THE LORD'S DAY ~ *August 26, 2018*

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.

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

~ I Corinthians 1:18

"A. W. Tozer said, 'Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving . . . to save us and make us sit together in heavenly places to demonstrate to the ages the exceeding riches of God's kindness to us in Christ Jesus.' The problem of how to reconcile evil people with a God who hates evil is the greatest problem of history. It calls for the greatest solution ever devised, one so radical as to be nearly unthinkable, and to offend the sensibilities of countless people throughout history ~ the cross." (1)

"The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God." ~ Martin Lloyd-Jones

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

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

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Psalm 109:30

*Hymn of Praise

"O Church, Arise" (2)

O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;

And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure.

And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

(1) Randy Alcorn, "Grace: A Bigger View of God's Love", © 2016 Harvest House Publishers, p.12; (2) Keith Getty, Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music; (3) Galatians 2:16; (4) Prayer of Jerome, 342-420 AD; (5) Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Edward Mote, William Batchelder Bradbury© 2011 Hillsong Music Publishing. All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI #128060.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace, We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

*Confession of Faith

The New City Catechism #33

Leader: Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else? (3)

People: No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the

only Redeemer and Savior.

Scripture Reading Exodus 34 (PB74)

Hymn of Confession "All for Jesus" (T565)

Call to Confession Titus 3:5

Confession of Sin

O Good Shepherd, Lord Jesus Christ, seek me out, and bring me home to Your fold again. Deal favorably with me according to Your good pleasure, till I may dwell in Your house all the days of my life, and praise You for ever and ever with them that are there. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:6

(4)

Sunday School & Teacher Recognition

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Proverbs 28:6

"Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways."

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Offertory Hymn

"Psalm 8" (Tune: C121)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. O Lord, our Lord, You have set Your glory over the heavens and earth.

Your hands set stars in place. What is man that you would care for him And give him glory and dominion over Your creation?

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Children and infants sing about Your strength and tell of Your glory and worth.

O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name: Prince of Peace, Mighty God; O Lord God almighty.

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:162

"I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil."

Sermon Romans 3:21-31



"The Grace of God (3), Righteousness & Justification (C)"
The Romans Series (64)
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

*Hymn of Response

"Cornerstone" (Words: T521) (5)

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

*Charge and Benediction

Ephesians 6:23~24

*Hymn of Benediction

"The Gloria Patri" (T735)

*Postlude

THIS WEEK August 26 - September 1, 2018

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.

•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday •Praise Team rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.

•Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday •Cleveland Fellowship Group pool party, Middleton home, 4:00 p.m.

Announcements

♦ Nursery Today Morning Worship ~ Ann Bingham, Danielle Griffin

♦ *Nursery Next Week* Sunday School ~ Val Cleveland

Morning Worship ~ Belynda Walker

Ushers Today: James Thompson, Isaiah Thompson, Tim Parker, John

Armstrong

♦ Ushers Next Week: George Goehring, Geoffrey Brooks, Isaac Brooks, Zeke

Zechman

♦ Budget Summary:

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement \$ 5,525.00
Tithes/Offerings, August 19, 2018 \$ 3,264.00
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received \$ 14,832.53
CCS Insurance Reimbursement \$ 3,413.21
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses \$ 5,034.34
Mortgage Balance \$ 161,892.29

COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Roseanne Culpepper, August 26th Christian Zechman, August 26th Susan Nunnery, August 29th Brian & Emily Delmar, August 28th

CPC On-Line Prayer Room

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website: www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer room



^{*}If you are able, please stand at these times.

"All for Jesus" Mary D. James, 1871

"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "~ Matthew 22:37

"How sweetly does her life exhibit the beauty of holiness," someone said of Mary James, author of this hymn. "I think I never saw an individual more fully possessed by that love that thinketh no evil, than our beloved Sister James, yet as she professes the enjoyment of a state of holiness, she has her trials."



