



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship Service

March 15, 2026

11:00 a.m.

The Gospel, Unity, and the Grace of Suffering
Guest Preacher: Reverend Chip Huey
Philippians 1:27-29

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 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.



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 – I Sing the Mighty Power of God – Mr. Logan Brasher



CALL TO WORSHIP – Dr. Scott Buchanan

Psalm 89:3-8

Reader: You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”

People: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you?



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 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save – #630



CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 45: Which is the first commandment?

Answer: The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Question 46: What is required in the first commandment?

Answer: The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Question 47: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

Answer: The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God, as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

Question 48: What are we especially taught by these words, before me, in the first commandment?

Answer: These words, before me, in the first commandment, teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.



Please stand if you are able.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 11:1-9

 PSALM OF PRAISE – Psalm 1 ‘That Man is Blessed’ – In Bulletin

NEW TESTAMENT READING – 1 Timothy 4

CONFESSION OF SIN –

Most Merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore us in such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. We ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

 ASSURANCE OF PARDON – 2 Timothy 1:9-10

Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

 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 – 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

The Gospel, Unity, and the Grace of Suffering
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 HYMN OF RESPONSE – Jesus, I Live to Thee – #516

 BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE – God is For Us

That Man Is Blessed

For He Himself is our peace.
—Ephesians 2:14

1. ¹ That man is blessed who does not walk As wick-ed men ad - vise,
2. ³ He's like a deep - ly plant-ed tree Be - side a wa - ter stream,
3. ⁵ The wick-ed there - fore will not stand When time of judg - ment comes,

Nor stand where sin - ners meet, nor sit Where scorn - ers pose as wise.
Which in its sea - son bears its fruit, Whose leaves stay fresh and green.
Nor will the sin - ners stand a - mong As - sem - bled righ - teous ones.

² In - stead he is the one who makes The LORD's law his de - light,
In all he does he will suc - ceed.⁴ The wick - ed are not so,
⁶ Be - cause the LORD the righ - teous loves; The path they walk He knows.

And in that law he med - i - tates By day and in the night.
But they are like the scat - tered chaff Swept by the winds that blow.
The wick - ed walk a dif - ferent path, That to de - struc - tion goes.

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 gio-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-

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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.

SERMON NOTES

The Gospel, Unity, and the Grace of Suffering

Philippians 1:27-29

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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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Rev. Kreg Bryan

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CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session

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Dr. Scott Buchanan

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MISSIONS

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

Caring Solutions (Formerly CPC)

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David & Erin Pervis

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Deiniol Williams (UK Partnership)

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MTW - Kuopio, Finland

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COVENANT

Saturday, March 21st	Men's Breakfast @8:00 a.m. in the C.E. Building
Sunday, March 29th	Palm Sunday

March						
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<u>29</u>	30	31				

CHILDCARE	CATECHORUS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH	ON CALL
March 15th	The Brashers, Sabrina Jones and Evie Dempster	Avary Simpson and Kaley Wallace	Caryl Clark and Cindy Ivey	N/A
March 22nd	The Bryans and Sabrina Jones	Ruth Mbiad and Gail Pohl	Sabrina Jones	N/A
MARCH GREETERS	Davis and Kathryn Williamson			

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 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

COVENANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: We will be honoring our graduates at the Sunday Fellowship Meal in May. If you know of a Highschooler graduating from our congregation please email covenantchurchmville@gmail.com so we can ensure they are honored.

EASTER BRUNCH: The Easter Sunday brunch, hosted by the Beadles, will be in the church foyer at 9:30 a.m. please RSVP to the Sign Up Genius link in the weekly email and bring a sweet or savory breakfast dish to share.

ANNUAL PLANT SWAP: This year's plant swap will be from 10:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 18th in the C.E. Building parking lot. Plan to bring indoor and outdoor plants, gardening tools, books, and decorative pots for the swap. All items are free. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Ivey or Libby McCreery.

SENIOR ADULT GAME NIGHT: Seniors 55+ are welcome to join us on Friday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the C.E. Building for a game night. Bring your favorite game and snack!

MEMBERSHIP INTERVIEWS: Those who have completed the inquirer's class and are interested in pursuing membership may sign up for an interview with the elders by emailing covenantchurchmville@gmail.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The next Men's Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. on April 11th in the C.E. Building. We will be reading chapters 4 & 5 of *The Redeemed Man* and *How to Lead your Family* by Joel Beeke. Mark your calendars and come hungry!

WEDNESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the C.E. Building. The group is 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.

RIDGE HAVEN CAMP: Attention parents: Ridge Haven summer camps are open for registration for kids in grades 3 through 12. You can call 828-862-3916 or go to www.ridgehaven.org for more information.

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>



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.

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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