

THE LORD'S DAY ~ September 18, 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 purifying of imagination by His [God’s] beauty. . .”
~ Archbishop 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 Great Is Our God”* (1)

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: how great is our God!*

Invocation

***Call to Worship** Psalm 111:1-3

***Hymn of Praise** *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”* (Words: T311) (2)

***Hymn of Adoration** *“And Can It Be”* (Words: T455) (3)

*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed Part VIII (A)

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 Glory and Triumph of God’s Church?

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 . . . and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins . . .**

Out of the whole creation, from the beginning of the world until its end, God has called a people to Himself, whom He adopts for Himself, by the Spirit and the Word, a Church chosen in love unto eternal life according to the riches of God’s grace. This one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, as it is perceptible to us, is an assembly of visible saints, called and separated from the world, ordered, empowered, and commissioned to worship and glorify God by extending His kingdom to all nations by declaring and demonstrating the reign of Christ, its King and Head. We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

The Church, under Christ’s rule, consists of those united on the basis of the gospel and the doctrines of the Scripture, not outward liturgical forms, traditional ecclesiastical structure, or any other basis however supposedly beneficial to the unity and perseverance of God’s people. Thus, it is neither catholic nor apostolic to decree any teaching as an essential doctrine that is contrary or additional to that which is taught in the Scriptures alone. The true Church, under the authority of the Word, has endured and will endure until the end of time, even through many persecutions and evils within and without, for the Lord Jesus Christ declared, “I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”. We praise the God of peace that He will soon crush Satan under our feet. In that Day the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea, and every knee will bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Scripture Reading Genesis 30 (PB 24)

Hymn of Confession *“By Thy Mercy”* (4)

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heav’n thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear.

From the depth of nature’s blindness, from the hard’ning pow’r of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within.

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord;
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan’s pow’r,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

Call to Confession Genesis 22:1-3

Prayer of Confession *“God’s Good Gifts”*

Almighty God, You have graciously filled our lives with many wonderful things and blessed us richly with friends, family and wealth that most people in this world and throughout history could not even imagine. We confess today that we are prone to love your good gifts far more than we love you. Forgive us for coveting things you have not given us, for our sinful worry that You will take away the things and people that we have come to love so much.

Heavenly Father, we know we deserve Your holy and just wrath and the wages of our sin is death, yet You loved us so much that You saved us at the cost of your only begotten Son, upon whom You poured out Your wrath for our sins. Thank you, Father, for suffering so much for us.

Lord Jesus, You absorbed and disarmed the wrath of God toward us. You never coveted, never bowed to an idol, never loved anyone or anything more than our Father. Through your perfect obedience we have been made clean. Unlike Isaac, you walked up the hill of sacrifice and carried the wood upon which You would suffer and die in our place, declaring, “It is finished!” Every idolatrous thought, every sinful act and moment of unbelief of ours has been wiped off the books of Heaven and cast into the depths of the sea!

Holy Spirit, help us see the idols of our deceptive hearts. Grant our stubborn hearts the grace to repent. Open our eyes to behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Cleanse us from all self-worship. Draw our hearts into heaven, where our Savior sits at the right hand of God, interceding for us even now. Help us in our weakness. Fill us with the hope of glory and we look forward to that Day when we will join the heavenly choir singing, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive blessing and honor and glory.” Amen.

Assurance of Pardon James 1:16-18; Luke 11:13

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Romans 12:1

Offertory Hymn *“Thy Word”* (C184)

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 119:45-46

Sermon Matthew 13:45

“The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price”

Rev. Cory Colravv

***Closing Hymn** *“I’ve Found the Pearl of Greatest Price!”* (Words: T696)
(Tune: T253)

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

***Hymn of Benediction** *“The Gloria Patri”* (T734)

***Postlude**

THIS WEEK, September 18-24, 2016

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
 •Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
 •Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday •WIC Ladies 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 ~Elizabeth Sato, Lauren Bahati
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Michele Devereaux
Morning Worship ~ Sara Washburn, Susan Harris

- ◆ **WIC Bible Study:** No meeting until September 13th
- ◆ **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 11, 2016	\$ 3,780.34
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 30,380.55
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 31,149.81
Mortgage Balance	\$ 209,705.18

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

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AM Sermon Notes
 The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 18, 2016
 "The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price"
 Matthew 13:45-46
 Synoptic Gospel Series
 Rev. Cory Colravy

Prayer List, Sunday, September 18, 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

PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday Judy Kline*
 Monday Peter Bakelaar% MTW, Japan
 Tuesday David & Karen Story% RUF leader, FSU, Tallahassee, FL
 Wednesday Bruce & Pam Sinclair% Westminster Bible College, Kampala, Uganda
 Thursday Ross & Amy Middleton% church planters, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 Friday Chuck & Wyema% Enterprise Europe church planters
 Saturday Covenant Christian School%
 (*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, Esme Bahati

Expectant Mothers: Valerie Welch Cleveland, Kristie Delmar

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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