continue on page 22

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

Elder: Matt & Ashley Brandt (Kuyper, Eva, Calvin,

Dietrich)

Elder: Dan & Debbie Legters (Alyssa, Caleb, Owen)

Deacon: Casey & Jenny Jowdy (Matthias, Adeline,

Ridley)

Janie Perez (Luna, Lexie) Stephen & Maryann Rober Andrew & Holly Smith (Jonathan)

Paul & Mary Steinhoff

Ben & Alison Sheldon (Church Planting, New

London CT)

Frank Harrell (Japan)

PCA Ministry: Camp Ridge Haven

ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

Care Meals

For further information, see the weekly email or scan the *QR* code.

Tate & Margaret Matheny - Birth of Shephard Richard on July 22.



Visitor Reception - TODAY!

Sunday, August 10 | 9:45am (right after the 8:30 service); Mare Room

Join us for a reception and a time of fellowship if you are visiting Covenant Church or are a regular attender! Refreshments will be provided, so come enjoy some food and get to know a little more about Covenant Pres.

Schaeffer House Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 13 | 7:00pm; Schaeffer House

Join us for a discussion of *Van Gogh as a Broken Hear*t by Russ Ramsey, led by Emily Bryan. Doors open at 6:15; Discussion starts at 7:00pm. Register today through the QR code.



Haverdink/Klinger Fold Luncheon

Sunday, August 24 | after the 11:00am service; Fellowship Hall

Meat will be provided but let us know if you can bring a salad or vegetables or dessert. Visitors are encouraged to come. Please let us know if you can make it (jlklinger23@att.net or davehaverdink@hotmail.com).

Schaeffer House Coffee Shop

Free Coffee Shop! Join us for the last time this Friday from 8:00-11:00am.

Young Adult Group Summer Fellowship

Come to the Kvale's for food and fellowship for the last time this **Thursday** evening! 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@cpcstl.org) 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).



Firm Foundation Tutoring

Fall Tutoring September 2 - early December (with a training session the week of August 25)
Firm Foundation Tutoring, a ministry of New City Fellowship, is looking for at least 20 new volunteer tutors this fall. Tutors will receive training and support to equip them in their role (no prior experience needed). Substitute tutors are also needed, if you are not able to make a semester-long commitment. Sign up by scanning this QR code. Learn more by contacting Kristen Flores, (kristen@ncfstl.org or 314.278.6960).



CURRENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

ADULTS (BEGINS AT 10:00AM)

The Identity of Jesus in John

Fellowship Hall

Young Adult Summer Sunday School

Room 108; led by Morgan Fikkert, Brett & Ellie Allen

Romans

Room 107; led by Dick Tiburzi

Vietnamese Bible Study

Room 109; led by Stephen Nguyen

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

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

YOUTH (BEGINS AT 9:45AM)

Knowing Jesus Junior High

Youth House | led by Stephanie Smole, Tara McGuire, & 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)

COMMUNITY GROUPS

MONDAY

Klinger Group

1st & 3rd Mondays; 3:00pm

Contact: Jeff Klinger, jlklinger23@att.net

TUESDAY

South County Group

1st & 3rd Tuesdays; 6:30pm

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

THURSDAY

McGreevy Group

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

Contact: Mary Beth McGreevy, mbmcgreevy@sbcglobal.net

(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, ellie.moore.allen@gmail.com

FRIDAY

Hiler Group

2nd & 4th Fridays; 7:00pm

Contact: Lois Miller, ephraim06@gmail.com

Theus / Moore Group

1st & 3rd Fridays; 6:00pm

Contact: Nathan Theus, nat5the@hotmail.com

Use the QR code to sign up to receive ministry emails



Preaching Schedule	Session Elders		
August 17 Morning: Psalm 24	Matt Brandt	Garrett Jacobs	Jonathan McCluskey
	Bill Cahill	Jeff Klinger	Bill McGreevy
Evening: 1 John 5:13-21 August 24 Morning: Psalm 25 Evening: 2 and 3 John 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	John Dawson Dave Haverdink Will Haynes Diaconate RC Balaban Andy Belval Jamey Brester Walt Bosch Kevin Dana Women's Ministry Moms of Littles - Jens	Mike Koller Dan Legters Jeremy Marsh Don Jacobs Casey Jowdy Jeff Massot Dan Moore David Moore Leadership nie McClelland, Anna K	Alan Norman Roland Van Heest David Yates Norman Reed Todd Schultz Nathan Theus Reed Voorhees Evale, Rachel Schoonover Theus, Amanda Moore
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Donna Baber, Bookkeeper	Discipleship - Lydia Seibert		



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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