



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 11, 2026

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!

Get Connected!

Want to plug into the life of Covenant? Scan the QR code to fill out our **Connection Card**, and our team will be in touch to help you get connected!



 **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

Greeting

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

Prelude

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

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

We pray to God to bless
and guide our worship.

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

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.

Call to Worship • from Psalm 136

Hymn of Adoration • *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

#32

Invocation

Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

Doxology

#731

Corporate Confession of Sin • from Joshua 2 and James 2

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • from James 2 and Titus 3

Hymn of Thanksgiving • *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Scripture Reading • James 2:14-26

Frank Theus

p.1012

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

Ministry Spotlight

Women's Ministry Committee

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Please take a moment to sign the brown attendance pad.

Offertory • *Our God Will Go Before Us*

We cheerfully give back to God because of all he has given us.

Children's Worship (8:30am service only)

Parents, please bring participating children ages 4-1st grade to meet their Worship leader in the Narthex during the following hymn.

Children can be picked up downstairs in Room 13.

Hymn of Preparation • *How Firm a Foundation* #94 (vv.1-2,4,6)

Scripture Reading • Joshua 2:1-24

Sermon • Rahab and the Spies

Joshua 2:1-24; p.178

Rev. Noah Wiersema

God's word is held out to us so that we might better know, love, and serve God.

1. Risk
2. Request
3. Response

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We are raised up to feast
with our Lord.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 • *By Faith*

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

Postlude

Musicians – Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals; Madeleine Castle, Vocals; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

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



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion
4. Let us won - der grace and jus - tice
5. Let us praise and join the cho - rus

Let us praise the Sav -
Pit - ied us when en -
Threat-en hard to bear
Join and point to mer -
Of the saints en - throned



- ior's name,
- e - mies;
— us down!
- cy's store;
on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
Called us by His grace and taught us,
For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Here they trust - ed Him be - fore us,



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame. He has washed us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.. He has washed us
Holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown. He who washed us
Jus - tice smiles and asks no more. He who washed us
Now their prais - es fill the sky. Thou hast washed us



with His blood,
with His blood,
with His blood,
with His blood,
with Thy blood,

He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,

He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,



washed us with His blood,
washed us with Thy blood,

He has brought us nigh to God.
He pre - sents our souls to God.
Soon will bring us home to God.
Has se-cured our way to God.
Thou art wor - thy Lamb of God.

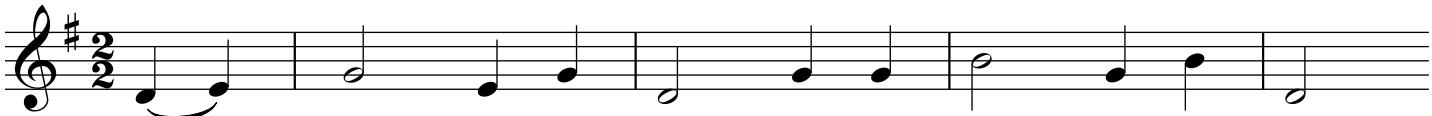
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and guide our worship.

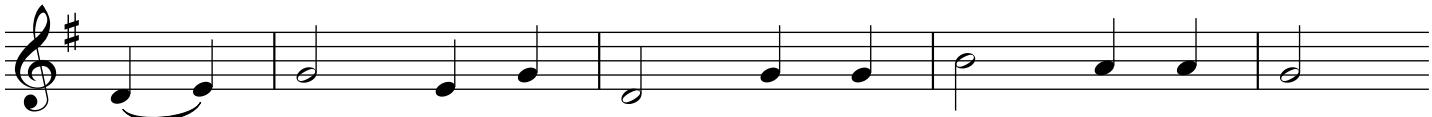
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Christians across time and
space by confessing what
we believe.

We take time to pray for
one another.

God's word is held out to
us so that we might better
know, love, and serve God.



► 1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
 ► 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 ► 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,



is____ laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for____ I am your God, and will still give you aid;
 the____ riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my____ grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;



What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



to____ you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and____ sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your_ dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

► 6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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We are sent out with
God's blessing.



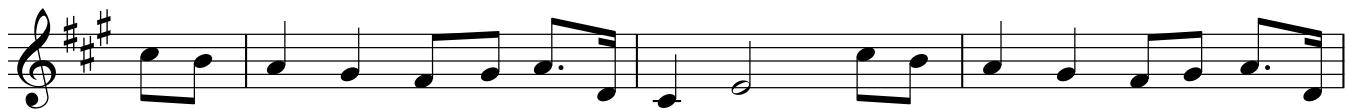
1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go in the
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who
pow'r of His prom-ise in their hearts of a ho - ly ci - ty
longed-for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost, to de - liv - er cap-tives
pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all



prove His faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight. sing verse 2
built by God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice reign.
chains of sin and death, and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. sing verse 4
and to preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth.
things are pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His name.



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our



soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the

work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.



Please join us tonight for the Potluck & Annual Meeting!

At 5:00pm, we will join together to enjoy food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall! If your last name starts with A-M please bring a main dish to share. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a side dish or appetizer to share. (**NO NUTS**, please!).

At 6:00pm, we will meet for our Annual Meeting!

Kids will be dismissed to the Heartland Room for a movie night after the voting portion of the meeting.

CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK at COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY, JANUARY 11

Annual Meeting | 6:00pm; *Sanctuary*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Precept Inductive Bible Study | 7:00pm; *Schaeffer House*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Jr. & Sr. High D-Groups | 6:00pm; *Youth House*

Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm; *Zoom*

Choir | 6:30pm; *Sanctuary*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

City Missions Trivia Night | 6:00pm; *Fellowship Hall*

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.

