

covenant
children's ministries

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Dear parents of young worshipers,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you and your children worshipping with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace.

This bulletin was designed to help your children follow along with this morning's worship service. Here are some ideas to guide you:

- * Have children use the **stickers** provided as they follow along with this morning's liturgy. We've included some **brief definitions** for various parts of the liturgy to help you as you guide your child through the worship service.
- * Encourage your children to **color (or draw)** the main points of this morning's sermon as you listen together.
- * Help your children as they listen for the answer to the **question for young worshipers** during the sermon.
- * Check out the back of the bulletin for suggestions on **preparing for next week's worship service!** (Practicing can be especially helpful for young worshipers who cannot yet read!)

If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

**In Christ,
Pastor Wiersema**

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude: Before the Throne of God Above

Think about why we are here. Get ready to worship!



Call to Worship: from Psalm 121

God calls us to worship Him from His Word

PASTOR: *I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?*

PEOPLE: **My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

PASTOR: *He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.*

PEOPLE: **Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

PASTOR: *The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.*

ALL: **Praise the Lord!**



Hymn of Adoration: O God beyond All Praising #660

We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!



1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and_ sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that_ we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for_ we can on - ly won - der at_ ev - 'ry gift you send,
and_ wheth - er our to - mor - rows be_ filled with good or ill,



at_ bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
we'll_ tri-umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we_ lift our hearts be - fore_ you and wait up - on your word,
to_ mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we_ hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and_ make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael Perry, 1982

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From Gustav Holst, *The Planets*, 1918



Invocation

We ask God to be present with us as we worship Him.



Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**We declare what we believe about God —
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen



Doxology

We praise God and call others to praise Him!

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

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the doxology, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line, ending with a double bar line.

Thomas Ken, 1709

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



Corporate Confession of Sin: from Matthew 5

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: Heavenly Father,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We are called to be your distinct people,
but we have so often blended in with the world.
We are called to let our light shine before others,
but we have so often hidden away.
We have failed to live for you, our Father in heaven.
So forgive us we pray.



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from Romans 6

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: *Children of God, all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.



Hymn of Assurance

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

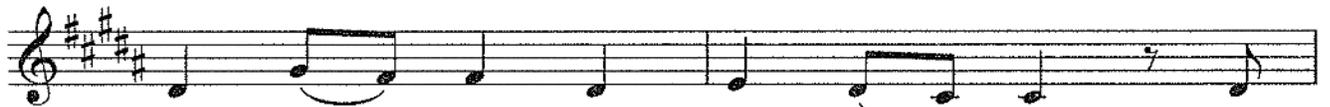
We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.



1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary
2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to



soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that
 torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 heart to Thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
 fly from Thee; I lay in dust, life's glo - ry dead, and



in Thine o - cean depths its flow may
 in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day may
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, that
 from the ground there blos - soms red Life



rich - er, full - er be.
 bright - er, fair - er be.
 morn shall tear - less be.
 that shall end - less be.



Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

We hear God's word being read and thank him for it.

PASTOR: *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**



Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

The pastor prays for God's Church, here and around the world.



Offertory: May The People's Praise You (Psalm 67)

We give back to God a portion of what He has given us.



CHOIR: You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life

CHORUS: May the peoples praise You let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes that we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue Your church proclaim

BRIDGE: Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious name

Children's Worship (8:30 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. They are also invited stay with us during the remainder of the service!*



Hymn of Preparation:

Christ For the World We Sing #447

We praise God as we prepare to listen to His Word.

1. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 2. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 3. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 4. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring

with lov - ing zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent pray'r; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord; with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song; the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Samuel Wolcott, 1869

ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.
 Felice de Giardini. 1769



Sermon: Matthew 28:16-20

Do you matter to God's mission? (Pastor Andrew Lupton)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

