



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Morning Worship Service*

11:00 AM

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

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*The Empire of the Greeks*

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Daniel 8:1-27



# MORNING WORSHIP

## Leading the Service

Rev. Kreg Bryan

### THE PRELUDE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to Covenant! We share the same Spirit and are thankful to connect this morning and worship the Living God. If needed, there is a nursery available for ages three and under.*

### ✠ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 86:3-7

Reader: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.

**People: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

Reader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

**People: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.**

### ✠ THE INVOCATION

### ✠ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

# 59

*Forever Settled in the Heavens*

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-36

### ✠ THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING AND TRUST

In Bulletin

*Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

✠ Please stand if you are able.

# Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ (SUS4) B $\flat$  Gm F/A B $\flat$

1. Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with Him.  
 2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der - stood.  
 3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row way.

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ (SUS4) B $\flat$  Gm F B $\flat$

Yet, I look for world - ly treas - ure and for - sake the King of kings.  
 Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth - ly good.  
 One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and ha - tred for His Name.

B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

1. But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure.  
 2. But mine is peace that flows from heav - en, and the strength in times of need.  
 3a. But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war.  
 3b. And mine are keys to Zi - on ci - ty where be - side the King I'll walk.

B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  *At end of 3a, repeat to 3b*

For Christ has paid for ev' - ry fail - ing; I am His for - ev - er - more.  
 I know my pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me.  
 And He has said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en shore. (to 3b)  
 For there my heart has found its treas - ure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more. (to bridge)

*Bridge* B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F

Come re - joice now, O my soul, For his love is my re - ward.

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F B $\flat$  *Repeat, then return to 3b*

Fear is gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

## ✠ THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Based on Book of Common Worship, second order

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father; For His sake; That we may hereby live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## ✠ THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

## ✠ THE “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.*

## THE PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

*We Are an Offering*

## ✠ THE DOXOLOGY

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*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.*

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 **THE HYMN OF RESPONSE**

# 449

*We Rest on Thee*

 **THE BENEDICTION**

# *Sermon Notes*

## **The Empire of the Greeks**

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Dr. Doug Pohl\*  
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Teaching<sup>+</sup> / Ruling\*

### *The Diaconate*

Mr. Brione Burrows  
Mr. Marty Dominy  
Mr. Tom Ivey  
Mr. Casey Miller  
Mr. Hunter McComb  
Mr. Michael Steinbaugh

## *MISSIONS*

Will & Summer Zimmer, Sara Johnson,  
Lexie Anderson, & Baylee Williamson  
Caring Solutions (formerly CPC)  
Covenant Care  
David & Erin Pervis  
Craig & Stacy Pohl  
Rodney & Jana Davila  
Jim & Carin  
Jay & Nancy Matsinger  
Dan & Mako Gilchrist  
Andy Young  
Samaritan's Purse

Campus Outreach, GCSU  
Milledgeville, GA  
Macon, GA  
MTW - Athens, Greece  
MTW - Tokyo (Chiba), Japan  
MTW - El Salvador  
MTW - New York, NY  
MTW - Jacksonville, Florida  
Equipping Leaders International  
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# WORSHIP 101

*Welcome to our church and to one of the most vital things we do: worshiping 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 worshiping 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.*

# What's Happening at Covenant?

Sun

**28**

Apr

- Graduate Recognition & April Fellowship Meal @ Sanctuary 11:00am

Sat

**4**

May

- Art Class--*Ars pro Christos Solo* @ C.E. Building 2:00pm

Thurs

**9**

May

- Final Ladies' Bible Study @ 10:00am

Sat

**11**

May

- Final Saturday Men's Breakfast @ Local Yolkal 8:00am

## April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>28</b>	29	30				

## May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	<b>4</b>
5	6	7	8	<b>9</b>	10	<b>11</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Wednesday**.....Men's Coffee With the Puritans @ C.E. Building 6:30-7:30 am

**Thursday**..... Prayer Time @ Sanctuary 9:30 am

Ladies' Bible Study—*The Life of Moses* @ Sanctuary Classroom 10:00-Noon

**Saturday**..... Saturday Men's Breakfast & Study, monthly @ 8:00 am

**Sunday**..... Sunday School @ C.E. Building 10:00-10:45 am

Morning Worship Service @ Sanctuary 11:00-Noon

Monthly Sunday Fellowship Meal @ Sanctuary 12:00pm

Evening Worship Service @ Sanctuary 5:00-6:00 pm

*Regular*

*Group*

*Meetings*

# Covenant Announcements

*Sunday School:* Come join us each Sunday at 10:00 in the C.E. Building for Sunday School. We have classes for all ages. Mr. Rick Jacobs is teaching about the *Psalms* in the adult class. Coffee and doughnuts are provided.

*Sunday Evening Service:* Our regular evening service will meet this evening at 5:00pm. Pastor Bryan will preach the sermon *Born (Again) to Love* from I Peter 1:22-23. There will be a time of prayer following the service.

*Graduate Recognition:* On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize our graduates during the morning worship service. Afterwards, there will be a barbecue fellowship meal hosted by the Steinbaughs. See your weekly email or the advertisement on the bulletin board near the nursery to sign up to bring a side or dessert.

*VBS: The King Is Coming,* will take place June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 in the C.E. Building. All children of Covenant families (ages 3-11) are welcome to attend. Each family is encouraged to bring a neighbor or friend to help sound the trumpets and prepare the way for the King! **Registration is now open.** See your weekly email or the sign on the bulletin board near the nursery to register.

*Updated Directory:* Copies of the updated church directory are available in the foyer. You may pick up your copy today.

# Childcare and Greeters

<i>Childcare Schedule</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Church</i>
Today	Lacey Leazer	Kaley Wallace Shannon Miller
April 28	Sharon Beadles	<b>TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
<i>April Greeters</i>	Bill Hartley Family	



SignUpGenius  
April childcare schedule

## *Livestreams & Past Sermons:*

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGdfwqV-BVjVVZS67L0B7PQ>

Sermon Audio: [www.sermonaudio.com/mvillepca](http://www.sermonaudio.com/mvillepca)

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