



# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Morning Worship Service*

*April 12, 2026*

*11:00 a.m.*

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**The Healing of the Leper: Touching the  
Untouchable  
Matthew 8:1-4**

# 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](mailto:covenantchurchmville@gmail.com) and provide us with your most up to date information.

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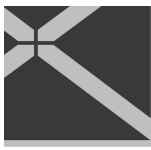
# THE LORD'S DAY AT COVENANT

**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 – Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean – Mr. Logan Brasher



CALL TO WORSHIP – Dr. Scott Buchanan

Psalm 92:1-5

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**People: For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands, I sing for joy. How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!**



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 – O Father You Are Sovereign – #75



CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 53. Which is the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.**

Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word and works.**

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.**

Q. 56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

**A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 12:10-20



PSALM OF PRAISE – Psalm 46C 'God Is Our Refuge' – In Bulletin



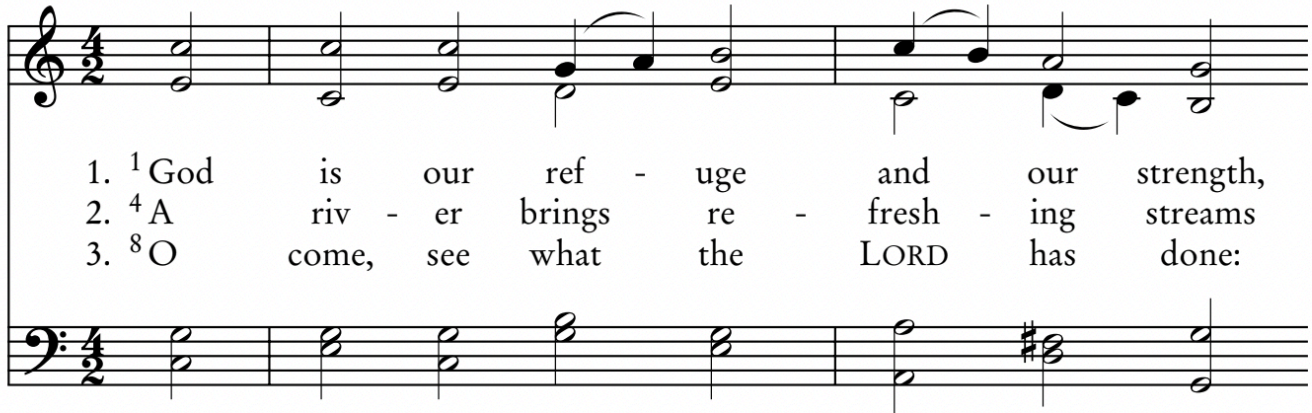
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## 46C

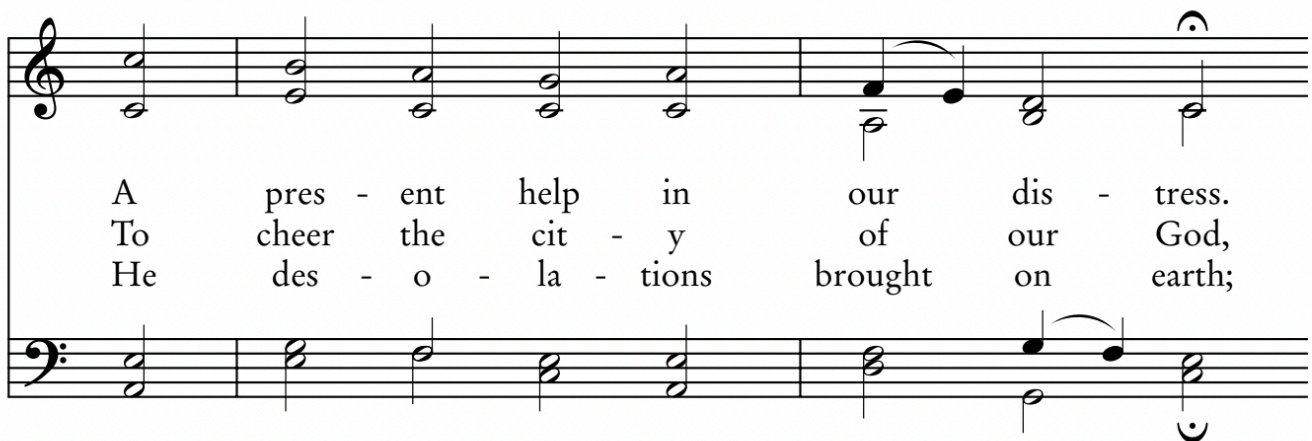
Psalm 46

## God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

*The angel showed me the river of the water of life...flowing  
from the throne of God and of the Lamb. — Revelation 22:1*



1. <sup>1</sup> God is our ref - uge and our strength,  
2. <sup>4</sup> A riv - er brings re - fresh - ing streams  
3. <sup>8</sup> O come, see what the LORD has done:



