

THE LORD'S DAY ~ September 11, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and need strength;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Preparation for Worship Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

“Worship is . . . the nourishment of mind with His [God’s] truth . . .”
~ William Temple

Pastor’s Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude “How Majestic Is Your Name” (C121)

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

***Call to Worship** Lamentations 3:20-24

***Hymn Medley of Praise** “Lift High the Cross” (C450)
“Lamb of God” (C302)

***Confession of Faith** The Nicene Creed, Part VII

Leader: The Nicene Creed, written in AD 325 is a good summary of the biblical and historical Christian faith.

So Christian, what do you believe about the Holy Scriptures?

People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth . . . and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God . . . who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures . . . and we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets . . .

Therefore, we believe that although the works of creation and providence manifest the goodness, wisdom and power of God, so as to leave men without excuse, yet they are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of His will, which is necessary for salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord, at various times, and in different ways, to reveal Himself, and to declare His word to His people in order that true knowledge of Him might be preserved and propagated throughout the world, unto the end of the ages.

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are given by inspiration of God and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice, thus serving the church as the supreme and sufficient standard by which Christian union and all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for God’s own glory, man’s salvation, faith, and life, is clearly recorded in Scripture. Consequently, all the words in Scripture are God’s words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture (as rightly understood) is to disbelieve or disobey God.

Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained in the 39 books of the Old Testament, from Genesis to Malachi; and in the 27 books of the New Testament, from Matthew to Revelation. We receive all these 66 books and these only as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding and establishing of our faith.

Blessed is the man whose delight is in the Law of the Lord, and on His Law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Amen.

Scripture Reading Genesis 30 (PB24)

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Medley “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” (C169, vv. 1-4)
“Give Thanks” (C170)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings II Corinthians 9:10-11

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 119:41-42

Sermon Matthew 13:44-45
“The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Price”
Synoptic Gospel Series
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Reading of the Law Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 70-72

Leader: What is the Seventh Commandment?
People: The Seventh Commandment is: You shall not commit adultery.

Leader: What does the Seventh Commandment require?
People: The Seventh Commandment requires us and everyone else to keep sexually pure in heart, speech, and action.

Leader: What does the Seventh Commandment forbid?
People: The Seventh Commandment forbids thinking, saying, or doing anything sexually impure.

Call to Confession Genesis 19:15-16; I John 2:15-16
Confession of Sin “Loving the World”

Heavenly Father, You have chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we might worship You as our Savior. Left to ourselves and cut off from your saving grace, we would still be your enemies and strangers to your love and compassion. We praise You for freeing us from the bondage of our sinful wills but we continue to sin against You day after day. Like Lot, we are too attached to this fallen and temporary world and too weakly desire your holy presence and everlasting love. I have taken the things of this world and turned them into objects of devotion and worship, demanding my life, my soul, my all. Forgive me.

Lord Jesus, You came into the world to save sinners, yet, we confess we look down upon those living like Sodom and Gomorrah today. But by the grace of God, there go I. Forgive our pride and lack of compassion. Forgive me of my own unholy fantasies and romantic obsessions that make me feel loved and desirable. Free all who are enslaved to unholy addictions like pornography, fornication and unnatural attractions. We hide our unholy thoughts and actions from others but O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked and grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Holy Spirit, as You draw us home to Heaven, help us all to hate our sin. We now look at the bloody Cross of Jesus, at that sacred Head now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down. Teach us here, at the Cross, how much You hate sin. Help me to run and flee from my sin! Give me the courage, if need be, to cut off my sinful hand and gouge out my sinful eye, for it is better to lose a hand or an eye than to lose my soul.

