

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — October 8, 2023

Welcome

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Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1

***Sing: Hymn #115, All Creatures of Our God & King**

*Invocation

*Confession of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

(Copied from *The Reformation Study Bible, 2015*)

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven;

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy catholic* church; the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.

* The word "catholic" refers to the universal church

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We're very glad to worship
with you this morning.
Covenant Church is a church
of **prayer, worship, and loving
our city**, while rejoicing and
resting in God — to his glory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight — Evening Worship

Please plan to return here at
6:00 PM for Covenant's
Evening Worship service.

Wednesday (10/11) — Burbank

"State of the City". 11:00 AM -
1:30PM.

Saturday (10/28) — Pumpkin Carving Party & Contest

Brooks and Amanda's home,
4 PM - 6 PM.

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

*Scriptural Declaration of Pardon

Romans 5:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Sing: Hymn #92, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God
(Children Come Forward on Last Stanza)

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes & Offerings
Jeffrey Kusumi

Sing: Hymn #731, *The Doxology

Pastoral Prayer (& *Lord's Prayer*)

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.*

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 56 (ESV)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE DOVE ON FAR-OFF TEREBINTHS. A MIKTAM OF DAVID, WHEN THE PHILISTINES SEIZED HIM IN GATH.

¹ Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; ² my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. ³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

⁵ All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. ⁶ They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. ⁷ For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

⁸ You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? ⁹ Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, ¹¹ in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

¹² I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. ¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Sermon, Rev. Josh Squires

“A Simple Song for a Complex Life”

***Sing: Psalter #108A**

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

The bread is vegan and gluten-free. The cup is grape juice. It is our custom to hold the elements, and partake together. Please leave your glass cup at your seat.

