# **Covenant Church**

*Morning Worship — August 31, 2025* 

#### Welcome

Mr. David Duke

#### **Announcements**

#### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

### Call to Worship

From Revelation 4:8 & 11

\*Sing: Psalter #100

#### \*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 *on mission* by **Prayer**, **Worship**, and **Love for Our City**, while rejoicing and resting in God — to his glory.

#### **NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

## "Last Sunday" Lunch Today, 11:00 AM

Please plan to stay for our monthly fellowship lunch following the conclusion of *Morning Worship*.

## Evening Worship Tonight, 6 PM

The sermon text for *Evening Worship* is Revelation 20:1–10.

## Ladies Study & Fellowship Wednesday, September 10

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Amanda's home in Burbank. 620 E. Angeleno Ave.

#### **GOD CLEANSES US**

## Confession of Sin (Unison)

Psalm 51:7-12 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## \*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 116:5-7 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. <sup>6</sup> The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

\*Sing: For All the Saints, Hymn #358 (Stanzas 1, 2, & 6) (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**

Genesis 4:1-10 and Hebrews 11:4 (ESV)

Genesis 4:1-10 (ESV)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

<sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

#### Hebrews 11:4 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

## Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher

"Abel Still Speaking"

\*Sing: Psalter #116B

**GOD COMMISSIONS US** 

\*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26	
*Sing: Psalter #179	

