COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Chris Smith

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

For Children:

Junior Bulletin: We love having our children participate with us in worship and have provided a children's version of our bulletin that can be found in the narthex.

that we are deeply rooted in Christ so that we might reach out with Christ.

Nursery: Infant and toddler nurseries are located on the lower level at the north end of the building.

Worship Training for Children: A worship service for children ages four through first grade is held during the sermon. Children begin worship in the sanctuary and will be dismissed at the appropriate time.

Kids Praise: During the evening service, children age four through sixth grade are invited to join us for a variety of Bible-related activities. Children are dismissed from worship to meet their leaders in the narthex at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Extra Help for Parents: If you need to step out with your child during the service, there is a video feed of the service in the Library on the sanctuary level — our ushers will help you find the room.

Hearing Assist: Sanitized devices are available from our ushers. Large Print version of the bulletin is available in the narthex.

Statement of Faith

We are a member 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.

CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK at COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY, APRIL 10

Kids Praise | *dismissed from the evening service* Foundations of the Faith | *6:00pm; Mare Room*

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Women's Prayer Meeting | 11:30am; Zoom Women's Bible Study | 7:00pm; Jacobs' House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Jr. High D-Groups | 5:00pm; Youth House Sr. High D-Groups | 7:00pm; Youth House Choir | 6:30pm; Sanctuary Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm; Zoom

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Women's Bible Study | 9:30am; Youth House (childcare provided)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Good Friday Service | 6:00pm; Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Egg Hunt | 10:00am; Edwards Lawn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Retreat

Friday (dinner), April 22 – Saturday (lunch), April 23 | High Hill Christian Camp Register on our website or through the event in our app! Registration closes April 18.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16 | 10:00am–11:30am; Edwards Lawn Families with kids 5 and under. Bring a friend!

Easter Weekend

Good Friday Service | 6:00pm; Sanctuary Sunrise Service | 6:30am; Youth House Lawn Coffee & Doughnuts | 7:15am; Commons Worship | 8:30am & 11:00am; Sanctuary Easter Reception | 9:45am; Fellowship Hall

The Easter Reception will be a Continental Breakfast Potluck – please bring fruit or pastries (no nuts). Kids Craft Tables will be available. Please note: the Easter Reception replaces Sunday school. *NO Evening Service or Programs.*

VBS Registration Now Open & Spots are Filling Quickly

June 13-17, 2022 (9:00am - noon). Children age 3 (as of June 1) through rising 6th graders are invited to join us.

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For more detailed announcements and up-to-date information, scan the QR code to go to our Weekly Updates page.



This week's Prayer Focus can be found on the back cover.

CONNECTIONS continued....

CURRENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

<u>ADULTS</u>

Parenting Children Fellowship Hall; led by Matt Brandt & Noah Brink

Parenting Teenagers *Mare Room; led by Greg Meyer*

Young Adults Room 104; led by Samuel & Collins Hansen

Grown and Flown Room 103; led by Frank & Julie Theus

Finishing Well *Room 108; led by multiple teachers*

Revelation *Room 107; led by Dick Tiburzi*

Vietnamese Class Room 109; led by Stephen Nguyen

<u>YOUTH</u>

Biblical Worldview 7th-8th Grades Youth House | led by Tristan & Grace Admiraal

Old Testament Survey 9th-10th Grades Youth House | led by Ryan Storch, Shannon Hathaway

Christian Apologetics 11th-12th Grades Youth House | led by Josh & Morgan Fikkert

CHILDREN

Contact Kelly Robinson if you have any questions: krobinson@cpcstl.org.

