

# Covenant Church

Morning Worship — October 22, 2023

## Welcome

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## Announcements

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

## Call to Worship

Proverbs 18:10

**\*Sing: Psalter #100**

**\*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.

**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 1:22 - 25.

**Saturday (10/28) — Pumpkin Carving Party & Contest**  
Brooks and Amanda's home,  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

**Sunday (10/29) — 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.

**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

Acts 10:43 (ESV)

<sup>43</sup> “To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### \*Sing: Hymn #342, *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

(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 Belt of Truth”

**\*Sing: Psalter #46**

## **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 #679, ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

**\*Sing: Psalter #179**

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