

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship (Pastor)

Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Prayer of Adoration (Pastor)

*Hymn of Praise

Now Thank We All Our God

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn 'Now Thank We All Our God'. It includes a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: 1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given.

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It includes a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven.

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn. It includes a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

Musical notation for the fourth system of the hymn. It includes a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. and free us from all ills in this world and the next. for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Confession of Faith (from the Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.1)

We believe that it pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man; the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Confession of Sin (Congregation)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace (Pastor)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)

Missions Testimony

Mary Buys

Prayer of Intercession

Gordon Meiners
Ruling Elder

PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

Ephesians 6:18-20

¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Prayer of Illumination (Pastor)

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

“Persevering in Prayer”
(Ephesians: Grace to Glory, 30)

*Hymn of Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'. It includes a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: 1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? 3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It includes a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: What a privilege to carry every-thing to God in prayer! We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer! Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn. It includes a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Musical notation for the fourth system of the hymn. It includes a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: all because we do not carry every-thing to God in prayer. Jesus knows our every weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*Benediction (Pastor)

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Missions Testimony: This morning Mary Buys will give a testimony of her call to the mission field. Mary has been approved by Mission to the World (MTW) to join a church planting team in India, and she is currently raising support before she heads to the field. More information can be found on the flyers available after the service.

Evening Worship Service: We will meet again this evening for a Thanksgiving worship service at 6:00 pm. Pastor Chris will preach from Jonah 2:1-10. There will be a time for those who wish to give public testimony of Thanksgiving to God to do so.

Evening Worship Live Stream: Since June we have been live streaming our indoor morning worship services, and now we are excited to announce that we are going to begin live streaming our evening worship service as well. The stream can be found on our website and will be uploaded to our YouTube channel afterwards as well.

Thanksgiving Week: Pastor Sean and Pastor Chris will both be out of town this week from Wednesday through Friday, so if you have any pastoral needs please contact one of our available ruling elders: Mike Cate (828-231-4565), Gordon Meiners (828-2731497), Tom Voigt (828-230-9193), or Tim Wallace (828-450-7217).

Congregational Meeting: The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 6, for the purpose of electing church officers. The candidates are Rob Cook, Gordon Meiners, and Tom Voigt for elder, and Dennis Ponder for deacon. We will meet on the side yard of the church and aim to start the meeting by 10:20 am so that we can conclude in time for the second worship service at 11:00 am.

Membership Matters Class: If you have been visiting Covenant Reformed and are interested in pursuing church membership, or if you just want to find out more about our church and what we believe, you are invited to attend our Membership Matters Class taught by Pastor Sean McCann. This year we will offer the class in a condensed format over the Friday night and Saturday morning of December 4th and 5th. To register for the class, please contact Lannae Graham at 828-253-6578 or office@covenantreformed.net.

Adult Sunday School: During this season of reduced gatherings, we have moved our adult Sunday school class online. For the Fall Quarter, our pastors will be teaching the adults through Deuteronomy 31-32, also called "The Song of Moses", in short, weekly video installments. We will send out links to these videos every week, or you can find them at our church YouTube channel (ask the church office to send you the links).



THE LORD'S DAY NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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Submit bulletin items to crpcbuletin@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 and it will be added to our church prayer list and remembered during our Prayer of Intercession.

Senior Pastor: Sean McCann
Assistant Pastor: Chris Brown
Administrative Assistant: Lannae Graham
Office Hours: 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Tuesday—Friday

Elders: Mike Cate, Charley Markhoff, Gordon Meiners, Tom Voigt, Tim Wallace
Deacons: Rich Bishop, David McCullough, Mark Baker
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