



"Ruth in Boaz's Field" by German painter Julius Schnorr (1828)



CPC Sermon Page

AM Sermon Notes  
 "Prologue of Pain and Promise"  
 The Ruth Series  
 Ruth 1:1- 6  
 Rev. Cory D. Colravy

**THIS WEEK, November 19 - 25, 2017**

- Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
 •Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.  
 •Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday •CCS Thanksgiving Holiday - Friday

**Announcements**

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Christina Sabo, Chris Goehring
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Dawn Colravy  
 Morning Worship ~ Kristie Delmar, Kristina Gilmore
- ◆ **Ushers Today:** George Goehring, Matt Hollo, Drew Hollo, Bryce Hollo
- ◆ **Ushers Next Week:** Jonah Cleveland, John Moody, Warren Furches, Zeke Zechman

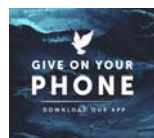
◆ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$	5,550.00
Tithes/Offerings, November 12, 2017	\$	3,706.14
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$	82,529.86
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$	81,517.43
Mortgage Balance	\$	190,844.67

For Smart Phone Giving, text amount to 850-907-7448 OR



Scan for  
General Fund



Scan for  
Designated Fund

**COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

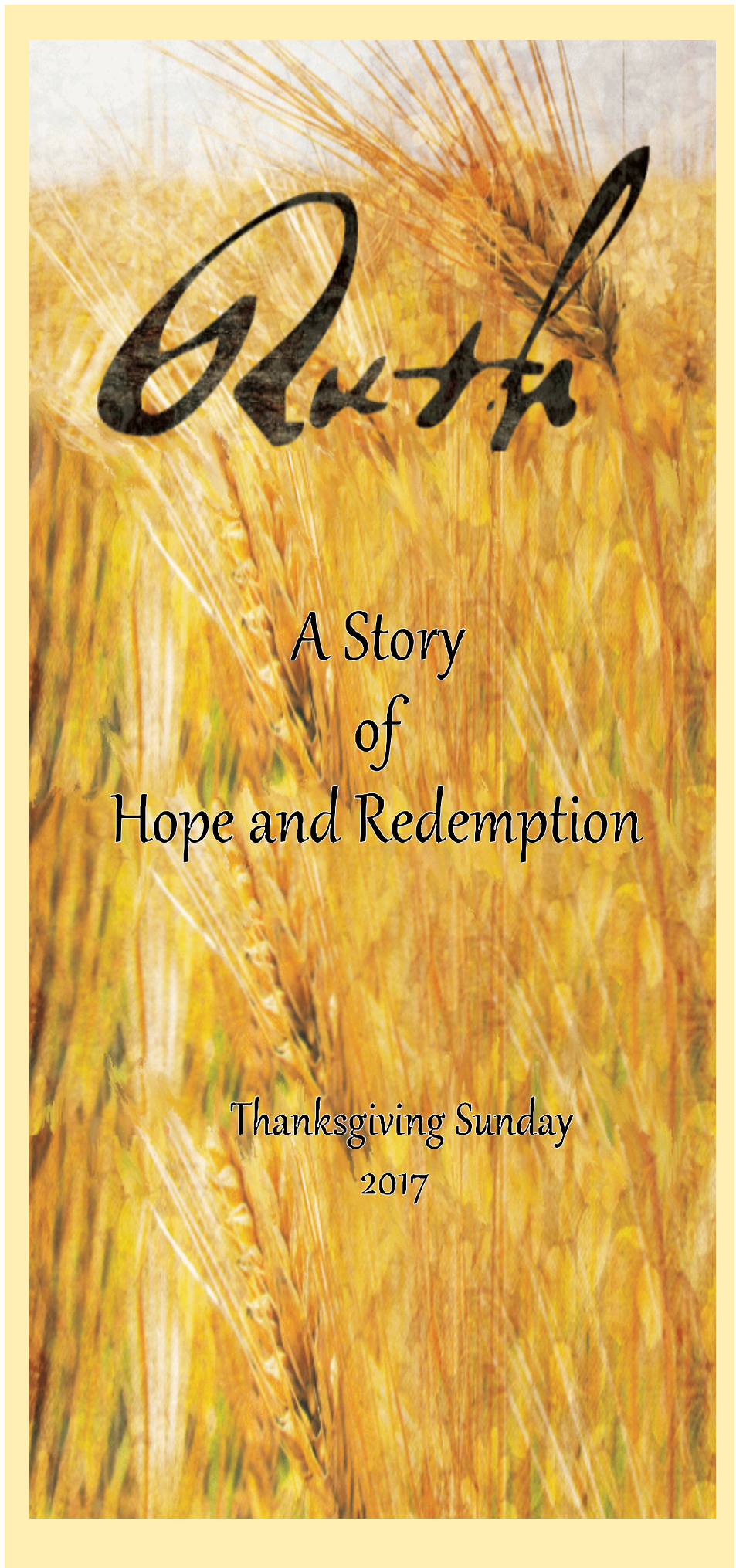
- Jane Perry, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Ellen Simpson, November 25<sup>th</sup>
- Ben & Kathryn Hollo, November 24<sup>th</sup>



**CPC On-Line Prayer Room**

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website:

[www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer room](http://www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer-room)



**The Lord's Day, November 19, 2017**  
**MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**

*Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church*



**Preparation for Worship** *Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

Thanksgiving Day is probably the most purely religious holiday in the life of our nation. While the spiritual meaning of Christmas and Easter are often overshadowed by secular influences, Thanksgiving remains directly and largely focused upon God and His gifts. The Westminster Confession of Faith speaks of “thanksgivings upon special occasions” (Chapter 21.5) as valid and important religious observations.