A pres - ent help in our dis - tress.  
To cheer the cit - y of our God,  
He des - o - la - tions brought on earth;



<sup>2</sup> We will not there - fore be a - fraid  
The Most High's ho - ly dwell - ing place.  
<sup>9</sup> On earth He puts an end to wars,



Though all the earth should be re - moved,  
<sup>5</sup> God is in her; she won't be moved;  
Breaks bow and spear, and char - iots burns.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – 1 Timothy 5:17-25

CONFESSION OF SIN –

**Do not withhold Your tender mercies from us, O Lord; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve us. For innumerable evils have surrounded us; our iniquities have overtaken us, so that we are not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of our heads; herefore our hearts fail us. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us; O Lord, make haste to help us. Amen.**



ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Psalm 103: 8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.



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 – He Will Be – Lyrics 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 Healing of the Leper: Touching the Untouchable**

Matthew 8:1-4

Rev. Kreg Bryan



HYMN OF RESPONSE – May the Mind of Christ My Savior – #644



BENEDICTION



NUNC DIMITTIS – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. Oh refresh us, oh refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

# He Will Be

1. God is faithful to His word  
Even when there seems no way  
Though time may pass  
His memory will not fade  
His promises will never fail  
Faithful He has been faithful He will be  
Time and time again His Word returns complete  
To His truth I cling when the night is deep  
Faithful He has been faithful He will be

2. God is gracious when I doubt  
He draws near though I retreat  
Though I may wander  
Through the wilderness  
He goes with me and gives me peace  
Gracious He has been gracious He will be  
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me  
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need  
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

3. God is worthy of my song  
Countless are His awesome deeds  
His mighty hand has parted raging seas  
For those He loves He has redeemed  
Worthy He has been worthy He will be  
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing  
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty  
Worthy He has been worthy He will be

# SERMON NOTES

## **The Healing of the Leper: Touching the Untouchable**

Matthew 8:1-4

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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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Senior Pastor

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## CHURCH OFFICERS

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The Session

Teaching Elder

Pastor Bryan

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Dr. Scott Buchanan

Mr. Rick Jacobs

Mr. Jerry Stuckey

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Dr. Doug Pohl

Mr. Bruce Dempster

The Diaconate

Mr. Brione Burrows

Mr. Marty Dominy

Mr. Tom Ivey

Mr. Cason Kelley

Mr. Hunter McComb

## MISSIONS

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

**Maclain Sewell, Karaline Dunn, Marissa D'Ambriso**

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**David & Erin Pervis**

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Rodney & Jana Davilla

Jim & Carin

Raimo & Annemari Survo

Dan & Mako Gilchrist

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MTW - New York, NY

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Oxford Presbyterian Church

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Trinity Church, Chester

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COVENANT

TODAY, April 12th	Lexie Anderson's Bridal Shower @ The Bryan's from 2-4 p.m.
Saturday, April 18th	Plant Swap @ 10 a.m. in C.E. Building Parking Lot
Sunday, May 3rd	Fellowship Sunday & Graduate Celebration

April						
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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CHILDCARE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH
April 12th	Olivia Hessinger and Karaline Dunn	Sabrina Jones
April 19th	Summer Zimmer and Ruth Mbiad	Evie Beadles and Lucy Dowdy
APRIL GREETERS	Garrett and Sara Johnson	

## REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Wednesday..... Men's prayer @ C.E. Building 7:00-7:45 a.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

**MAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** The May fellowship meal will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by the Mbiads, Hartleys, and Watsons immediately following the 11:00 a.m. church service. The main meat will be chicken provided by the church. Please use the QR code to RSVP and sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. **Having a head count for who is coming is extremely helpful!!** Thank you.



**LEXIE ANDERSON BRIDAL SHOWER:** All women and girls of the church are invited to celebrate at the bridal shower of Lexie Anderson on April 12th from 2-4p.m. at the Bryan's house. Please RSVP to Julie Bryan and contact her for more information.

**ANNUAL PLANT SWAP:** This year's plant swap will be from 10:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SANCTUARY UPDATE:** The Diaconate has proposed, and the Session has approved, replacing the flooring in the sanctuary and narthex with LVP. The project is scheduled for the first two weeks of June at a cost of \$49,000; a special fund will be available for those who wish to contribute toward this important update, with any additional giving helping support future improvements.

**LADIES' EMAIL UPDATES:** Any women interested in receiving our monthly women's committee email updates can email [covenantchurchmville@gmail.com](mailto:covenantchurchmville@gmail.com) with your contact information and we will include you in our mailing list!

**CHILDREN'S SUPERVISION REMINDER:** For the safety and respect of our church family, we ask that children refrain from running in the sanctuary and are not outside without adult supervision. Parents, please help us by keeping track of your children at all times and ensuring they are under your direct supervision.

**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.

**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>

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