



# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Morning Worship Service*  
*February 1, 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 – Ancient Words – Mrs. Judy Stuckey

### CALL TO WORSHIP – Pastor Bryan

Psalm 37:3-7 (Reader | People)

Reader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

**People: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

### 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 – Crown Him with Many Crowns – #295

### CONFESION OF FAITH – The 10 Commandments

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me.**
- 2. You shall not make for yourself any graven image.**
- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.**
- 6. You shall not murder.**
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 8. You shall not steal.**
- 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 10. You shall not covet.**

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

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING – 2 Thessalonians 3 (pew Bible, p. 990)



Please stand if you are able.

## CONFESSON 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 – Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

## 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 – Whate're My God Ordains is Right– In Bulletin

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'ly 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

## LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## BENEDICTION

## NUNC DIMITTIS – Christ, We Do All Adore Thee – #737

## POSTLUDE – Great is the Lord Almighty

## 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.

# Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

Samuel Rodigast, 1765; tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878)

Matt Merker, Keith Getty

C C/E F C/E G/B C Am F C/G G

1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, His ho - ly will a - bid - eth;  
 2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, He nev - er will de - ceive me;  
 3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, Though now this cup in drink - ing  
 4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, Here shall my stand be tak - en;

C C/E F C/E G/B Am F C/E F<sup>maj7</sup> G C

I will be still what-e'er He does And fol - low where He guid - eth.  
 He leads me by the pro - per path, I know He will not leave me.  
 May bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, un-shrink - ing.  
 Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not for - sak - en.

Am F C/E C Am F G

He is my God, though dark my road; He holds me that I shall not fall;  
 I take, con - tent, what He has sent; His hand can turn my griefs a - way;  
 My God is true, each morn a - new Sweet com - fort yet shall fill my heart;  
 My Fa - ther's care is 'round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall,

C F G Am F<sup>maj7</sup> G<sup>(sus4)</sup> G C

And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.  
 And pa - tient - ly I wait His day, And pa - tient - ly I wait His day.  
 And pain and sor - row shall de - part, And pain and sor - row shall de - part.  
 And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.

# SERMON NOTES

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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.

**CONFESION:** 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

Pastor Bryan<sup>+</sup>

Dr. Scott Buchanan\*

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Mr. Jerry Stuckey\*

*Teaching<sup>+</sup> / Ruling\**

### The Diaconate

Mr. Brione Burrows

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Mr. Tom Ivey

Mr. Cason Kelley

Mr. Casey Miller

Mr. Hunter McComb

## MISSIONS

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COVENANT

Sunday, February 8	February Fellowship Meal after 11:00 a.m. Service
Saturday, February 21	Men's Breakfast @ C. E. Building

## February

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

CHILDCARE	CATECHORUS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH	ON CALL
February 1st	The Bryans	Debbie Jacobs and Sharon Beadles	Catherine O'Connell and Jackie Hartley	N/A
February 8th	The Brashers	Sara Johnson and Olivia Hessinger	Cindy Ivey and Laura Gillespie	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 on Sunday, February 8 immediately following the 11 a.m. church service. Please RSVP for the event by scanning the Sign Up Genius QR code. The main meat will be chicken provided by the church. Members, please help join in our fellowship meal by signing up and providing a couple of dishes.



**WEDNESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** The Wednesday evening 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 Psalms using the ACTS (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication) approach.

**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!

**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.covenantchurchmvle.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.

**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/>

**FUTURE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you want any future events or announcements to be included in the weekly email or bulletin, please email covenantchurchmvle@gmail.com. If you need anything printed, contact that address accordingly as all items will only be printed on Thursdays.

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