

# COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Morning Worship Service*  
*Communion*

11:00 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

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*When the Nations Glorify God*

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Romans 15:8-12



# Easter at Covenant

## **Good Friday Service**

Sanctuary | April 7 | Noon

Bagged lunch to follow

## **Egg Hunt and Breakfast**

C.E. Building | April 8 | 10 AM


For ages 10 and under

Bring your basket

## **Easter Morning Brunch**

Sanctuary Foyer | April 9 | 10 AM

Bring your favorite breakfast food to  
share before the worship service  
at 11 AM



# MORNING WORSHIP

## Leading the Service

Rev. Kreg Bryan

### 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 PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 104:31-34**

Reader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

### THE INVOCATION

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

**Trinity Hymnal #235**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

### THE CONFESSION OF FAITH


**Ten Commandments**

You shall have no other gods before Me.  
You shall not make idols.  
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.  
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet.

### THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING AND TRUST

**In Bulletin**

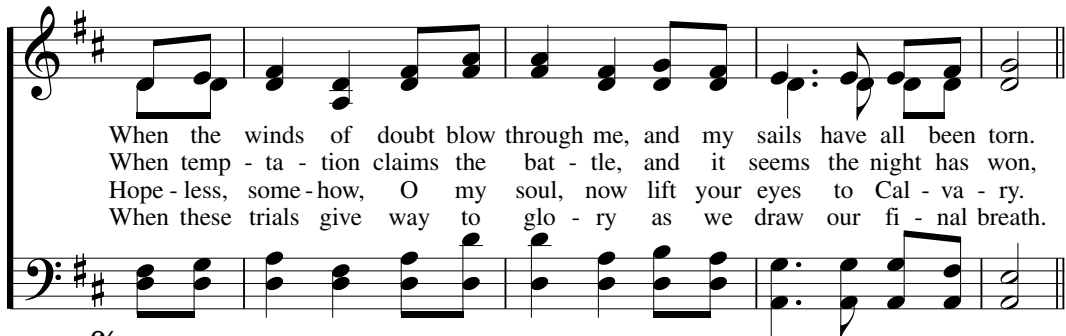
*Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

 Please stand if you are able.

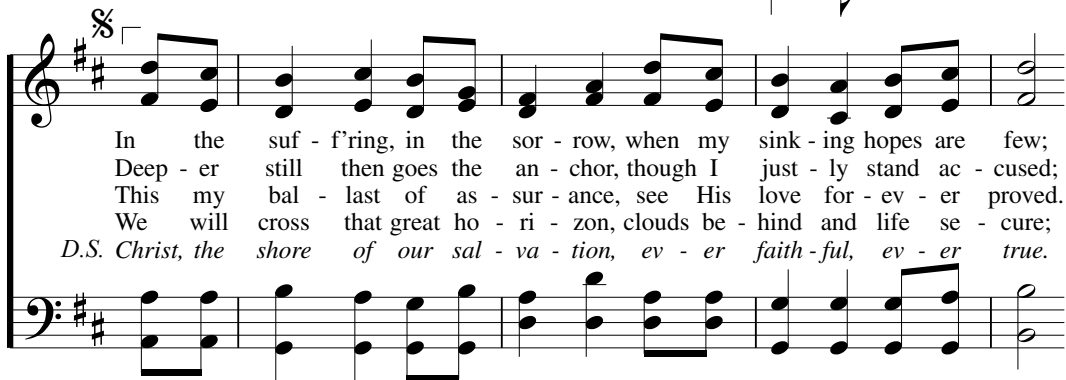
# Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor



1. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;  
 2. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on;  
 3. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief;  
 4. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death;



When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.  
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won,  
 Hope - less, some-how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.  
 When these trials give way to glo - ry as we draw our fi - nal breath.



In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few;  
 Deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;  
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.  
 We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure;  
*D.S. Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.*



*D.S. for refrain*  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 And the calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure.  
 We will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Kreg Bryan

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 10:9-11

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.'"

## 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP

*Everleigh Raya Barbour and Alyssa Ann Galvin*

## THE PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

*He Is Exalted/I Exalt Thee*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Trinity Hymnal #733

## THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Romans 15:8-12

**When the Nations Glorify God**  
*Rev. Kreg Bryan*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal #257

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (verses 1-3)*

THE LORD’S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

 THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal # 257

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (verse 4)*

 THE BENEDICTION

# *Sermon Notes*

## **When the Nations Glorify God**

### **Romans 15:8-12**

Rev. Kreg Bryan

April 2, 2023

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8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."10 And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." 11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." 12 And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

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## *PASTORAL STAFF*

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## *CHURCH OFFICERS*

### *The Session*

Reverend Kreg Bryan<sup>+</sup>  
Dr. Scott Buchanan\*  
Mr. Bruce Dempster\*  
Mr. Rick Jacobs\*  
Dr. Doug Pohl\*  
Mr. Jerry Stuckey\*  
Teaching<sup>+</sup> / Ruling\*

