



# **COVENANT**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

February 8, 2026

## To our guests,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace. If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

In Christ,  
Pastor Noah Wiersema

**Thank you for visiting with us!**

### Get Connected!

Want to plug into the life of Covenant? Scan the QR code to fill out our **Connection Card**, and our team will be in touch to help you get connected!



 **Hearing Assist:** Sanitized devices are available from our ushers.

**Large Print version of the bulletin is available in the narthex.**



### Why a pelican?

Carved into the front of our pulpit is one of the most ancient symbols of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. Often referred to as "the pelican in her piety," this symbol offers a vivid picture of how Christ's death brings us life: according to legend, a mother pelican will pluck her breast to feed her young with her blood during a time of famine. As a church, Christ's stunning grace is not only front-and-center in our sanctuary but, more importantly, in our lives. The image of the pelican serves as a frequent reminder that we are deeply rooted in Christ so that we might reach out with Christ.

### For Children:

**Junior Bulletin:** We love having our children participate with us in worship! Each week, we provide a children's version of our bulletin that can be found in the narthex.

**Nursery:** The nursery (for children birth to 4 years old) is located on the Lower Level at the north end of the building. If you need help locating it, please feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**Wiggle Room:** If you need to step out of the Sanctuary with your child, the Mare Room offers a closed circuit feed of the worship service along with a few toys. Our ushers would be happy to direct you.

**Children's Worship (available only at the 8:30 service):** A worship training time for children ages four through first grade is offered during the sermon. Children begin worship in the sanctuary and will be dismissed at the appropriate time. Parents should pick up their children in Room 13 on the Lower Level after the service.

# MORNING WORSHIP

## Greeting

*As we enter into worship, please silence your cell phones.*

## Prelude

God, through his Word,  
calls us to worship Him.

## Call to Worship • Psalm 95:3, 6-8

PASTOR: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*

PEOPLE: Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

PASTOR: *For he is our God,*

PEOPLE: And we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

PASTOR: *Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.*

ALL: **For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

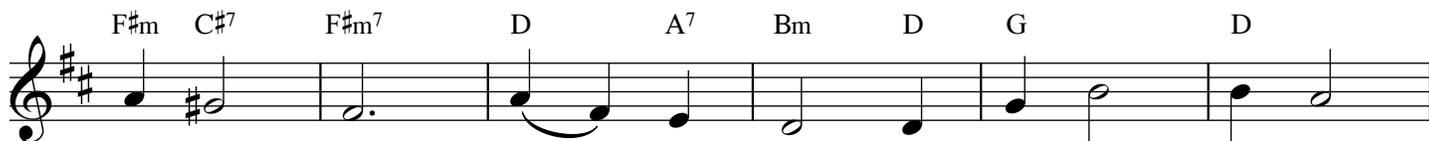
In response to God calling  
us into worship, we sing  
praises to Him.

# Hymn of Adoration • *Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven*

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1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to\_\_\_ his feet\_ your  
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to\_\_\_ our fa - thers  
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well\_ our fee - ble  
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and  
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you\_ be - hold\_ him



trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er,  
 frame he knows; in\_\_\_ his hands he gent - ly bears us,  
 it is gone; but\_\_\_ while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
 face to face; sun\_\_\_ and moon, bow down be - fore him,



who,\_ like me,\_ his praise should sing? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow\_ to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 res - cues us\_\_\_ from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God\_ en - dures un - chang - ing on. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all\_\_\_ in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God\_ of grace.

From Psalm 103  
 Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

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 Mark Andrews, 1930

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We pray to God to bless  
and guide our worship.

We join ourselves to  
Christians across time and  
space by confessing what  
we believe.

## Invocation

### Profession of Faith • The Nicene Creed

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us 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 ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the  
living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

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 worshiped 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;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* universal

# Gloria Patri

#735



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er  
shall be, world with-out end... A - men, a - men.

2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)  
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

## Corporate Confession of Sin • from Psalm 95 and Joshua 5

**ALL: Lord, we come before you confessing that  
though you have worked mightily on our behalf,  
we are guilty of hardening our hearts,  
of putting you to the test, of going astray.  
We struggle to obey you  
and to walk in gratitude to you  
and in humility before you.  
Help us to remember  
your steadfast love and faithfulness,  
that our hearts might melt  
in sorrow and repentance,  
as we seek to renew our obedience to you.**

We boldly confess our  
disobedience to God  
because he is faithful  
and just.

## Silent Confession

We hear of the forgiveness  
we have in Jesus and  
respond with grateful  
hearts.

