

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Young Mothers' Group will begin meeting Tuesday, September 11, 9-10 a.m., in the Fireside Room. Childcare will be available. If you have questions, call or text Catherine Mabray, 318-355-8095.

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Studies will begin on Wednesday, September 19, at 6:45 in Gray Hall.

Ladies' Bible Study will begin meeting Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. E-mail Kim Alexander at kimmalexander@comcast.net or text her at 318-381-7841 with any questions.

Thank you for the many expressions of love and care we have received in the last few months – the men who helped with the tornado clean-up, the ladies who showered Clay and Melissa with love, and the many who supported us with food, prayers, and expressions of sympathy at the passing of Kim's mom, Doris Beers. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus to us!
The Alexander family

THE SESSION (The Pastors and the Installed Ruling Elders)
Pastor Mabray, Moderator; Assoc. Pastor Jonathan Wagner

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Don Givler	Charles Herold	Tony Anderson
Joe Humble	Gene King	Jack McDaniel
	Steve Swander	Dave Raymond

THE DIACONATE (Installed Deacons)

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Tom Baker	Charles Beene	Jess Barr
Kyle Bruyninckx	Stewart Gentry	Anne Lockhart
Cindy Smith	Bobby Lawrence	Mike McInnis
Paul West	Carol Smith	Sarah Raymond

Local Missions Committee

Family Promise	Laura Barr	614-5438
Mercy Multiplied	Terri Trichel	376-7340
CCM	Roseline Clary	669-6571
Life Choices	Karen Perkins	348-7974
Young Life	Dan Vander Woude	953-0416
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Guy Barr	376-6500
Desiard Street Shelter	Bitsy Beene	341-3493

Covenant Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbytery of the Gulf South in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination (EPC). The EPC affirms and is committed to the historic, Biblical Christian faith as expressed in our doctrinal standards, **The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms**. The motto of the EPC is attributed to St. Augustine of the early 5th century, and became an important saying during the reformation: *"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity (love)."*

We welcome into membership all those who profess personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and promise to seek to live in grateful obedience to him as his faithful disciple.

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Recent sermons are available on-line or by CD in church office.

If you would like an audio-recorded copy of today's sermon, you may request one from the church office. \$2.00 will cover the expense of the CD recording.

This Week At Covenant

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
September 9	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Young Mothers' Group ~ Fireside Room
September 11		
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study ~ Fireside Room
September 12		

Next Week At Covenant

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
September 16	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Young Mothers' Group ~ Fireside Room
September 18	5:45 p.m.	Officers' Meeting
Wednesday	6:45 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Gray Hall
September 19	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study ~ Fireside Room

WORSHIP WITH KIDS THIS SUNDAY

Nursery ~ Sunday School: Anne Owen

Nursery ~ Worship: Cindy Smith

2-3: Meghan and Reggie Sharp

4-5: Katie Dean and Terri Trichel

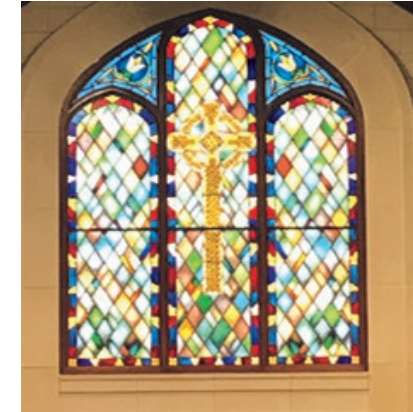
WORSHIP WITH KIDS NEXT SUNDAY

Nursery ~ Sunday School: Lauren Lancaster

Nursery ~ Worship: Stephanie Mickel

2-3: Ashton and Will Mintz

4-5: Flea and Mead Hardwick



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

September 9, 2018
The Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 A.M.

+ Worshipers arriving late may be seated.
* The congregation will please stand.

