

# Covenant Church

Morning Worship — November 12, 2023

## Welcome

Dr. Edward L. Dalcour

## Announcements

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

## Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

**\*Sing: Hymn #164, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

## \*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 **Love for Our City,**  
while rejoicing and resting  
in God — to his glory.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tonight —**

#### **Evening Worship**

You're invited to return  
here at 6:00 PM for the  
*Evening Worship* service.  
The sermon text this  
evening is 1 Peter 2:18 - 3:7.

**Sunday (11/26) —**

#### **Last Sunday Lunch**

On the last Sunday of each  
month, Covenant Church  
enjoys a fellowship lunch  
immediately following the  
conclusion of *Morning  
Worship*. The Lord's Supper  
is celebrated in *Evening  
Worship* on these Sundays.

**Women's Bible Study —**

**More Details Later This  
Week.**

## GOD CLEANSSES US

### Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against 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 Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 34:18-22 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.  
<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.  
<sup>20</sup> He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.  
<sup>21</sup> Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### \*Sing: Hymn #308, *Jesus Paid it All*

(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

Ephesians 6:10–20 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher**

“Armor Needed in the Way of Grace: The Shield, The Helmet, & The Sword”

**\*Sing: Psalter #163**

## 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.*

## GOD COMMISSIONS US

**\*Sing: Hymn #261, What Wondrous Love is This? (Stanzas 1 & 3)**

**\*Benediction**

Romans 16:20

**\*Sing: Psalter #179**

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