Mary was born in 1810, and began teaching Sunday school in her Methodist Episcopal Church when she was only thirteen. She had about a dozen girls in her class, and soon she was visiting them in their homes, often bearing gifts her mother had made. It was the beginning of a lifetime for Jesus.

As an adult, Mary's greatest love was traveling to Methodist camp meetings, especially in Ocean Park, New Jersey. There she led prayer meetings, engaged in personal counseling, taught Bible classes, organized workers, shared her testimony, and sometimes preached. She became a close associate of Methodist Holiness leader, Phoebe Palmer, author of "The Cleansing Wave."

Letter-writing was another arena for Mary's gifts, and she frequently penned letters of encouragement to young pastors just starting their ministries. She authored many articles and was a frequent contributor to popular Christian magazines of the day. Her habit was to rise early in the day and scribble down the essence of her freshest thoughts, laying them aside for additional work later.

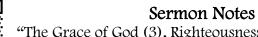
Her writings included one book, a biography entitled *The Soul Winner: A Sketch of Edmund J. Yard*, published in 1883, the year of her death. (Her son, Rev. Joseph H. James published Mary's biography three years later.)

Occasionally Mary's scribblings would result in a hymn. In all, she wrote about fifty gospel songs, but only "All for Jesus" remains popular. It was written for her New Year's letter of 1871. Reviewing the previous year, Mary thanked God for the progress of her ministry. "I have written more, talked more, prayed more, and thought more of Jesus than in any previous year," she wrote, "and had more peace of mind, resulting from a stronger and more simple faith in Him." She attached this poem of consecration, "All for Jesus," as a commitment for the coming year.

Mary had a dozen more years of ministry before being laid to rest in a cemetery in Trenton, New Jersey. Inscribed on her gravestone are the simple words: "All for Jesus."

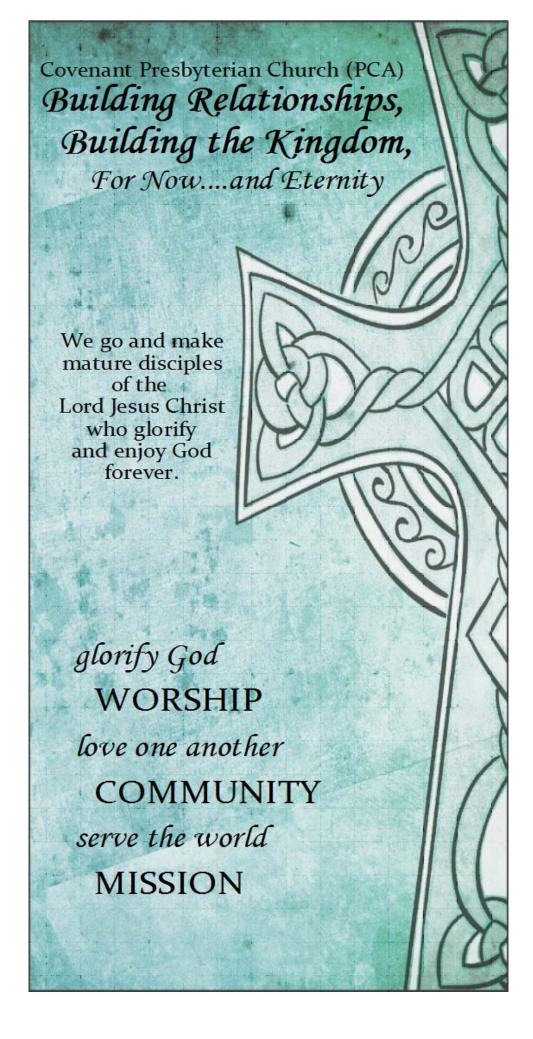
*From "Then Sings My Soul, Book 2" by Robert J. Morgan

Another interesting note: This hymn is the official school hymn for Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, TN, a PCA sponsored college. Their mission is to explore and express the preeminence of Jesus Christ in all things. www.covenant.edu





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