### **Assurance of Pardon** • from Acts 10:39-43

PASTOR: *They put Jesus to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**



- ▶ 1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed\_
- ▶ 2. Come, ye need - y, — come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty\_
- ▶ 3. Come, ye wea - ry, — heav - y lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
- ▶ 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
- ▶ 5. Lo! th'in - car - nate\_ God as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it\_



- ▶ sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save\_ you,
- ▶ glo - ri - fy; true be - lief\_ and true re - pent - ance,
- ▶ by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
- ▶ fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth
- ▶ of His blood: Ven - ture on\_ Him, ven - ture whol - ly,



- ▶ full of pit - y, — love and pow'r.
- ▶ ev - 'ry grace that\_ brings you nigh.
- ▶ you will nev - er\_ come at all. I will a-rise and go to Je - sus,
- ▶ is to feel\_ your need of Him.
- ▶ let no oth - er\_ trust in - trude.



He will em-brace me\_ in His arms. In the arms\_ of



my dear Sav - ior, O there are\_ ten\_ thou - sand charms.

We hear and read from  
God's word throughout  
our service.

**Scripture Reading • 1 Corinthians 10:1-12**

p.957  
Evan Kvale

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

**Baptism (8:30)**

Theodore Stanley Dakich  
Eden Lynn Dakich

We pray for God's church  
and the world and then  
together pray the prayer  
Jesus taught us to pray.

**Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer**

ALL: 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 forgive 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.

*Please take a moment to sign the brown attendance pad.*

## Offertory • *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*

CHOIR: *Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.  
You have called me to this passage,  
and I'll follow though I'm worn.*

CHORUS: *May this journey bring a blessing,  
may I rise on wings of faith;  
and at the end of my heart's testing,  
with Your likeness let me wake.*

*Jesus guide me through the tempest,  
keep my spirit staid and sure.  
When the midnight meets the morning,  
let me love You evenmore. CHORUS*

*Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go.  
And at the end of this long passage,  
let me leave them at Your throne. CHORUS*

### *Children's Worship (8:30am 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.*

We cheerfully give back to  
God because of all he has  
given us.

# Hymn of Preparation • *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

♩ = 72



1. Mine are days that God has num-bered I was made to walk with  
 2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row dark-ness not yet un-der-  
 3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger pil-grim on a nar-row



Him. Yet I look for world-ly trea-sure and for-sake the King of  
 stood. Through the val-ley I must trav-el where I see no earth-ly  
 way. One with Christ I will en-coun-ter harm and ha-tred for His



kings. But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er though I fall His love is  
 good. But mine is peace that flows from heav-en and the strength in times of  
 name. But mine is ar-mor for this bat-tle strong e-nough to last the



sure. For Christ has paid for ev-'ry fail-ing I am His for-ev-er  
 need. I know my pain will not be wast-ed Christ com-pletes His work in  
 war. And He has said He will de-liv-er safe-ly to the gold-en



more. shore. And mine are keys to Zi-on Ci-ty where be-side the King I  
 me.



walk. For there my heart has found its trea-sure Christ is mine for-ev-er- more.



Comere-joice now O my soul for his love is my re-ward Fear is



gone and hope is sure Christ is mine for-ev-er- more And mine are

## Scripture Reading • Joshua 5:1-12

*1 As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.*

*2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time." 3 So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth. 4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt. 5 Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. 6 For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD; the LORD swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.*

*8 When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. 9 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.*

*10 While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. 11 And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.*

God's word is held out to us so that we might better know, love, and serve God.

**Sermon • Getting Started on the Right Foot**

Joshua 5:1-12; p.180

Rev. Chris Smith

1. Melting

2. Marking

3. Making Good

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# Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We are raised up to feast  
with our Lord.

*Gluten-free bread is located on the communion table at the front of the sanctuary.*

*Grape juice is in the clear cups and wine is in the tinted cups.*

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

## Communion Hymn • *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

**Chorus** F F/D Bb F Dm C Bb

*We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored.*

F F/D Bb F

*He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er We will feast*

C F Verse Bb

*and weep no more.*

1. We will not be burned by the fire,
2. In the dark of night be - fore the dawn
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed

Bb C Dm Bb

He is the Lord our God we are not con - sumed by the  
my soul be not a - fraid for the prom - ised morn - ing O how  
You are the faith - ful one and from the gar - den to the