- January 11: Annual Meeting and Potluck
- January 14: Youth D-Groups Resume
- January 16-19: Sr. High Winter Retreat
- January 17: City Missions Trivia Night
- January 19: Covenant Women’s Book “Club”
- January 19: Guys Night Out
- January 29: Women’s Bible Study Begins
- January 31: Men’s Breakfast



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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

Elder: Jeff & Pat Klinger

Elder: Dave & Sara Haverdink (Cameron, Dawson, Ellie)

Deacon: Norm & Mary Reed

Brian & Darcy Clawson (Elizabeth, Isabelle, Kate)
Bill & Leesa Coller

Allen & Beth Curtis

Brayden Daley

Craig & Jen Harris (Church Planting, Yakima, WA)

John & Cathy Rug (MTW Chile)
Geneva Benefits

ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

Annual Meeting & Potluck - TONIGHT!

Sunday, January 11 | 5:00pm potluck, 6:00pm meeting

Before the meeting, we will enjoy food and fellowship with a potluck! Last names A-M please bring a main dish, N-Z please bring a dessert. Following the potluck dinner, after the voting portion of the Annual Meeting, children ages 4 through Grade 6 will watch a movie in the Heartland Room. Nursery will be provided for children under 4 years old.

Care Meals

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

Jan West - recovering from shoulder surgery



January Sunday School - Adults and Youth

January 11 - February 8 in the Fellowship Hall

This Sunday school will share what it means to be a member at Covenant in light of our new vision statement and core values. We encourage both visitors and members to come and gather together! If you are interested in membership, please contact Faithe Bennett (fbennett@cpcstl.org) for more information.

City Missions Trivia Night

Saturday, January 17 | 6:00 pm; Fellowship Hall

Get ready for our annual City Missions Trivia Night! Collect your team, or just sign up to play and we'll assign you to a team. Sign up using the **QR code**.



Visitor Lunch

Sunday, January 18 | after the 11:00am service (about 12:30pm); Schaeffer House

Join us for lunch and a time of fellowship if you are visiting Covenant Church or are a regular attender! Lunch will be provided, so come enjoy some food and getting to know a little more about Covenant Pres. RSVP through the **QR code**.



Women's Spring Bible Study - 1 & 2 Thessalonians

We will be studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians using a *Living the Gospel to the End* by Kathleen Buswell Nielson. There are group options for Monday nights, Tuesday nights, and Thursday mornings. Study guides are available for \$10 from the church or you can purchase your own copy. Sign up to join us January 29-April 14 through the **QR code**.



Grace & Peace Women's Shelter

Covenant church has once again committed to providing meals for the Grace and Peace Winter Shelter! Our dates start on January 13 and are scattered throughout the rest of the season into March. This is an opportunity to be God's hands and feet in our own community. Sign up today to participate with friends, family, or on your own! Contact Emily Bryan with questions. Sign up through the **QR code**



Prayers for New Babies

Moms of Littles needs your help collecting notes for the upcoming babies of Ellie Allen and Amanda Moore! There is a basket with cards in the narthex for you to write an encouraging note or prayer for them! Please help us welcome their sweet new additions to their families!"

CONNECTIONS continued....

CURRENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

ADULTS & YOUTH (BEGINS AT 10:00AM)

January Sunday School

Fellowship Hall; led by ???

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

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

CHILDREN (BEGINS AT 9:45AM)

*Contact John Fussell if you have any questions:
jfussell@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

Manchester Day Group

1st & 3rd Mondays; 3:00pm

Contact: Jeff Klinger, jklinger23@att.net

TUESDAY

South County

1st & 3rd Tuesdays; 6:30pm

Sermon on the Mount by Sinclair Ferguson

Contact: Mike Koller, koller7@gmail.com

THURSDAY

Des Peres

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 6:30pm | Gospel of Matthew

Contact: Mary Beth McGreevy, mbmcgreevy@sbcglobal.net

Webster/Kirkwood

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 7:00pm

Contact: Linda Yates, lindacyates@sbcglobal.net

FRIDAY

Manchester

2nd & 4th Fridays; 7:00pm

Contact: Lois Miller, ephraim06@gmail.com

St. Peters

1st & 3rd Fridays; 6:00pm

Contact: Nathan Theus, nat5the@hotmail.com

St. Charles

2nd & 4th Fridays; 6:00-8:00pm

(1615 Burnside Lane, 63303)

*Contact: Ben Butterfield, bbutterfield8@gmail.com or
Gina Butterfield, ginamariebutterfield@gmail.com*

Use the QR code to sign up to receive ministry emails



Preaching Schedule

January 18

Morning: Joshua 3:1-17
Evening: Guest Preacher

January 25

Morning: Joshua 4:1-24
Evening: Zechariah 9:1-17

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

Rebekah Marsh, Director of Music

John Fussell, Director of Children's Ministry

Faith Bennett, Covenant Life Coordinator

Jamey Brester, Property Manager

Julie Bauer, Bulletin Coordinator

Donna Baber, Bookkeeper

Session Elders

Matt Brandt	Garrett Jacobs	Jonathan McCluskey
Bill Cahill	Jeff Klinger	Bill McGreevy
John Dawson	Mike Koller	Alan Norman
Dave Haverdink	Dan Legters	Roland Van Heest
Will Haynes	Jeremy Marsh	David Yates

Diaconate

RC Balaban	Don Jacobs	Norman Reed
Andy Belval	Casey Jowdy	Todd Schultz
Jamey Brester	Jeff Massot	Nathan Theus
Walt Bosch	Dan Moore	Reed Voorhees
Kevin Dana	David Moore	

Women's Ministry Leadership

Moms of Littles - Anna Kvale, Lauren Dakich
Hospitality & Fellowship - Tricia Creel, Sarah Theus, Amanda Moore
Service & Compassion - Mary Reed, Debbie Jacobs
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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