

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — September 24, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:9-10

***Hymn #164, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

***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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Confession of Sin (Unison)

Psalm 40:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹ As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹² For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. ¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

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WELCOME!

We're very glad to worship with you this morning. Covenant Church is a church of prayer, worship, and loving our city, while rejoicing and resting in God — to his glory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight — Evening Worship
Please plan to return here at 6:00 PM for Covenant's Evening Worship service.

Covenant Church Conference:
"God and Hope in Infertility"
Please mark your calendars for October 7, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM for our inaugural conference.

VISION FOR COVENANT CHURCH

Please visit www.CovenantBurbank.com and click "Vision"

***Scriptural Declaration of Pardon**

Micah 7:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

***Psalter #175 (Children Come Forward on Last Stanza)**

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Children's Message

Worship of God with Tithes & Offerings, Jeffrey Kusumi

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 5:22-33 (ESV)

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher

"Looking to Christ"

***Psalm 100**

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***Benediction**