

# Covenant Church

*Morning Worship* — December 31, 2023

## Welcome

Rev. Brooks Pipher

## Announcements

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

## Call to Worship

Psalm 100

**\*Sing: Hymn #1, *All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

## \*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

### **This Afternoon — *Last Sunday Lunch***

Please plan to stay for our monthly fellowship lunch immediately following the conclusion of *Morning Worship*.

### **Tonight — *Evening Worship***

You're invited to return here at 6:00 PM for the *Evening Worship* service with the Lord's Supper. The sermon text this evening is Matthew 16:24- Matthew 17:20.

### **Thursday (1/4 + 1/11) — *Women's Study and Fellowship.***

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at Brooks/  
Amanda's home in Burbank,  
620 E. Angeleno Ave.

### **Tuesday (1/16) — *Men's Study and Fellowship.***

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM in Burbank.

## GOD CLEANSSES US

### Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:7-12 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

### \*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 25:8-9 (ESV)

“For He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

### \*Sing: Hymn #457, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

(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

Matthew 16:13-23 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that