Jesus' Love 2 year olds; on the lower level

God's Rescue Plan 3 year olds - Elementary; on the lower level

COMMUNITY GROUPS

MONDAY

Klinger Group

Mondays at 3:00pm Contact: Jeff Klinger, <u>ilklinger23@att.net</u>

Campbell Group (Men Only)

1st & 3rd (& 5th) Mondays at 7:00pm Contact: Bill Campbell, <u>wfcstlouis@gmail.com</u>

WEDNESDAY

St. Charles Group Wednesdays at 6:00pm | "Lessons from the Upper Room" by Sinclair Ferguson Contact: Jim Lauermann, jim@thelauermans.com

THURSDAY

McGreevy Group

Two Thursdays a month at 6:30pm | The Gospel of Mark Contact: Mary Beth McGreevy, <u>mbmcgreevy@sbcglobal.net</u>

Yates Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm | Studying Philippians Contact: Linda Yates, <u>lindacyates@sbcglobal.net</u>

(Thursday continued)

St. Charles Group Thursdays at 6:30pm Contact: Morgan Fikkert, <u>mfikkert@cpcstl.org</u>

South County Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm | "How Should We Then Live" Film Series Contact: Mike Koller, <u>koller7@gmail.com</u>

Campbell Group (Women Only) 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00pm Contact: Carolyn Campbell, <u>carolynleut@gmail.com</u>

FRIDAY

Smith Group 1st & 3rd Fridays, 6:00-8:00pm Contact: Chris Smith, <u>csmith@cpcstl.org</u>

MORNING WORSHIP

Reflections

When fishes flew and forests walked And figs grew upon thorn, Some moment when the moon was blood Then surely I was born. With monstrous head and sickening cry And ears like errant wings, The devil's walking parody On all four-footed things. The tattered outlaw of the earth, Of ancient crooked will; Starve, score, deride me: I am dumb, I keep my secret still. Fools! For I also had my hour; One far fierce hour and sweet: There was a shout about my ears, And palms before my feet.

🍋 G. K. Chesterton

Greeting

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

Choral Introit • Rejoice and Sing, "Hosanna to the King!"

CHOIR: Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here! (REFRAIN) Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of kings! Hosanna! Hosanna! With loudest praise, rejoice and sing, "Hosanna to the King!"

> Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer, God's love and joy. (REFRAIN)

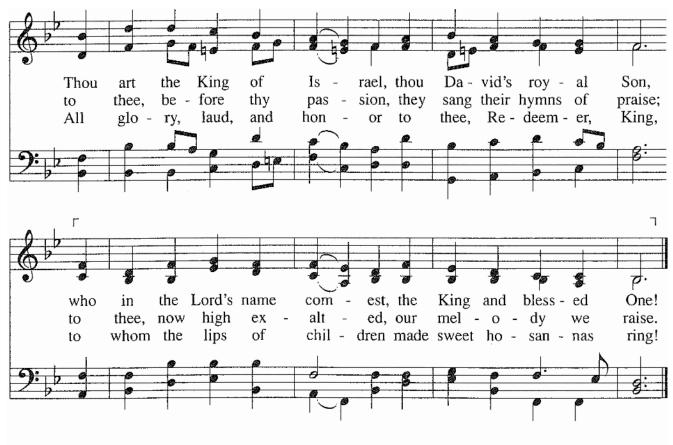
Blessed! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord.

Redeemer, come, we open wide our hearts to Thee; come, and abide. Your inner presence let us feel; Your grace and love in us reveal. (REFRAIN)

Call to Worship • adapted from Psalm 118 and Luke 19			
	PASTOR:	Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!	
	ALL:	Hosanna in the highest!	
	PASTOR:	You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;	
	ALL:	You are my God; I will extol you.	
	Pastor:	Oh give thanks to the LORD,	
	ALL:	For he is good;	
	PASTOR:	His steadfast love endures forever!	
	ALL:	Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!	



Call to Worship • adapted from Psalm 118 and Luke 19



Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt. ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D. Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

Invocation

Corporate Confession

ALL: God of mercy,
You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • Psalm 118:4-5,14

PASTOR: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Hymn of Assurance • All I Have Is Christ once was lost dark - est night yet thought I knew the 1. I in 2. But Ι ran hell-bound race, in - dif-frent to the as my 3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone and live so all might that prom-ised joy and life the sin had led me to the way: my help-less state You looked up - on and led me to the cost the strength to fol - low Your com-mands could nev - er come from see I had no hope that You would own reb - el to Your grave. а God's love dis - played, and I be-held You suf-fered in my cross; O Fa - ther use ran-somed life an - y way my in You me. first will if you not loved me I would re - fuse You and had You bore the wrath re-served for now all I know place. is me. choose and let my for - ev - er my on - ly boast song be is Refrain Christ! still. Hal - le - lu jah! All I have is _ _ grace! You. Hal - le - lu jah! Je-sus is life! my