+The Welcome

+The Prelude: "This Is My Father's World"

*This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres,
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*

*The Call to Worship: Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

+*The Hymn of Praise #115: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*The Prayer of Adoration

The Call to Confession and Repentance: 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

Holy Father, I confess that I have not loved you with all my heart, nor my neighbor as myself. You alone know how often I have sinned against you, and hurt the lives of others. Forgive my spiritual sloth, my heartless worship, my neglect of prayer, and disregard for your Word. Forgive me, Lord, for every impure thought, every unkind word, every wrong act. Forgive me, for I have been self-centered and ungrateful and uncaring about the needs of others. Forgive me for living for myself and not for your glory.

{Silent confession of particular sins}

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Fill me with the Holy Spirit, and cause me to walk in your ways and to keep your commandments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

+*The Hymn of Assurance: “How Deep the Fathers’ Love for Us”
Stuart Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give his only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Special Time for Young Disciples

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may be dismissed to Catechism Time.
Children in 1st grade and above are to remain in the Worship Service.)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31 (p.1)

The Proclamation of the Gospel: “Created in God’s Image”
Pastor Wagner

The Prayer for a Right Response to God’s Word

*The Affirmation of Faith: 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 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 Gloria: “Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty!

The Invitation to Discipleship and Body Life

Moment for Mission: EPC Missionary, Dan Tidwell

The Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

**The Pastoral Prayer, concluding with
The Lord’s Prayer (in unison):**
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.

The Reception of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory Hymn #111: “This is My Father’s World”

*The Doxology: “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...”
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!

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison):
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give you thanks for every good and perfect gift: your daily providence for our lives on earth and every spiritual blessing in Christ! Receive this offering, bless it, multiply it, and use it for the increase of your Kingdom in our lives and throughout the world; to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Hymn #122: “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

*The Benediction

*The Congregational Amen: “A-men, A-men, A-men.”

*The Postlude

ODE TO JOY

Remember our Homebound Members in prayer and with care:

- Alice Burford – St. Joseph’s Nursing Home, Room 222, Monroe, Neighborhood Flock 5
- Helen Coons - Landmark Nursing Home, Room 504 WM 71291
- Lloyd Gill - Veterans Home, Hwy 165 Hall B-3, Room 11
- Jean Hamilton - Azalea Estates, Room 207, Monroe, 71203
- Barbara Livingston - Rosemont # G-108, 110 Regency, West Monroe
- Mary McDonald - St. Joseph Assisted Living, Room C304, Monroe
- Shirley Montfort - Ouachita Health Care Center, Room 233, 71203
- Wanda Stewart - Stoneybrook, WM 71291, Neighborhood Flock 9
- Susan Vinson - 2010 Rosedown Dr, Monroe, Neighborhood Flock 8
- Nora Viola - Ouachita Health Care Center, Room 312, 71203, Neighborhood Flock 11

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please remember in your prayers and with your expressions of love and care:

- Andrew Brunson - EPC pastor now under house arrest in Turkey
- Larry Lawrence
- Jack Henry Allen (grandson of Paula Stidham) - St. Jude
- Mary Morrow - recuperating at home
- Kitty Liner - Glenwood Hospital, room 472
- Tency Tarver - Village Health Care at The Glen, room 38, 403 E Flournoy Lucas Road, Shreveport, LA 71115

Pray for our missionaries:

- Debbie and Chris Gibson—EPC Missionary Care Worldwide
- John Crimmins, East Africa
- Dan Tidwell—EPC World Outreach Communications
- *Nick and Amanda, Ellie, Hazel and Gus—Middle East
- *Rebekah and Nour—Middle East
- *Ron and Jean—Eurasia
- *(Last names and precise location withheld for security reasons).

Birthdays for September 9 - 15

- 11 Abigail Lord
- 11 Ben Sartor
- 12 Beverly and Charles Wall
- 14 Martha Anderson
- 14 Joshua Silas Wagner

USHERS TODAY	1 Clyde White	2 Billy Haddad
	3 Tim Mickel	4 Heath Lord
Milton Street Door	5 Richard Long	

USHERS NEXT WEEK:	1 Bobby Lawrence	2 Elee Trichel
	3 Mike Husted	4 Barry Huckabay
Milton Street Door	5 Charles Beene	