

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — January 21, 2024

Welcome

Announcements

“Membership Minute”

(Membership Sunday — February 25, 2024)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

***Sing: Hymn #363, *We Gather Together* (Stanzas 1 & 3)**

*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 Acts 1:1-26.

Thursday (1/25) —

Women's Study and Fellowship.

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at Amanda's home in Burbank.

Saturday (1/27) —

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.

Sunday (1/28) —

Last Sunday Lunch.

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

Tuesday (2/6) —

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)

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 Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:3-5 (ESV)

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope

***Sing: Psalter #31A (Stanzas 1 & 3)**
(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 3:1-21 (ESV)

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and

be born?”⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher

“The Joy of New Birth”

***Sing: Hymn #460, Amazing Grace! (Stanzas 1, 4, & 6)**

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.

