

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — December 8, 2024

Welcome

Andrew Telthorst

Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 95:6

***Sing: Hymn #218, Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

*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

Evening Worship
Tonight, 6:00 PM

Congregational Meeting
All members please plan to stay after *Morning Worship* today for a brief Congregational Meeting

Middle/High School Youth Group
Friday, December 13
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Brooks & Amanda's in Burbank,
620 E. Angeleno Ave

Ladies Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 14
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sommerly's Home
in North Hollywood
Sommerly - 702-577-8894

Men's Study and Fellowship
Tuesday, December 17
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Confessing the Faith
Whole Foods in Burbank

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

*Congregation standing, if able

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ 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**

Isaiah 25:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Sing: Hymn# 202, *O Little Town of Bethlehem

(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

Hebrews 2:5-9 (ESV)

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher

“Glory and Honor to Christ”

***Sing: Psalter #22C**

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 #214, Angels We Have Heard on High (Stanzas 1 & 3)**

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

***Sing: Psalter #179**

