



# COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Morning Worship Service*

*February 8, 2026*

*11:00 a.m.*

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**The Measure, The Log, and The Pearl**  
Matthew 7:1-6

# 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

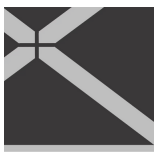
LET'S CONNECT! If you desire, please share your contact information by scanning the QR code and complete the secure form so we can get to know you. We also have paper forms on the entry table if you prefer.

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# THE LORD'S DAY AT COVENANT

**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 – My Jesus, I Love Thee – Mr. Logan Brasher



CALL TO WORSHIP – Dr. Scott Buchanan

Psalm 65:9-13 (Reader | **People**)

**Reader:** You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

**People:** The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.



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 – All Creatures of Our God and King – #115



CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 37: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**Answer:** The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Question 38: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**Answer:** At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 8:13-22 (pew Bible, p. 6)



PSALM OF PRAISE – Psalm 22b 'My God, My God' – In Bulletin



Please stand if you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN –

**Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.**



ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Romans 4:7-8

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.



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 – Dr. Scott Buchanan

OFFERTORY / HYMN OF PRAISE – Before the Throne of God Above – 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

**The Measure, The Log, and The Pearl**

Matthew 7:1-6 (pew Bible, p. 812)

Pastor Bryan



HYMN OF RESPONSE – Take My Life, and Let it Be – #585



BENEDICTION



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

POSTLUDE – Seek Ye First

## 22B

Psalm 22:1-11

## My God, My God

*Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "My God, My God,  
why have You forsaken Me?" — Matthew 27:46*

1. <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, to You I cry, O why have You for-  
 2. <sup>3</sup> But still You are the Ho - ly One; On Is - r'el's praise You  
 3. <sup>6</sup> Re - proached of men, by all de - spised, A worm, and not a  
 4. <sup>9</sup> You brought me safe - ly from the womb, Gave faith when on my

sak - en me? Why are You far from giv - ing help, And  
 are en-throned. <sup>4</sup> Our fa - thers put their trust in You; You  
 man, am I. <sup>7</sup> All they that see me laugh in scorn; They  
 moth - er's breast, <sup>10</sup> Since birth en-trust-ed to Your care. You've

from my ag - o - niz - ing plea? <sup>2</sup> All day, my God, I  
 saved them when to You they groaned. <sup>5</sup> To You they cried, and  
 shake their heads and taunt - ing, cry: <sup>8</sup> "He trusts the LORD! Let  
 been my God, in You I rest. <sup>11</sup> Be not far off, for

cry in vain; By night, yet no re - lief I gain.  
 res - cue came; They trust - ed, and were free from shame.  
 Him de - fend And save him, if He is his friend!"  
 grief is near; No oth - er help - er will ap - pear.

# Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863

Music and alt. lyrics by Vikki Cook

D G D

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me of the guilt with -  
 3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

F#m D/F# G D/F# A Bm G A sus

plea: A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for  
 in, Up - ward I look and see Him there, Whomade an end of all my  
 ness, The great un - change - a - ble I AM, The King of glor - y and of

D G D/F# D A

me. My name is grav - en on His hands. My name is  
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful  
 grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die; My soul is

G D/F# G Bm D/A G D/F# A Bm

writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can  
 soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied To look on  
 pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my

G A Bm G A D

bid me thence de - part; No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 Him and par - don me; To look on Him and par - don me.  
 Sav - ior and my God; With Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

# SERMON NOTES

**The Measure, The Log, and The Pearl**

Matthew 7:1-6 (pew Bible, p. 812)

Pastor Bryan

February 8, 2026

# 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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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COVENANT

TODAY	February Fellowship Meal after 11:00 a.m. Service
Sunday, February 15	Communion Sunday
Saturday, February 21	Men's Breakfast @ C. E. Building
Sunday, February 22	Congregational Meeting following 11:00 a.m. Service

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CHILDCARE	CATECHORUS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH	ON CALL
February 8th	The Brashers	Sara Johnson and Olivia Hessinger	Cindy Ivey and Laura Gillespie	N/A
February 15th	The Bryans	Madeline Fansler and Evie Beadles	Lillie Senter and Lucy Dowdy	N/A
<b>FEBRUARY GREETERS</b>	<b>Harlan and Lori Archer</b>			

## REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

**Wednesday.....** Men's prayer @ C.E. Building 7:00-7:45 a.m.  
Women's Bible Study @ C.E. Building 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**Thursday.....** Ladies' Bible Study @ Sanctuary Classroom 10:00-Noon

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

# COVENANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** The February fellowship meal will be hosted by Campus Outreach, the Hessingers, and the Zimmers TODAY, immediately following the 11 a.m. church service. We invite you to join us in this time of fellowship.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, February 22. It will be held immediately following the worship service and will be to present the proposed budget. Copies are available in advance for review. This meeting is informational in nature and reflects the Session's responsibility for the oversight of church finances.

**MEMBERSHIP INTERVIEWS:** Those interested in pursuing membership may sign up for an interview with the elders using the QR code here. Interviews will be held Sunday, February 15, from 6:15-8:30 p.m. and typically last 15-20 minutes.



**COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Due to inclement weather, communion has been moved to February 15. We look forward to this sacrament and time of fellowship.

**WEDNESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** The Wednesday Women's Bible Study will meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the C.E. Building. The group will be studying *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. All women are welcome to join as we study this insightful text. Books will be provided; please contact Shannon Miller to receive yours.

**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.

**ROMANS STUDY:** The Thursday morning women's Bible Study meets from 10 a.m. to noon. The ladies are studying Romans and are led by Gail Pohl.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next Men's breakfast will be on February 21 and is in the CE building at 8 a.m. We will be reading chapters 1-2 of *The Redeemed Man* by Joel Beeke. Come Hungry!

**RIDGE HAVEN CAMP:** Attention parents: Ridge Haven summer camps are open for registration for kids in grades 3 through 12. Register by February 14 to receive the deepest discount! There are also significant sibling discounts. You can call 828-862-3916 or go to <https://www.ridgehaven.org/> for more information!

**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>



**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.

# LIVESTREAMS AND PAST SERMONS

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