

# Covenant Church

Morning Worship — January 7, 2024

## Welcome

Andrew Telthorst

## Announcements

### “Membership Minute”

(Membership Sunday — February 25, 2024)

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

Psalm 117

**\*Sing: Psalter #122**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Confession of Faith (Unison)**

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Congregation: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yes, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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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 Matthew 28:16-20.

### **Monday (1/8) — Loving Our City.**

Donut drop-off to McKinley Elementary School in Burbank. Volunteers needed.

### **Saturday (1/13) — Prayer Meeting and Prayer Walk.**

10 AM meet at Brooks/Amanda's (620 E. Angeleno Ave, Burbank) for 30 minutes of prayer, followed by a walk to the Burbank Farmers Market, if able. Coffee and tea will be served.

### **Thursday (1/11) —**

#### **Women's Study and Fellowship.**

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at Amanda's home in Burbank. Chapter 4 of *Encounters with Jesus* book.

### **Tuesday (1/16) —**

#### **Men's Study and Fellowship.**

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

Meeting at IKEA in Burbank.

## GOD CLEANSSES US

### Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>For 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

Romans 8:1 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

### \*Sing: Hymn#463, *A Debtor to Mercy Alone*

(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

John 17:1-26 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

**Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher**

“Christ, Always Interceding for His People”

**\*Sing: Hymn #92, A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

**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.*



