

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship (Pastor)

*Psalm 105:1-3*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Prayer of Adoration (Pastor)

\*Hymn of Praise

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo - ry  
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter,  
 5. For each per-fect gift of thine to our race so

of the skies, for the love which from our birth  
 of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
 mind's de-light, for the mys-tic har-mo-ny  
 par-ent, child, friends on earth and friends a-bove,  
 free-ly giv'n, grac-es hu-man and di-vine,

o-ver and a-round us lies,  
 sun and moon and stars of light,  
 link-ing sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to  
 for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

10 thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

\*Confession of Faith (from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1)

*Pastor:* People of God, what is your only comfort in life and in death?  
*Congregation:* That I belong-body and soul, in life and in death-not to myself but to my 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

*Mark 1:16-28*

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once, his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Confession of Sin (Congregation)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace (Pastor)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a Father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. (*Psalm 103:11-13*)

PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

*Genesis 1:3-25*

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds – livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann  
 Senior Pastor

"God's Good Creation"  
 (Genesis: God's Promise to Bless, 2)

**\*Hymn of Response**

*This Is My Father's World*

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,  
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,  
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the  
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

**The Lord's Supper**

- Invitation and Fencing of the Table*
- Prayer of Consecration*
- Words of Institution*
- Distribution of the Elements*
- Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**\*Benediction (Pastor)**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
 The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
 The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**\*Congregation Standing**

**The Lord's Supper:** Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at the end of our morning worship service. This sacrament consists of giving and receiving bread and wine (or juice) to show forth the death of Jesus and receive spiritual nourishment. The Lord's Supper is open to everyone who has confessed their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, provided that they have received Christian baptism, are members in good standing in a Bible believing church, and who are not living with secret or unrepentant sin. If you have any questions about these restrictions then please speak with a pastor or elder after the service, we would love to discuss them with you.

**Evening Worship Service:** We will meet again this evening for a worship service at 6:00 pm. Pastor Sean will continue our series in 1 Corinthians.

**Officer Installation:** We will install Gordon Meiners as a ruling elder, during the evening service at 6:00 pm on January 24th.

**Safe Families for Children:** We continue to be encouraged by the growth and support of the Safe Families ministry that is starting in Asheville. (Safe Families is a non-profit organization supported primarily by churches that aids families in crisis before involving the foster care system. The goal is to start building long term relationships with families in need that will extend beyond the time of crisis into everyday walking together, friendship, and hopefully faith.) The ministry has recently opened the application process for volunteers in Asheville, which can be found at [www.safe-families.org](http://www.safe-families.org). We are looking for generous individuals who would be willing to share their time and resources to help some struggling families right here in Asheville. There are many ways to help so if you or anyone you know is looking for a new ministry outreach feel free contact Jessica VanLandingham at (614) 966-4185 or you can send an email to [Jessicavanlandingham@gmail.com](mailto:Jessicavanlandingham@gmail.com) to find out more. Also, there will be another **informational meeting on January 27 at 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92562348908>.

**Watering Seeds Podcast:** Pastors Sean and Chris record a podcast each week, discussing the sermon. You can find the podcast on various hosts like Anchor, Spotify, or Apple Podcast, or find the link on our website under the Sermons tab.

**Adult Sunday School:** During this season of reduced gatherings, we have moved our adult Sunday school class online. For the Winter Quarter, our pastors are teaching the adults about the atonement, in short, weekly video installments. We send out links to these videos every week, or you can find them at our church YouTube channel (go to YouTube and search on Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Asheville NC).

Submit bulletin items to [crpcbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:crpcbulletin@gmail.com) by noon on Thursdays

*If you have a prayer request, please speak to a pastor or elder, call the church office at 828-253-6578, or e-mail [ceb392@mac.com](mailto:ceb392@mac.com) and it will be added to our church prayer list and remembered during our Prayer of Intercession.*

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**Elders:** Mike Cate, Rob Cook, Gordon Meiners, Tom Voigt, Tim Wallace  
**Deacons:** Mark Baker, Rich Bishop, David McCullough, Dennis Ponder  
**Deacons' Helper:** Zach Voigt  
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# THE LORD'S DAY

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