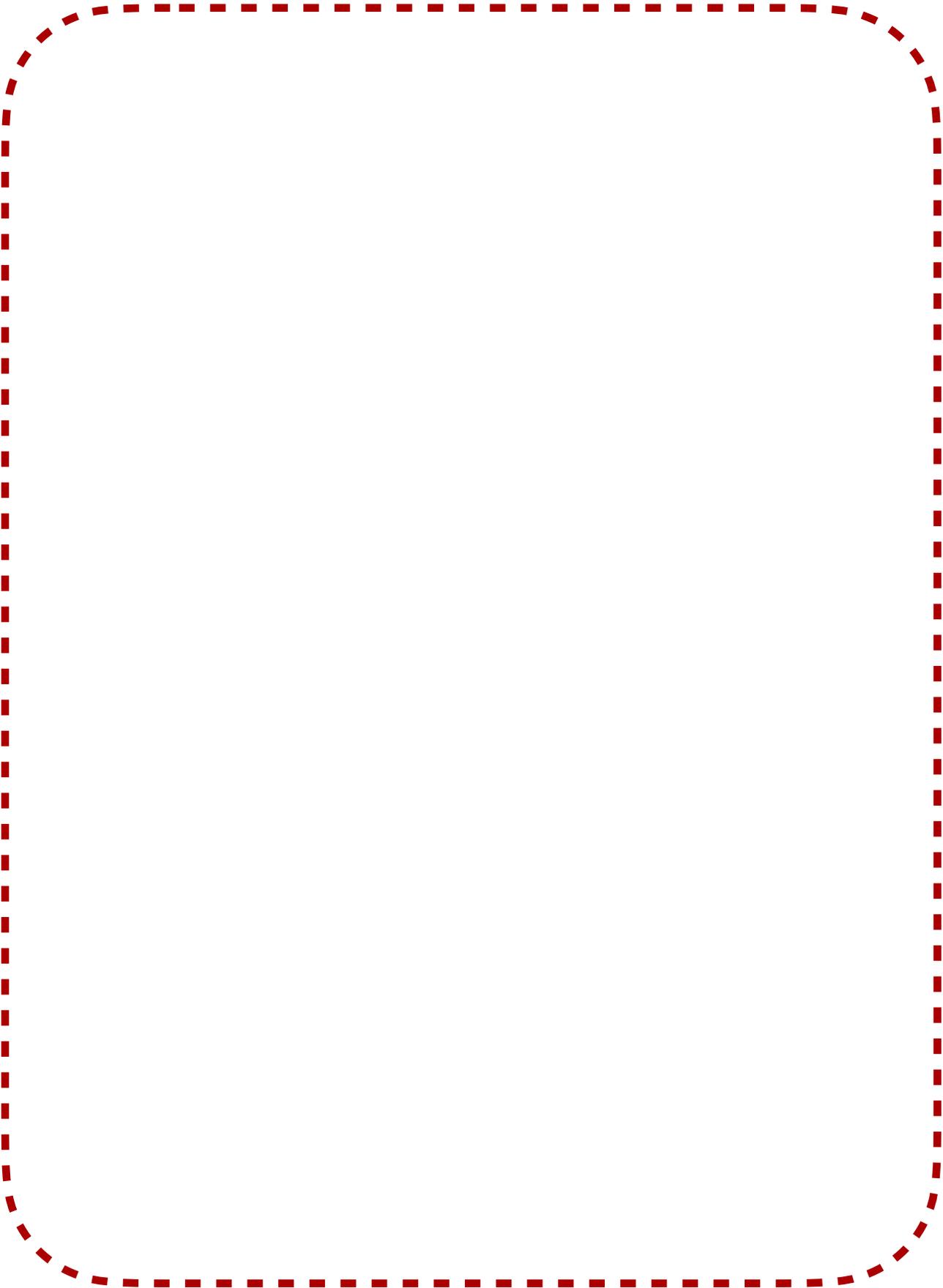
¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

DO YOU MATTER
TO GOD'S
MISSION?

1. Saved

2. Sent

3. Sustained





Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Behold the Lamb

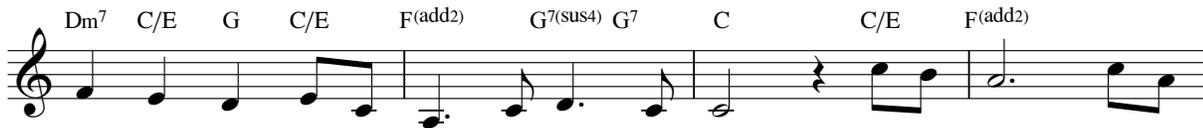
As Christians, we share this meal - reminding us of and strengthening our union with Christ and with one another - as Jesus told His disciples to do before He was crucified.



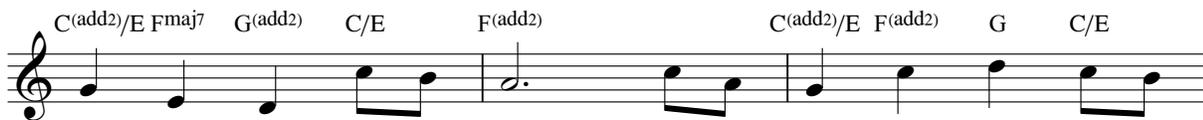
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us.
 2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



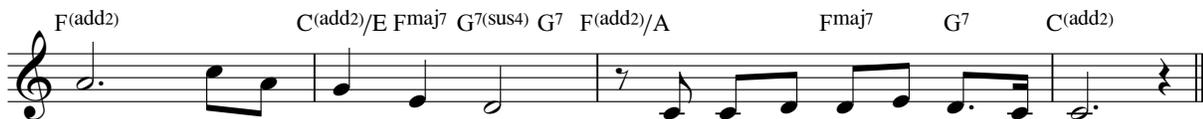
And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who
 Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that
 Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may
 and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this
 brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this
 en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So, we share in this
 steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. As we share in His



Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
 Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
 Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
 suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

★ Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.



Benediction

The pastor proclaims a blessing on God's people



Threefold Amen

"Amen" means "Let it be so" or "It is true"

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



The Peace of Christ

We greet one another and are sent out on our way.

