

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — December 14, 2025

Welcome

Rev. Brooks Pipher

Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 95:6

***Sing: Psalter #122**

***Invocation**

***Confession of Faith (Unison)**

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Congregation: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yes, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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We're very glad to worship with you this morning. Covenant Church is a church *on mission* by **Prayer, Worship, and Love for Our City**, while rejoicing and resting in God — to his glory.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome, Ben and Emily Carver!

Evening Worship

Tonight, 6:00 PM

Annual Meeting

Today

Please plan to stay after *Morning Worship* for a brief Annual Meeting.

Lunch and Fellowship

Today

All are invited for lunch at the Pipher's home (620 E. Angeleno Ave., Burbank).

Men's Study & Fellowship

This Tuesday, December 16

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Burbank Whole Foods

Ladies Study & Fellowship

This Wednesday, December 17

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

620 E. Angeleno Ave., Burbank

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Congregation standing, if able*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 32:1-7 (ESV)

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah* ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. ⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 25:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

*Sing: Hymn #224, *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

(Children Come Forward on Last Stanza)

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes & Offerings

*Sing: Hymn #731, *The Doxology*

Pastoral Prayer (& *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.*

Reading of Scripture

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Sermon, Rev. Ben Carver

“Are You Tired of Doing Good?”

Sing: Hymn #196, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

The bread is vegan and gluten-free. The cup is grape juice. It is our custom to hold the elements, and partake together. Please leave your glass cup at your seat.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

Sing: Hymn #211, *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

*Benediction

Rev. Ben Carver

Sing: *Psalter #179

Rev. Ben Carver serves as minister at Shem Creek Presbyterian Church and is the author of *Redemption in the Minor Prophets*. Rev. Carver attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div., Th.M.) where he researched and wrote on the Trinitarian theology of Jonathan Edwards. Ben is married to Emily, and they enjoy spending time hiking, birding, and reading.