Dm Bb C Dm C/E

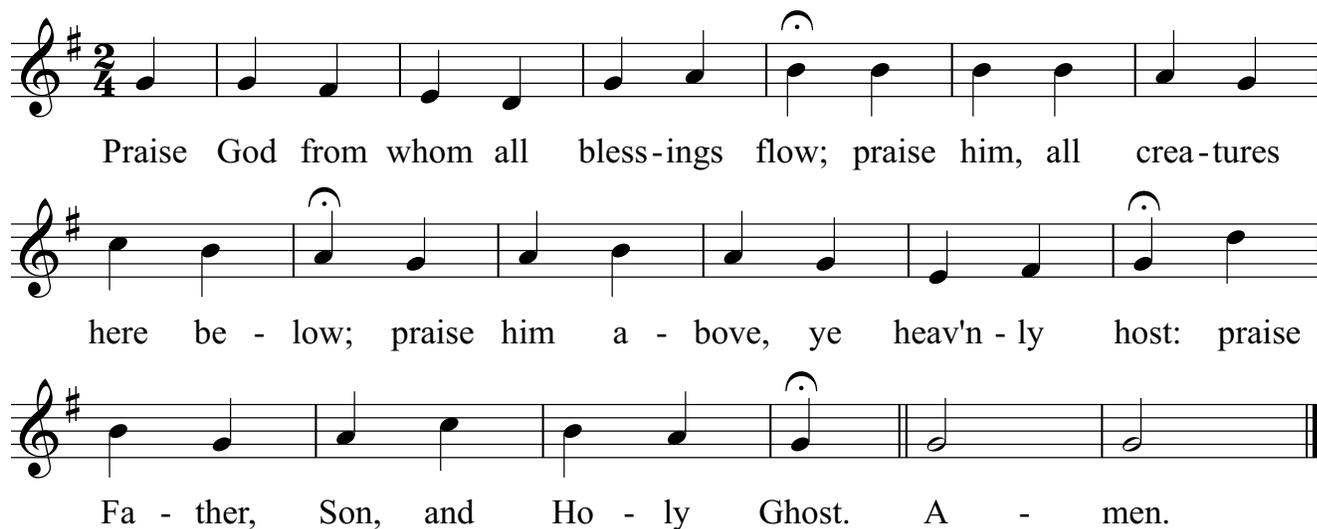
flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.  
long O God of Ja - cob be my strength.  
grave Bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

We are sent out with  
God's blessing.

## Benediction

## Doxology

#731



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.

Thomas Ken, 1709

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

We are reminded of the  
peace we have in Jesus and  
we share that peace with  
one another.

## The Peace of Christ

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

PEOPLE: *And also with you!*

Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Bekah Marsh, Vocals; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals

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# EVENING WORSHIP

*If you would like to give your tithe this evening,  
please place it in the wooden offering box located in the narthex before or after the service.*

## Prelude

### Call to Worship • from Psalm 135

PASTOR: *Praise the LORD!  
Praise the name of the LORD,  
give praise, O servants of the LORD,*

PEOPLE: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

PASTOR: *For we know that the LORD is great,  
and that our Lord is above all gods.*

PEOPLE: Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all the deeps.

ALL: **It is He who makes the clouds rise  
at the end of the earth,  
who makes lightnings for rain  
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.**

God, through his Word,  
calls us to worship Him

### Hymn of Adoration • *How Great Thou Art*

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### Opening Prayer

We pray to God to bless  
and guide our worship.

We join ourselves to  
Christians across time and  
space by confessing what  
we believe.

## Catechism Question • Heidelberg Lord's Day 18

PASTOR: *What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?*

ALL: **That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

PASTOR: *But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?*

ALL: **Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.**

PASTOR: *If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?*

ALL: **Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.**

PASTOR: *How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?*

ALL: **First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

**Hymn of Praise** • *Fairest Lord Jesus*

#170

**Prayer Requests**

We take time to pray for  
one another.

**Hymn of Preparation** • *How Firm a Foundation*

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**Scripture Reading** • Zechariah 10:1-12

**Sermon** • The Promise of Restoration

Zechariah 10:1-12, p.797

Mr. Joe Swenson

Covenant Theological Seminary Student

God's word is held out to  
us so that we might better  
know, love, and serve God.

## Hymn of Response • *Thy Mercy, My God*



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme\_\_ of my\_\_ song,\_\_ the\_\_  
2. With - out Thy sweet mer - cy I could\_\_ not live\_\_ here;\_\_\_\_\_  
3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match\_\_ for my\_\_ heart, which\_\_  
4. Great Fa - ther of mer - cies, Thy good - ness I\_\_ own and the



joy of my heart and the boast\_\_ of my tongue. Thy  
sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but  
won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -  
cov - e - nant love of Thy cru - ci - fied Son; all



free grace a - lone,\_\_ from the first\_\_ to the last,\_\_ hath  
through Thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive,\_\_ and  
solved by Thy good - ness I fall\_\_ to the ground and  
praise to the Spir - it, whose whis - per di - vine\_\_ seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound\_\_ my\_\_ soul fast.  
He that first made me still keeps\_\_ me\_\_ a - live.  
weep for the praise of the mer - cy\_\_ I've found.  
mer - cy, and par - don, and right - eous - ness mine.

We are sent out with  
God's blessing.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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Musicians – Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals

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### **Preaching Schedule**

#### February 15

Morning: Joshua 5:13-15

Evening: Zechariah 11:1-17

#### February 22

Morning: Matthew 28:16-20

Evening: Missions

### **Church Staff**

Noah Wiersema, Senior Pastor

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David Moore

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Reed Voorhees

### **Women's Ministry Leadership**

Moms of Littles - Anna Kvale, Lauren Dakich

Hospitality & Fellowship - Julie Bauer, Sarah Theus, Amanda Moore

Service & Compassion - Mary Reed, Debbie Jacobs, Erin Figueira

Discipleship - Lydia Seibert



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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