

# Covenant Church

*Morning Worship — January 12, 2025*

## Welcome

## Announcements

Andrew Telthorst

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

Psalm 150

**\*Sing: Psalter #175**

**\*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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Evening Worship

*Tonight, 6:00 PM*

### Masks and Air Purifiers

*Today*

Thanks to a gift from First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, all without one at home are invited to take an air purifier. We also have KN95 Masks available. Please see Pastor Brooks after the service.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

*Today*

Come and rejoice in the administration of this sacrament to young Rami Moncada as we consider together in this the love of God for his people!

### Men's Study and Fellowship

*Tuesday, January 21*

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

*Confessing the Faith*

Whole Foods in Burbank

*\*Congregation standing, if able*

## GOD CLEANSSES US

### Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

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

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

**\*Sing: Hymn #189, *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know***

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### The Baptism of Rami Moncada

Questions for Angel & Allyson:

(a) Do you renew the vows which you made when you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and entered into the full communion of this Church?

(b) Do you acknowledge that your child is a sinner in need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit?

(c) Do you claim God's covenant promises on this child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for this child's salvation, as you do for your own?

(d) Do you now covenant and promise in humble reliance on the grace of God to bring up your child to love God and to serve Him, to the end that your child may come to commit his life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Question for Covenant Church:

(a) Do you the members of Covenant Church undertake with these parents the covenant responsibility for the Christian nurture of this child?

**\*Sing: Hymn #347, *The Church's One Foundation***

## 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**

Lamentations 3:1-66 (ESV)

I am the man who has seen affliction

under the rod of his wrath;

<sup>2</sup> he has driven and brought me

into darkness without any light;

<sup>3</sup> surely against me he turns his hand

again and again the whole day long.

<sup>4</sup> He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;

he has broken my bones;

<sup>5</sup> he has besieged and enveloped me

with bitterness and tribulation;

<sup>6</sup> he has made me dwell in darkness

like the dead of long ago.

<sup>7</sup> He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;

he has made my chains heavy;

<sup>8</sup> though I call and cry for help,  
he shuts out my prayer;  
<sup>9</sup> he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;  
he has made my paths crooked.  
<sup>10</sup> He is a bear lying in wait for me,  
a lion in hiding;  
<sup>11</sup> he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces;  
he has made me desolate;  
<sup>12</sup> he bent his bow and set me  
as a target for his arrow.  
<sup>13</sup> He drove into my kidneys  
the arrows of his quiver;  
<sup>14</sup> I have become the laughingstock of all peoples,  
the object of their taunts all day long.  
<sup>15</sup> He has filled me with bitterness;  
he has sated me with wormwood.  
<sup>16</sup> He has made my teeth grind on gravel,  
and made me cower in ashes;  
<sup>17</sup> my soul is bereft of peace;  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
<sup>18</sup> so I say, "My endurance has perished;  
so has my hope from the LORD."  
<sup>19</sup> Remember my affliction and my wanderings,

the wormwood and the gall!

<sup>20</sup> My soul continually remembers it  
and is bowed down within me.

<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> It is good for a man that he bear  
the yoke in his youth.

<sup>28</sup> Let him sit alone in silence  
when it is laid on him;

<sup>29</sup> let him put his mouth in the dust—  
there may yet be hope;

<sup>30</sup> let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,  
and let him be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not  
cast off forever,  
<sup>32</sup> but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
<sup>33</sup> for he does not afflict from his heart  
or grieve the children of men.  
<sup>34</sup> To crush underfoot  
all the prisoners of the earth,  
<sup>35</sup> to deny a man justice  
in the presence of the Most High,  
<sup>36</sup> to subvert a man in his lawsuit,  
the Lord does not approve.  
<sup>37</sup> Who has spoken and it came to pass,  
unless the Lord has commanded it?  
<sup>38</sup> Is it not from the mouth of the Most High  
that good and bad come?  
<sup>39</sup> Why should a living man complain,  
a man, about the punishment of his sins?  
<sup>40</sup> Let us test and examine our ways,  
and return to the LORD!  
<sup>41</sup> Let us lift up our hearts and hands  
to God in heaven:  
<sup>42</sup> “We have transgressed and rebelled,

and you have not forgiven.

<sup>43</sup> “You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us,  
killing without pity;

<sup>44</sup> you have wrapped yourself with a cloud  
so that no prayer can pass through.

<sup>45</sup> You have made us scum and garbage  
among the peoples.

<sup>46</sup> “All our enemies  
open their mouths against us;

<sup>47</sup> panic and pitfall have come upon us,  
devastation and destruction;

<sup>48</sup> my eyes flow with rivers of tears  
because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

<sup>49</sup> “My eyes will flow without ceasing,  
without respite,

<sup>50</sup> until the LORD from heaven  
looks down and sees;

<sup>51</sup> my eyes cause me grief  
at the fate of all the daughters of my city.

<sup>52</sup> “I have been hunted like a bird  
by those who were my enemies without cause;

<sup>53</sup> they flung me alive into the pit  
and cast stones on me;

<sup>54</sup> water closed over my head;

I said, 'I am lost.'

<sup>55</sup> "I called on your name, O LORD,

from the depths of the pit;

<sup>56</sup> you heard my plea, 'Do not close

your ear to my cry for help!'

<sup>57</sup> You came near when I called on you;

you said, 'Do not fear!'

<sup>58</sup> "You have taken up my cause, O Lord;

you have redeemed my life.

<sup>59</sup> You have seen the wrong done to me, O LORD;

judge my cause.

<sup>60</sup> You have seen all their vengeance,

all their plots against me.

<sup>61</sup> "You have heard their taunts, O LORD,

all their plots against me.

<sup>62</sup> The lips and thoughts of my assailants

are against me all the day long.

<sup>63</sup> Behold their sitting and their rising;

I am the object of their taunts.

<sup>64</sup> "You will repay them, O LORD,

according to the work of their hands.

<sup>65</sup> You will give them dullness of heart;



<sup>66</sup> You will pursue them in anger and destroy them from under your heavens, O LORD.”

## “Lamenting & Hope in the Midst of Danger”

**GOD COMMISSIONS US**

## Romans 15:13

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