*We join together as a congregation in a service of Thanksgiving to God for His mercies to us as His people and as a nation.*

*The Scripture readings in our service today help us praise God for sustaining Life in and through His Word. They call us and our nation to resound with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care.*

*But “man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (Deuteronomy 8:1-10).*

*The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word which proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health, and wholeness.*

*It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word,*

*“Go show yourselves to the priests” (Luke 17:11-19).*

*Of the ten cleansed, only one expressed thanksgiving back to Jesus.*

*But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith.*

*Jesus bids this one Samaritan to “rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”*

*So also, we will be sent out from our worship today, bolstered in our faith through God's Spirit and blessing to be thankful in every circumstance, whether of plenty or hunger, abundance or need. (Philippians 4:6-20).*

**Pastor's Welcome and Announcements**

*A cry room for small children with televised worship is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.*

\*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

(1) Wendell Kimbrough © 2014 Wendell Kimbrough; (2) Ps 50:14-15, 116:12-19, 1 Thess 5:16-18, Matt 7:7-8, Luke 11:9-13; (3) Ps 2:11, 34:18, 62:8, 145:18-20, John 4:22-24, 14:13-14, 16:23, Rom 8:26-27, 10:13, James 1:5-6, 1 John 5:14-15, 2 Chron 7:14, Isa 66:2, Rev 4, Dan 9:17-19, Matt 7:8; (4) James 1:17, Matt 6:33; (5) Matt 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4; (6) William Sleeper, Greg Thompson © 2000 Greg Thompson. All rights reserved. Used by Permission. CCLI#128060.

**Prelude** *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* (T715)  
*“The Doxology”* (T731)

**Prayer of Invocation and Praise**

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

**\*Hymn Medley of Praise** *“Rejoice In All Your Works (Psalm 104)”* (1)

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,  
 Every eye that searches through the dark for light,  
 All creation looks to You for its' breath and for its' food;  
 From the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all Your works, King of heaven, King of earth!  
 Every creature You have made declares Your praise.  
 We rejoice in all You've made, God of all sustaining grace;  
 With the mountain, sky, and sea we sing your praise.*

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest  
 Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,  
 All creation looks to You for its' breath and for its' food;  
 From the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied.

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips  
 With the chorus of creation join in praise  
 To the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,  
 To the Son who over all creation reigns.

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”* (T116)

**\*Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 116 - 119

**Leader:** *Why do Christians need to pray?* (2)

**People:** Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them.

**Leader:** *How does God want us to pray so that He will listen to us?* (3)

**People:** First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed himself in his Word, asking for everything he has commanded us to ask for.

Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in his majestic presence.

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what he promised us in his Word.

**Leader:** *What did God command us to pray for?* (4)

**People:** Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

**Leader:** *What is this prayer?* (5)

**People:** 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 also have forgiven 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.

**The Old Testament Reading of God's Law** Deuteronomy 8:1-20

**National Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance.  
 We know Your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good,” but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.  
 We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word in the name of moral pluralism.  
 We have worshipped other gods and called it “multi-culturalism.”

We have endorsed perversion and called it an “alternative lifestyle.”  
 We have neglected the needy and called it “self-preservation.”  
 In the name of “choice” we have killed our unborn.  
 We have neglected to discipline our children and called it “building esteem.”  
 We have abused power and called it “political savvy.”  
 We've coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it “taxes.”  
 We've polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it “freedom of expression.”  
 We've ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it “enlightenment.”  
 Search us, O God, and know our hearts today.  
 Try us, and show us if there be any wicked way in us.  
 Cleanse us from every sin, and set us free.  
 Guide and bless our nation's leaders who have been ordained by You to govern this great country.  
 Grant them Your wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will.  
 We ask it in the name of your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** II Chronicles 7:14

**Hymn of Confession** *“Jesus I Come”* (Words: T503) (6)

**\*The Gospel Reading** Luke 17:11-19

**A Litany of Thanksgiving** (Bulletin Insert)

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** I Timothy 4:4-5

**Offertory Hymn** *“Give Thanks”* (C170)

**Prayer of Illumination** Ephesians 1:15-18

**Sermon** Ruth 1:1-6

*“Prologue of Pain and Promise”*

The Ruth Series

Rev. Cory D. Colravy

**\*Hymn of Response** *“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”* (T128)

**\*Charge and Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26

**\*Hymn of Benediction** *“Now Thank We All Our God”* (T98)

**\*Postlude**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**

2350 Frankford Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405

(850) 769-9354 ~ [www.covenantpca.net](http://www.covenantpca.net)

**Session**

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Moderator  
 R. Leigh Hinkle  
 Warren H. Kline, Jr., Emeritus  
 James R. Middleton, Clerk  
 Richard A. Simpson  
 Les “Rocky” Welch

**Diaconate**

Jonah E. Cleveland  
 Brian A. Delmar  
 Jeffrey C. Delmar, Chairman  
 Charles Burke Denny  
 N. Dylan Gouletas  
 James L. Thompson, III  
 Bryan M. Walker  
 George S. Goehring, Diaconal Assistant