

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Morning Worship Service*

*December 14, 2025*

*10:45 a.m.*

The Lord's Prayer: The Conclusion – Doxology



# 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 worshiping 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 mother's 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.

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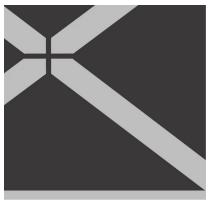
# THE LORD'S DAY AT COVENANT

**MONTH OF DECEMBER:**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MORNING WORSHIP | 10:45 AM**

A time of corporate worship of our sovereign Lord



# MORNING WORSHIP

## 11:00 AM

### WELCOME

PRELUDE – In the Bleak Midwinter – Mr. Logan Brasher



CALL TO WORSHIP – Pastor Bryan

Psalm 42:1-5 (Reader | **Congregation**)

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?”

**These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**



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 – O Come, All Ye Faithful – #208



Please stand if you are able.



## CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Creed Pt. II

**I believe our first parents, though created in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, sinned against God, by eating the forbidden fruit; and that their fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery; I believe God determined, out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, to deliver His elect out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer; I believe the only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING – Micah 5:2-5



## HYMN OF PRAISE – Good Christian Men Rejoice – #207

## NEW TESTAMENT READING – Luke 2:25–32, 36–38

## CONFESSION OF SIN – Pastor Bryan

Do not withhold Your tender mercies from us, O Lord; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve us. For innumerable evils have surrounded us; our iniquities have overtaken us, so that we are not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of our heads; therefore our hearts fail us. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us; O Lord, make haste to help us. Amen.  
(Psalm 40:11-13)



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Psalm 130:3-4

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.



## “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 – Infant Holy, Infant Lowly –  
#216



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 PRAISE – All My Heart This Night Rejoices –  
#217



BENEDICTION



NUNC DIMITTIS – All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord –  
#219 V3

POSTLUDE – Go Tell it On the Mountain

# SERMON NOTES

**The Lord's Prayer: The Conclusion – Doxology**

Pastor Bryan

December 14, 2025



# 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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### Senior Pastor

Rev. Kreg Bryan

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## CHURCH OFFICERS

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### The Session

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Dr. Scott Buchanan<sup>\*</sup>

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Dr. Doug Pohl<sup>\*</sup>

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### The Diaconate

Mr. Brione Burrows

Mr. Marty Dominy

Mr. Tom Ivey

Mr. Cason Kelley

Mr. Casey Miller

Mr. Hunter McComb

## MISSIONS

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COVENANT

Sun 21 December	Christmas Brunch @ 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary
Sun 21 December	Christmas caroling @ 3 p.m. at the Cottages
Wed 24 December	Christmas Eve Service @ 5 p.m. in sanctuary

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CHILDCARE	Church	On Call
December 14	Jackie Hartley and Catherine O'Connell	N/A
December 21	Syndy Barbour and Martha Mixon	*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*
DECEMBER GREETERS	Jordan and Steffi Wood	

## REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Sunday..... No Sunday School  
Morning Worship Service @ Sanctuary 10:45 a.m.

# COVENANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** On December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m., Covenant will host a special service at The Cottages. We will sing Christmas hymns and carols with the residents. The address is 1010 Fernwood Dr.

**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 Psalms using the ACTS (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication) approach.

**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](mailto:covenantchurchmville@gmail.com). If you need anything printed, contact that address accordingly as all items will only be printed on Thursdays.

**DECEMBER SERVICES:** During the month of December, Covenant is following last year's program by canceling Sunday School classes and changing the service time to 10:45 a.m. Starting January, Sunday School classes will resume and service will start at 11 a.m. once more.

**ROMANS STUDY:** The Thursday morning women's Bible study is on pause until the new year. Please reach out to Gail if you have any questions.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** First Presbyterian Macon is hosting a mission trip to Casa Hogar, a Christian children's home in Acapulco, Mexico, from July 15–22, 2026. Casa Hogar provides care, shelter, love, and hope to orphaned and abandoned children. The trip cost is \$1,750, and space is limited to middle school ages and up due to the size of the home. If you are interested in joining, please contact Steffi Wood at (209) 485-0983.

**RIDGE HAVEN CAMP:** There is an opportunity for our 6th through 8th grade students to attend Ridge Haven Camp in Brevard, North Carolina from July 20th to the 24th. Contact Steffi Wood for more information.  
<https://www.ridgehaven.org/>

**CATECHORUS:** This Sunday School class is for ages 6–12, 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>

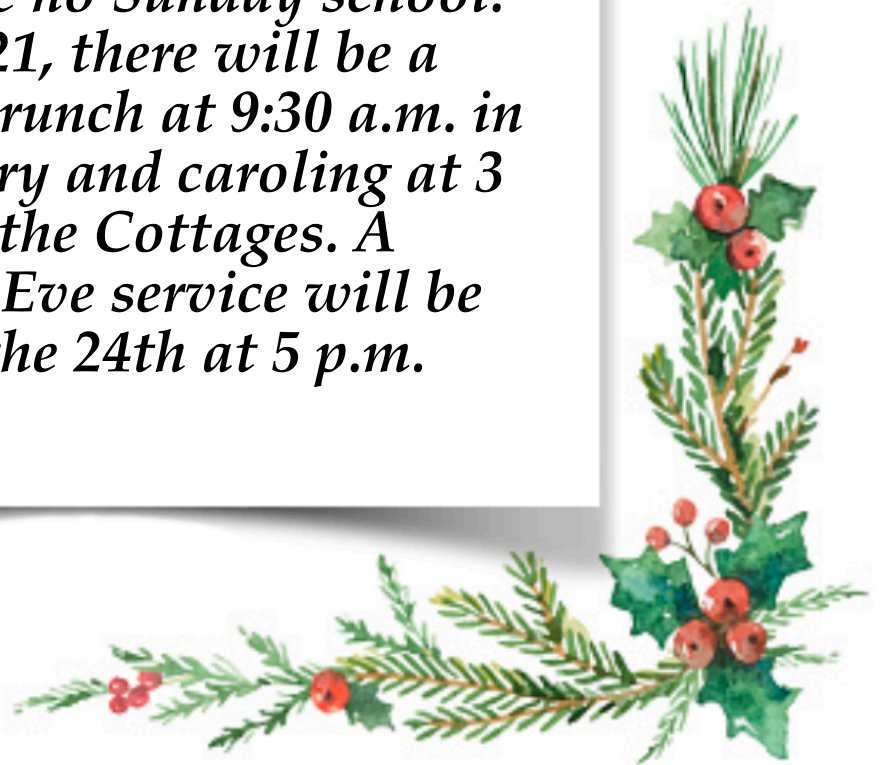


# DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



*Advent began on Nov. 30 and is followed by events each Sunday leading to Christmas. All services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be no Sunday school.*

*On Dec. 21, there will be a Christmas Brunch at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and caroling at 3 p.m. at the Cottages. A Christmas Eve service will be held on the 24th at 5 p.m.*



# LIVESTREAMS AND PAST SERMONS

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