Ministry Spotlight

Prayer of Intercession

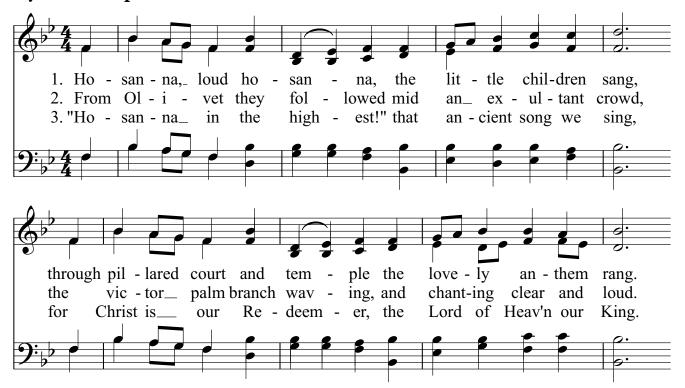
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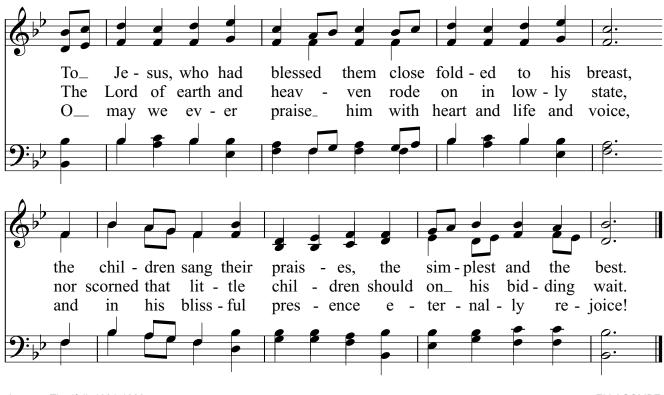
With grateful hearts for God's extravagant mercy and blessing, we joyfully present our offerings to the Lord for the ministry of our church and community.

You may give your offering by using the "give" button online at <u>www.cpcstl.org</u>. Those worshiping in person may give their gift in the offering box provided by our ushers after the service.

> <u>Children's Worship</u> Parents, please bring participating children age 4–1st grade downstairs to the Heartland Room during the following hymn.

Hymn of Preparation • Hosanna, Loud Hosanna





Jennette Threlfall, 1821-1880

ELLACOMBE Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Würtemberg, 1784

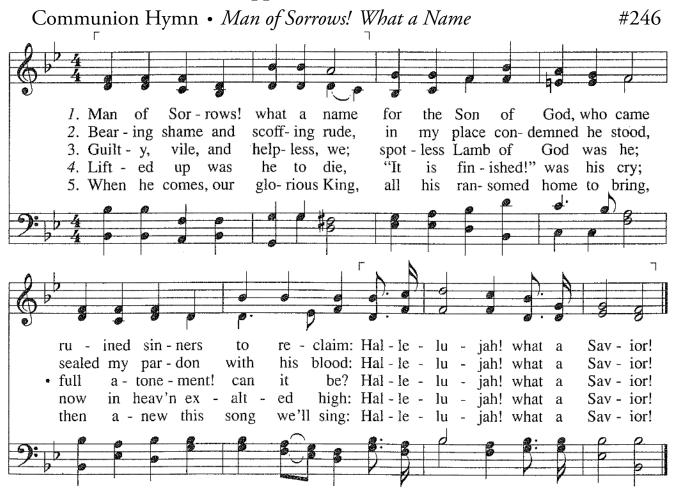
Scripture Reading • Luke 19:28-40

28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it." 35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was drawing nearalready on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Sermon • When Jesus Comes to Town

