

# Covenant Church

*Morning Worship* — October 29, 2023

## Welcome

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## Announcements

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

## Call to Worship

Psalm 117

**\*Sing: Hymn # 363, *We Gather Together!***

**\*Invocation**

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

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 7

*Minister: What is God?*

**Congregation:** God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection: all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every where present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

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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.

## **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 1 Peter 2:4-12.

## **Thursday (11/2) — *Loving Our City Care Package Assembly***

Brooks and Amanda's home, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

## **Friday (11/10) —**

### **Chili Bowl & Cook Off**

Sommerly & Nathanael Roe's home, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

## GOD CLEANSSES US

### Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 90:1–8 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>3</sup> You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!” <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: <sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. <sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

### \*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1b

<sup>1b</sup> “if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

### \*Sing: Hymn # 535, *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

(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

“Armor Needed in the Way of Grace: The Breastplate of Righteousness”

**\*Sing: Psalter #1**

## GOD COMMISSIONS US

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6:24–26

**\*Sing: Psalter #179**

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