



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship Service

May 31, 2026
11:00 a.m.

The Calling of Matthew
Matthew 9:9-13

WELCOME

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA) is a reformed and confessional church comprised of a family of Christian believers whose purpose is to glorify God and enjoy him by worshipping in Spirit and Truth. We warmly welcome you to worship with us today and look forward to meeting you. If needed, we have childcare for ages birth to three years and a nursing mothers room in the ladies' room.



VISITORS

LET'S CONNECT! If you desire, please share your contact information by scanning the QR code and complete the secure form so we can get to know you. We also have paper forms on the entry table if you prefer.



MEMBERS

ATTENTION MEMBERS: We are currently in the process of making our Spring 2026 church directory. Please scan this QR code to fill out the form or email covenantchurchmville@gmail.com and provide us with your most up to date information.

THE LORD'S DAY AT COVENANT

SUNDAY SCHOOL | 10:00 AM

A time of study for all ages

MORNING WORSHIP | 11:00 AM

A time of corporate worship of our sovereign Lord



MORNING WORSHIP

11:00 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE – Holy, Holy, Holy – Mrs. Beverly Council



CALL TO WORSHIP – Rev. Kreg Bryan

Psalm 30: 4-8

Reader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.” By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy.



INVOCATION & 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.



HYMN OF PRAISE – The Church’s One Foundation – #347



CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 70. Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior.

Q. 72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 18:16-33



PSALM OF PRAISE – Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me – #36

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Philemon



Please stand if you are able.

In Christ Alone

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
babe; this gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day— up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of

peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For eve - ry
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am
man can ev - er pluck me from His hand. Till He re -

ter, my all in all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

TEXT and MUSIC: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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CONFESSION OF SIN

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation, so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Psalm 28:6-7

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.



GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER – Pastor Bryan

OFFERTORY / HYMN OF PRAISE – In Christ Alone – In Bulletin



DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

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HYMN OF RESPONSE – O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus – #535



BENEDICTION



NUNC DIMITTIS – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing – #384, v.1

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. Oh refresh us, oh refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE – Cross Medley

SERMON NOTES

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WORSHIP 101

Welcome to our church and to one of the most vital things we do: worshipping the Living God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We hope that as you worship with us, your hearts will be enriched, your minds opened to the things of God, and your desires shaped to His will. Below is the layout of our morning worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Since we are a worshipping community, we may have a few announcements of common interest before the Prelude, but please read the items of interest in your bulletin. Join us in any of our activities.

PRELUDE: A musical piece planned for reflection and preparation. We recognize that most of us lead very hectic lives. Please calm your heart and prepare to meet God. Meditation on Scripture or reading over the words of hymns for the service is often helpful.

CALL TO WORSHIP: The tone of the service begins with Scripture, reminding us all of our purpose.

SINGING UNTO THE LORD: We welcome you to pray, praise, and witness during our songs. We use hymns that are time-tested, focused on God, and reverent. Our goal is to bring you into the presence of the exalted God, no less, who joins us in worship. When special music is included, it is offered as an act of worship to the glory of God. Since it is not a performance for our entertainment, we ask you hold your applause.

CONFESSION: Often we use historic confessions or creeds to verbalize our faith publicly and to unite us together. Usually, the pastor will identify the time period or setting of an ancient confession. We also use Prayers of Confessions, with an announcement of Pardon from sin — good news for all believers. We invite you to enter sincerely into these opportunities to acknowledge our brokenness – in thought, word, and deed – and to receive God's forgiveness through Christ.

PASTORAL PRAYER: A time to praise, petition, and communicate with God. We often pray for specific needs of our congregation at this time, as well as use words and phrases from the Bible.

OFFERING: Our church's work is supported by grateful givers and their tithes, which belong to the Lord (Mal. 3:10).

SCRIPTURE READINGS: We believe that God's Word is perfect and cannot fail. Thus, we seek to saturate our worship with as much of God's Word as possible. Every service of worship will feature many portions of God's Word because it is the bread of life.