### *The Diaconate*

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

## *MISSIONS*

Will Zimmer	Campus Outreach, GCSU
Tim & Lacey Leazer	Campus Outreach, GCSU
Sara Wilson	Campus Outreach, GCSU
Lexie Anderson	Campus Outreach, GCSU
Caring Solutions (formerly CPC)	Milledgeville, GA
Covenant Care	Macon, GA
David & Erin Pervis	MTW - Athens, Greece
Craig & Stacy Pohl	MTW - Tokyo (Chiba), Japan
Rodney & Jana Davila	MTW - Home Missionary Assignment
Jim & Carin	MTW - New York, NY
Jay & Nancy Matsinger	MTW - Jacksonville, Florida
Dan & Mako Gilchrist	Equipping Leaders International
Samaritan's Purse	Operation Christmas Child

# 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 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.*

# What's Happening at Covenant?

*Fri*

**7**

*April*

- Good Friday Service followed by bagged lunch @ Sanctuary 12:00pm

*Sat*

**8**

*April*

- Children's Egg Hunt and Breakfast @ C.E. Building 10:00am

*Sun*

**9**

*April*

- Easter Sunday Brunch @ Sanctuary Foyer 10:00am

*Sat*

**15**

*April*

- Final Men's Saturday Morning Breakfast @ Local Yolkal 8:00am **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

*Fri*

**21**

*April*

- Progressive Dinner @ downtown houses 5:30-8:30pm

## April

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**Wednesday.....**Men's *Coffee With the Puritans* @ C.E. Building 6:30-7:30 am  
Ladies' Study on *Singleness, Dating, Marriage, and Beyond* @ C.E. Building 5:30-7:00 pm

**Thursday.....** Prayer Time @ Sanctuary 9:30 am (On Break)  
Ladies' *Revelation* Study @ Sanctuary Classroom 10:00-Noon (On Break)

**Saturday.....** Men's Breakfast & *What Is a Man?* Study, 2nd Sat. @ 8:00 am (Monthly)

**Sunday.....** Sunday School @ C.E. Building 10:00-10:45 am  
Morning Worship Service @ Sanctuary 11:00-Noon  
Second Sunday Fellowship Meal @ Sanctuary after Service (Monthly)  
Evening Worship Service @ Sanctuary 5:00-6:00 pm

*Regular  
Group  
Meetings*

# Covenant Announcements

*Sunday Evening Services:* Our Sunday Evening Service meets at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. This evening, Pastor Bryan will continue the study, *The Holy Spirit and the Life of the Christian*. We will begin the service singing Psalms and will pray as a group for 15 minutes following the sermon. Come join us!

*Sunday School:* We have Sunday School for all ages. Come join us each Sunday in the C.E. Building at 10:00am. In the adult class, Dr. Beadles is leading a study on *Christ in the Old Testament*. Coffee and donuts are provided.

*Easter Weekend:* Our annual Good Friday service will be held at noon in the sanctuary on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Following the service, bagged lunches will be provided. On Saturday morning, families are invited to come to the C.E. Building at 10:00 for an egg hunt and breakfast. Children 10 and under, be sure to bring your basket. On Easter Sunday, we will have a brunch in the church foyer during the Sunday School hour. Watch your emails to sign up to bring something to share.

*Wednesday Night Study:* From March 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be viewing and discussing Paul Tripp’s video series, *The Marriage of Your Dreams*. ALL LADIES in the church are welcome to join us at 5:30 in the parlor of the C.E. Building. Contact Julie Bryan for details and questions.

*VBS:* Our VBS, *Faith Exhibition*, will take place June 7, 8, and 9 from 3:30-5:30 in the C.E. Building. All children of Covenant families (ages 3-11) are welcome to attend, and each family is encouraged to bring a neighbor or friend to go on an exciting expedition to uncover the greatest treasure in the world! More details will be forthcoming.

*Progressive Dinner:* Join our church family for a stroll down Milly-lane! On Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm, we’ll “house-hop” between four downtown houses for an old fashioned progressive dinner. Bring your family and a good appetite as we’ll enjoy food and fellowship. Be sure to pick up a flyer in the church foyer today.

*Tithes and Offerings:* It now is possible to donate online to the general fund, internship fund (for Tim Leazer who begins June 1<sup>st</sup>), and pavilion fund online. In addition to your regular offering, if you would like to support the internship fund or the pavilion fund you can do so by scanning the QR code on the back of your bulletin with your smartphone camera.

<i>Nursery Schedule</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Church</i>
Today	Janice Dempster	Lacey Leazer Cindy Ivey
April 9— <b>Easter</b>	Easter Brunch— No Nursery	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
April 16	Debbie Jacobs	Kelea Buchanan <b>Volunteer needed</b>
<i>April Greeters</i>	Doug and Lila Wyatt	



Scan to Volunteer in  
Nursery

## *Livestreams & Past Sermons:*

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

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

## *Online Giving:*

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