

THE LORD'S DAY
Covenant Presbyterian Church
September 27, 2020

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE "PRELUDE ON AMAZING GRACE" MARTIN

THE CHORAL CALL "BE JOYFUL IN THE LORD" MOORE/ARR. LESTER
Psalm 100

THE CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 27: 1-4

**The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?
*When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes
attack me, they will stumble and fall.
Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against
me, even then will I be confident.
One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the
Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his
temple.***

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*"Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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"*

THE APOSTLES CREED

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only 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 rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 HYMN

“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

**1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**2. “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**4. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace— all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not harm you; I only design your dross
to consume and your gold to refine.**

9:00 THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHARLOTTE VERITY RATLIFF

11:00 THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 PETER 3: 10-18

For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right you are blessed. “Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit...

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE ANTHEM

“PSALM 86”

NYGARD

THE SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 5: 10-12

***“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”***

THE SERMON

REV. TIM STARNES

“LIVING FAITHFULLY IN A FALLEN WORLD: BLESSED PERSECUTION”

THE HYMN

“THE BEATITUDES”

- 1. Blest are the humble souls that see their emptiness and poverty;
treasures of grace to them are given, and crowns of joy laid up in heaven.**
- 2. Blest are the men of broken heart, who mourn for sin with inward smart;
the blood of Christ divinely flows, a healing balm for all their woes.**
- 3. Blest are the meek, who stand afar from rage and passion, noise and war;
God will secure their happy state, and plead their cause against the great.**
- 4. Blest are the souls that thirst for grace, hunger and long for righteousness;
they shall be well supplied and fed, with living streams and living bread.**
- 8. Blest are the sufferers who partake of pain and shame for Jesus' sake;
their souls shall triumph in the Lord, glory and joy are their reward.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“CANON IN D MAJOR”

PACHELBEL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this morning as Ben and Caitlin Ratliff bring their daughter, Charlotte Verity.

The beautiful flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. David A. Lingle, friend and music teacher of Randolph Blakeman.

There will be an Installation Service for Rev. Ben Ratliff during the Evening Service tonight.

Youth (7th - 12th grades) Bible Study is Wednesday Nights at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Ben at 601-454-1470 for study books and more information.

Covenant Church is invited to the annual Organ Recital of Randolph Blakeman, today at 3:00PM. It will also be live-streamed.

If anyone would like to join the Prayer Chain to pray for the needs of the church, please contact Clover Mellen, Libbi Logan, or Jennifer Tribble.