

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — October 26, 2025

Welcome

Rev. Brooks Pipher

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

***Sing: Psalter #113**

*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

Welcome, Rev. Bill Holiman!

"Last Sunday" Lunch

Today, 11:15 AM

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

Outreach & Evangelism

Today, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

UMe Credit Union Burbank Parking Lot
Please let Pastor Brooks know if you'd like to participate.

Evening Worship

Tonight, 6 PM

World Series Watch Party - Dodgers

Monday, 10/27, Wed 10/29

Saturday, 11/1 (Pending)

Watch on the big screen!

160 S. Victory Blvd. Burbank

"Holiday in the Park" Burbank

Friday, November 21

Thanksgiving Day Hike & Brunch

Thursday, November 27

**Congregation standing, if able*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 25:8–18 (ESV)

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. ¹² Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. ¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. ¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV)

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*Sing: *Psalter #44A*

(Children Come Forward on Last Stanza)

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes & Offerings

*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

Colossians 1:15-28 (ESV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Sermon, Rev. Bill Holiman

"Jesus the Image of God"

Sing: Hymn #503, *Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night

GOD COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

Sing: *Psalter #179

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Rev. Bill Holiman was born in Little Rock, AR and was raised in the ARP Church there, making his profession of faith at seven years old. As a teenager he was challenged by his grandmother to become a preacher. With that goal in mind he attended Covenant College, near Chattanooga, TN. There he met Lorelee Hight. They married in 1979. Through her father Bill became familiar with the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. From there he spent fourteen years as a pastor before entering the US Navy as a Chaplain. After twenty- three years of service he retired and came home to Arkansas. After forty-six years of marriage and twenty-seven years of a chronic debilitating disease Lorelee went home to be with the Lord.

Bill currently serves as Principal Clerk of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the ARP Church, as well as regularly preaching at numerous ARP churches.