SERMON: An explanation of the Bible verses read. Our pastors frequently preach through books of the Bible, trusting God's Spirit to apply His Word to your hearts. The sermon's purpose is not so much to entertain as it is to unfold and apply the eternal message of God.

BENEDICTION: While the benediction is pronounced, reverently meditate and rejoice in God's blessing. It is quite literally a "good word", taken from Scripture to give a concluding blessing to the service.

POSTLUDE: Celebratory music played after the service has concluded. During this time, be sure to greet one another and deepen your friendships as an overflow of worship.

In essence, we seek to worship God as modeled in Scripture, not according to human imagination, custom, creativity, or glamour. This ancient and reverent worship form depends on God's ordinary methods: preaching, prayer, and the sacraments as effective means by which God conveys grace, strength, truth, love, and eternal life. We extend our hands to invite you to join us.

PASTORAL STAFF

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CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session

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Pastor Bryan

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Dr. Scott Buchanan

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Mr. Tom Ivey

Mr. Cason Kelley

Mr. Hunter McComb

MISSIONS

Will & Summer Zimmer, Austin Hessinger, Sara Johnson, Lexie Anderson, & Cameron Watson

Maclain Sewell, Karaline Dunn, Marissa D'Ambriso

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David & Erin Pervis

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MTW - El Salvador

MTW - New York, NY

MTW - Kuopio, Finland

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Christ Presbyterian Church

Trinity Church, Chester

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COVENANT

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| June 3rd - 5th | Vacation Bible School 1:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, June 21st | Church outside on the Pavillion @9:00 a.m. |

| June | | | | | | |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |

| CHILDCARE | SUNDAY SCHOOL | CHURCH |
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| May 31st | Olivia Ullengren and Kaley Wallace | Steffi Wood and Jackie Hartley |
| June 7th | Sara Johnson | Cindy Ivey |
| MAY GREETERS | Allen and Katie Dempster | |

REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Wednesday..... Men's prayer @ C.E. Building 7:00-7:45 a.m.

Sunday..... Sunday School @ C.E. Building 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service @ Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

COVENANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OUTSIDE: Sunday, June 21st, the church service will be moved outside to the pavillion and will be held at **9:00 a.m.** with sunday school following after the service. Thank you for your patience as our sanctuary flooring is being renovated!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: This year's VBS will be held June 3–5 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. for children of all ages. The theme is "Seek and Ye Shall Find." Mark your calendars and join us for a fun and enriching week!

VBS ICE CREAM SOCIAL: After VBS ends at 4:00 on Friday, June 5th, parents are invited to an ice cream social. We will watch a recap video of the week and enjoy ice cream provided by the church on the pavillion.

SANCTUARY UPDATE: The Diaconate has proposed, and the Session has approved, replacing the flooring in the sanctuary and narthex with LVP. The project is scheduled for the first two weeks of June at a cost of \$49,000; **a special fund is now available** for those who wish to contribute toward this important update, with any additional giving helping support future improvements.

LADIES' EMAIL UPDATES: Any women interested in receiving our monthly women's committee email updates can email covenantchurchmville@gmail.com with your contact information and we will include you in our mailing list!

MEN'S PRAYER: The men meet each Wednesday in the C.E. Building from 7 to 7:45 a.m. where they are praying through the Psalms.

CATECHORUS: This Sunday School class for ages 6–12 is taught by Pastor Bryan, Logan and Rebecca Brasher, with additional helpers. Join us as we explore these timeless truths—building a strong foundation in God's Word for ourselves, our families, and those who will come after us. "The faith you pass to the next generation is the greatest legacy you can leave." There is a resource page available at this link and QR code for more information.

<https://www.covenantchurchmville.org/children>



FUTURE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you want any future events or announcements to be included in the weekly email or bulletin, please email covenantchurchmville@gmail.com. If you need anything printed, contact that address accordingly as all items will only be printed on Fridays.

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