LEADER: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**

Guest Preacher

Andrew Lupton is a native of western North Carolina and has served with Mission to the World since 2011. Andrew married Laura Kate in 2005 and they have the joy of raising Fox (14), Evie (12), and Lucy (9). The Luptons served in Bogota, Colombia for nine years before moving to Oslo, Norway in 2022 to plant Grace International Church of Oslo in one of Europe's diverse and most secular cities. Grace Church is a member of the International Presbyterian Church, a denomination founded by Francis Schaeffer. Andrew is a graduate of Covenant Theological Seminary. The Luptons called Covenant Church their home during seminary years.

Musicians – Jonathan McGuire, Organ & Piano; Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals;
Madeleine Castle, Vocals; Parker Clemmons, Mandolin & Vocals;
Garrett Jacobs, Drums; Tim Cole, Choir Director

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Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

Preparing for next week's worship service

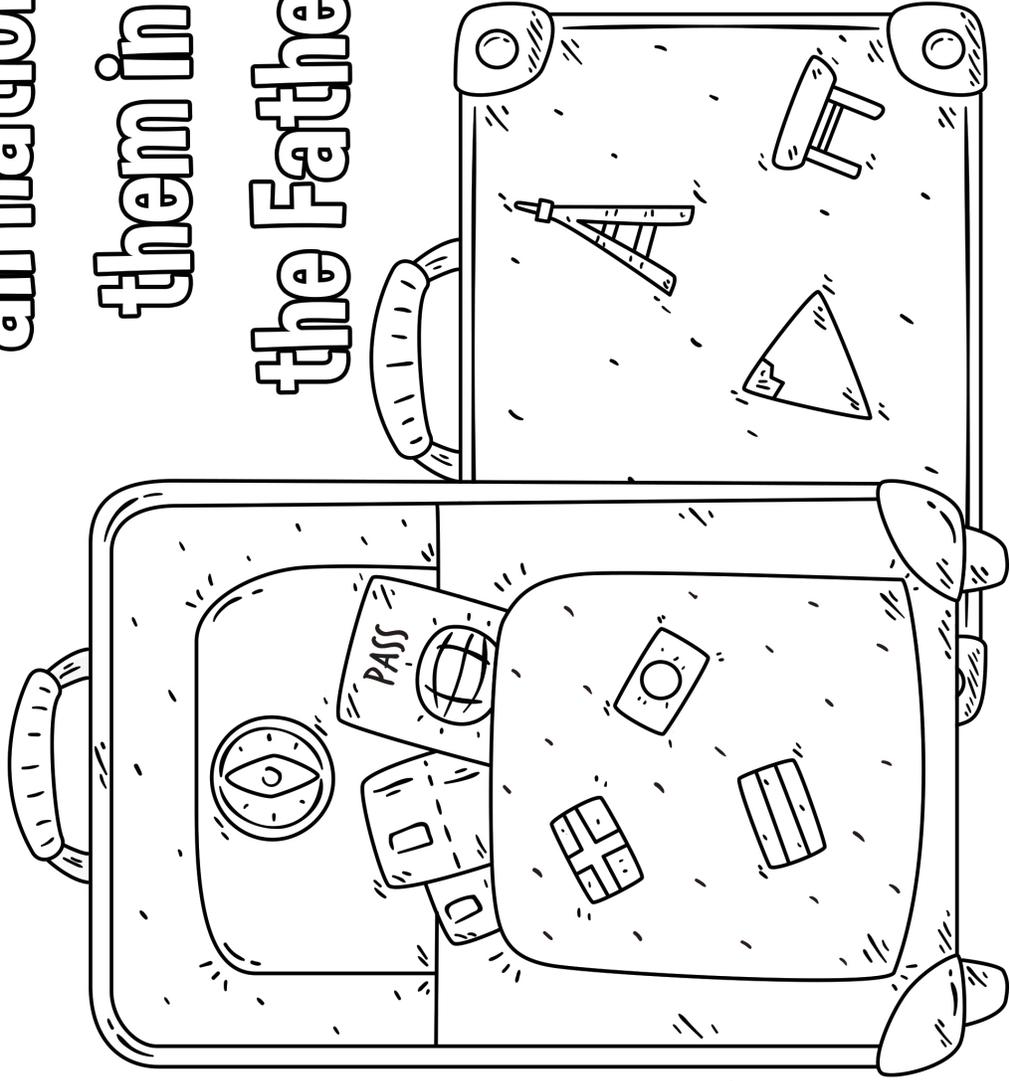
We know that **training our children to worship** does not happen overnight. Especially for children who are not yet able to read, worship services can be difficult to follow, much less participate in! By practicing some of the elements of the service at home as a family during the week as you are able, your child(ren) can be prepared for what to say and sing along with the congregation.

- **PRAY:** We need the Lord's help as we train our children in worship. Even our best efforts to prepare them will fall flat without His aid!
- **MEMORIZE:** Work on memorizing **The Apostles' Creed** and **The Lord's Prayer** with your child(ren). We say these almost every week! In addition, we almost always include one or more of the following songs: the **Doxology**, the **Gloria Patri**, and the **Threefold Amen**.
- **PRACTICE:** You can scan the QR code to find a Spotify playlist with hymns commonly sung in our service and other worshipful hymns.



Therefore go and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing
them in the name of
the Father and of the
Son and
of the
Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19



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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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