Luke 19:28-40, p.878 Rev. Chris Smith

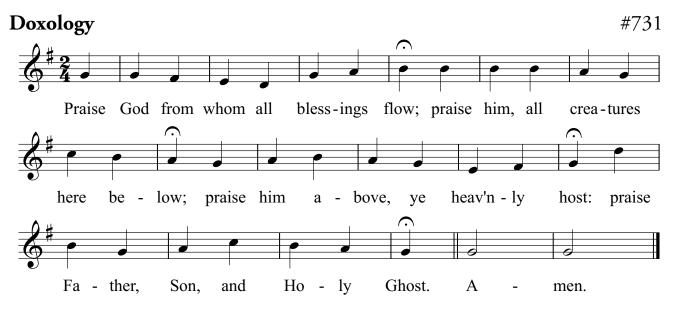
Celebration of the Lord's Supper



Philip P. Bliss, 1875

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7.7.7.8. Philip P. Bliss, 1875

Benediction



Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M. Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551

The Peace of Christ

PASTOR:	The peace of Christ be with you.
ALL:	And also with you!

Postlude

We are grateful to have Dr. Brian Aucker leading worship again this morning. Dr. Aucker served as a pastor here at Covenant Church from 2001-2004 and has been serving on the faculty at Covenant Seminary as an Old Testament Professor for 15 years.

Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Tim Cole, Choir Director; Debbie Jacobs, Oboe; Tristan Admiraal, Violin; Bekah Marsh & Nikki Rutz, Vocals; Garrett Jacobs, Percussion

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Corporate Confession of Sin: Book of Common Worship, p.236.

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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 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.

Reflections

Have you ever thought about Jesus' physical appearance? If you think about the paintings, he was a relatively handsome Dutchman. But if you think about a prophetic description, "he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2). To put it diplomatically, he didn't look like much, and sleepless nights filled with prayer vigils probably didn't help.

& Edward T. Welch, Shame Interrupted: How God Lifts the Pain of Worthlessness and Rejection

Greeting

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

Call to Worship • Revelation 19:11-16

PASTOR: Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, armed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of Kings and Lord of lords.

> Children age 4–6th grade may meet the Kids Praise leaders in the narthex during the final verse of the following hymn.



Matthew Bridges, 1851

DIADEMATA S.M.D. George J. Elvey, 1868

Opening Prayer

Prayer Requests



Hymn of Preparation • Here Is Love

William Rees (1802-1883)

Robert Lowry (1826-1899) arr. Andy Green & Chris Norton ${\bf Sermon}$ • The Man of Sorrows Who Brings Us Peace

Isaiah 52:13–53:12, p.613 Rev. Chris Smith



PLAINFIELD 7.8.7.8.ref. Robert Lowry, 1876

Benediction

Postlude

Musicians – Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals

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Care Meals

Go to <u>Take ThemAMeal.com</u> and enter the last name and password. For further information, see the weekly email and/or the weekly update page on the app. <u>Bob Keith</u> – password: 3654 Joan Hollinshead – password: 6331 <u>Andrew & Holly Smith</u> – birth of Jonathan on March 16; Password: 2143 <u>Taylor & Becky Begley</u> – birth of Asa James on March 2 ; Password: 2143

Service Opportunity: The Communion Committee Needs You!

If you would like to help bake, set up, or clean up the Communion table, please contact Rhonda Ragland at <u>rberglar@gmail.com</u>. Even serving just one Sunday per quarter would be a big help.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

Elder: Bill & Jennifer Hughes Elder: Dan & Debbie Legters (Alyssa, Caleb, Owen) Judy Finazzo Daniel & Emily Fleming Andy & Kathy Frost Mike Galbreath Frank Harrell (Japan) Ross & Ann Todd Lockwood (RUF Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas) If you are not receiving weekly Children's Ministries emails, please contact Kelly Robinson (krobinson@cpcstl.org).

Preaching Schedule

<u>April 15 (Good Friday)</u> Service at 6:00pm – Psalm 22 <u>April 17 (Easter)</u> Sunrise Service at 6:30am Morning Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 Evening: No Service <u>April 24</u> Morning: TBD Evening: TBD

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