Dear God, thank You for the good gifts of creation. Help us to rightfully enjoy them but fill me with awe and wonder that You have dressed me in the radiant robe of Christ’s perfect righteousness! I praise You that the good work You have begun in us will be completed at the Day of Christ Jesus our Lord, that Day we will stand before You in the joy and peace of sinless bliss, as the beautiful Bride of Christ. Help us remember the glory of our Everlasting Rest. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 1:3-10
Special Offering Covenant Mercy Ministry
Hymn of Meditation “God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)” (1)

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

Distribution of Elements

(Please note that grape juice is in all the inner circles of cups and wine is only in the one outer circle.)

***Charge and Benediction** II Corinthians 13:14

***Hymn of Benediction** “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” (C169, v.5)

*Postlude

THIS WEEK, September 11 - 17, 2016

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
•Second Sunday Lunch
Tuesday •WIC Bible study, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday •Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.
•Dinner Served, 5:30 p.m.
•Kids Quest, 6:30 p.m.
•Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
•Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Sara Washburn, Susan Harris
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Dawn Welch
Morning Worship ~Toni Hill, Wendy Russell
- ◆ **WIC Bible Study:** Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m
- ◆ **September Operation Christmas Child Collection Items** ~ “Toiletries & Hair Supplies” ~ toothbrushes, combs, bar soaps
- ◆ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,460.00
Tithes/Offerings, September 4, 2016	\$ 8,750.23
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 26,500.21
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 29,257.17
Mortgage Balance	\$ 209,705.18

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AM Sermon Notes
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"The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Price"
Matthew 13:44-45
Synoptic Gospel Series
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Covenant Presbyterian Church Prayer List Sunday, September 11, 2016

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor
Mrs. Glenda L. Delmar, CCS Principal
Mrs. Martha A. Middleton, Executive Administrator
Ms. Roseanne S. Culpepper, CCS Office Manager
Mr. Bryan M. Walker, CCS Bookkeeper
Mr. Art Stroh, Youth Director
Mr. Jonah Cleveland, Assistant Youth Director
Mr. Jeff Delmar, Music Leader

PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday Paddy Cook% PEF Evangelist
Monday Anastasia Sato*
Tuesday Memo & Jennie Salinas % PEF, South America
Wednesday Jake Welch* Julia Delmar* Richy Simpson*
Thursday Peter Siaway% PEF, Atlanta, GA
Friday Emad Mikhail% Mission to the World
Saturday Teri Zechman*
(*Happy Birthday, #Happy Anniversary, %Missionary)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AT HOME AND ABROAD

Currently Deployed Overseas: Randy Miller (Joyce Post's grandson)

Currently Serving at Home: Shawn Rost (Warren & Judy Kline's son-in-law), Ben Hollo, Ian Harris, Seth Armstrong, Ezra Swanson

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Cancer: Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, chemotherapy & radiation), Charlotte Bass (4 year old friend of Mara Frazier, Aplastic Anemia), *Larry Treston (Wendy Russell's father), Wayne Bingham*

Illness: Brian Schreiber (Fred & Carrie Hayes Schreiber's son, blood disease), Fran Coyne (friend of the Steele's, aortic valve stenosis), Johnny Langham (Jack & Jan Langham's son), Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), David Hill (heart blockage), Cheryl Gaudiano, Roger Leete (CIDP), Gloria Hawkins (Glenda Delmar's mother, stroke), Derrick Jensen (family friend of Raquel Clark, ALS), Rich Simpson (hip replacement), Michael Kline (mini-strokes), *Kristi Hinkle Dugan (infection)*

Special Need: Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Dawn Welch family, Dell Simpson, Terrie Cleveland family, *Esmé Bahati*

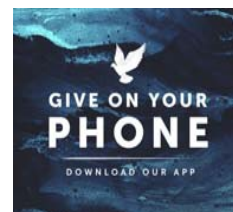
Expectant Mothers: Valerie Welch Cleveland, Kristie Delmar

**Names in italics are new to the list this week.*

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*Building Relationships,
Building the Kingdom,
For Now...and Eternity*

We go and make
mature disciples
of the
Lord Jesus Christ
who glorify
and enjoy God
forever.

glorify God

WORSHIP

love one another

COMMUNITY

serve the world

MISSION