

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — August 30, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Brooks Pipher

New Members Joining Covenant Church

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

Sing: Hymn #347, *The Church's One Foundation

*Invocation

*Confession of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

(Copied from *The Reformation Study Bible*, 2015)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven;
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
Dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic* church; the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

* *The word "catholic" refers to the universal church*

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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

"Last Sunday" Lunch

Today, 11:15 AM

Please plan to stay for our monthly fellowship lunch following the conclusion of *Morning Worship*.

Evening Worship

Tonight, 6:00 PM

First Thursdays Youth Group

Middle & High School Students

This Thursday, September 3

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Temporary Missionary Support

September 5- 14

Car, Housing, Crib, Car Seat

Please see Pastor Brooks for details

**Congregation standing, if able*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 119:17-24 (ESV)

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. ¹⁹ I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me! ²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times. ²¹ You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments. ²² Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your testimonies. ²³ Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. ²⁴ Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.

***Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**

Joel 2:12-13(ESV)

¹² “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Sing: *Psalter #43

(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

Deuteronomy 19:1-14 (ESV)

“When the LORD your God cuts off the nations whose land the LORD your God is giving you, and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses, ² you shall set apart three cities for yourselves in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess. ³ You shall measure the distances and divide into three parts the area of the land that the LORD your God gives you as a possession, so that any manslayer can flee to them.

⁴ “This is the provision for the manslayer, who by fleeing there may save his life. If anyone kills his neighbor unintentionally without having hated him in the past— ⁵ as when someone goes into the forest with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand swings the axe to cut down a tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies—he may flee to one of these cities and live, ⁶ lest the avenger of blood in hot anger pursue the manslayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and strike him fatally, though the man did not deserve to die, since he had not hated his neighbor in the past. ⁷ Therefore I command you, You shall set apart three cities. ⁸ And if the LORD your God enlarges your territory, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land that he promised to give to your fathers— ⁹ provided you are careful to keep all this commandment, which I command you today, by loving the LORD your God and by walking ever in his ways—then you shall add three other cities to these three, ¹⁰ lest innocent blood be shed in your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance, and so the guilt of bloodshed be upon you.

¹¹ “But if anyone hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and attacks him and strikes him fatally so that he dies, and he flees into one of these cities, ¹² then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there, and hand him over to the avenger of blood, so that he may die. ¹³ Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, so that it may be well with you.

¹⁴ “You shall not move your neighbor’s landmark, which the men of old have set, in the inheritance that you will hold in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher

“Refuge for the Soul, in God”

***Sing: Psalter #46**

GOD COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

***Sing: Psalter #179**

