

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eureka Springs Passion Play Bus Tour May 30-June 1

Graceminster EPC (Hwy 165) is planning a bus tour to Eureka Springs for the Passion Play. For more information, please contact our church office or call Bruce Rux (387-6523).

Christian Community Ministries is in need of small canned fruits and vegetables. Please consider those in need and place your donations in the baskets available just outside the Gray Hall entrance.

Help the needy in our community!

LIFE CHOICES is in need of the following items: size 3 diapers, preemie and newborn size clothes, diaper bags, bath wash, bottles and baby lotion.

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	Loura 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

1901 Milton Street, Monroe, LA 71201

Rev. John T. Mabray - Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Wagner - Associate Pastor

Debbie Rockett - Accompanist

Trish Ryder - Business Administrator

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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 February 11	9:00 a.m. Jr./Sr. Hi--Adult Sunday School ~ Gray Hall
	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
	5:30 p.m. "What Did You Expect?" Marriage Conference
Tuesday February 13	9:00 a.m. Young Mothers' Group
Wednesday February 14	6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ NOT MEETING
	6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Next Week At Covenant

Sunday February 18	9:00 a.m. Jr./Sr. Hi--Adult Sunday School ~ Gray Hall
	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
	5:30 p.m. "What Did You Expect?" Marriage Conference
Tuesday February 20	9:00 a.m. Young Mothers' Group
	11:30 a.m. Women's Small Group @ Judy Haddad's
	5:45 p.m. Officers' Meeting
Wednesday February 21	6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

WORSHIP WITH KIDS THIS SUNDAY

Nursery: Stephanie Mickel

2-3: Lolo Long and Patti Peacock

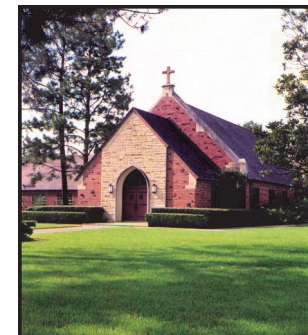
4-5: Felicia and Mead Hardwick

WORSHIP WITH KIDS NEXT SUNDAY

Nursery: Tammie McDaniel

2-3: Heather and David Skinner

4-5: Katie Dean and Stacy Williams



C O V E N A N T
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

February 11, 2018

The Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 A.M.

+ Worshipers arriving late may be seated.

* The congregation will please stand.

+The Greetings, Announcements, and Registry of Fellowship

Moment for Missions: Young Life

Sarah Raymond

+The Prelude: "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.

He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.

Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us!

+*The Call to Worship: Psalm 124:8; Psalm 115:1

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

+*The Hymn of Praise #76: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*The Prayer of Adoration

The Call to Confession and Repentance: Proverbs 28:13-14

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always,

but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

The Prayer of Confession (in unison):

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner. My iniquities are set before you, my secret sins in the light of your presence. Nothing is hidden from you. Forgive me, Lord, for not loving you as I ought; and for failing to love others as you have loved me. Forgive my impure thoughts, my hurtful words, and disobedient deeds; my sins of pride, self-pity, ingratitude, selfishness, and self-centeredness; my lack of compassion and kindness toward others; my spiritual sloth and failure to do the good I should have done.

(Silent Confession)

Faithful Father, by the blood of Jesus your Son, cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit, and grant me the power to forsake my sins to follow Jesus in newness of life: in humility and love, in purity, truthfulness, and kindness; forgiving others even as you have forgiven me; to the glory of your name, through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom alone is my salvation. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

+*The Hymn of Assurance: “Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean”

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
throughout heav’ns’ eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven’s peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me, all Thy love accepting,
Love Thee, ever all my days;
let me seek Thy kingdom only,
and my life be to Thy praise;
thou alone shall be my glory,
nothing in the world I see;
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,
Thou Thyself has set me free.

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: Romans 12:9-16 (p.948)

The Proclamation of the Gospel: “Learning to Live as Christians” (Pt.1)
#52 in the ROMANS Series

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: “Praise and Glory to the Father ...”** REGENT SQUARE

Praise and glory to the Father,
Praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit:
ever Three and ever One!
One in might and One in glory,
While unending ages run!

The Sacrament of Baptism

Jeremiah John Letlow, son of Julia and Luke Letlow

The Words of Institution and Instruction

The Covenantal Vows of the Parents
*The Covenantal Vows of the Congregation
*The Baptismal Prayer
The Administration of Baptism
The Charge to the Congregation
The Charge to the Parents
The Blessing

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: “There is A Hope” Townend
(please see insert)

***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):**

O God, our heavenly Father, with thanksgiving and joy we offer
ourselves to you, as we present the gifts we have received from your
hand. Bless and multiply this offering for the spread of the gospel and
the building up of your church throughout the world, until that great
day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of your name! Amen.

***The Hymn: “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”** Matt Boswell
(Please see insert)

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

Remember our Homebound Members in prayer and with care:

Alice Burford – 2012 Stuart Avenue, Monroe, Neighborhood Flock 5
Helen Coons - Landmark Nursing Home, Room 504 WM 71291
Lloyd Gill - 2200 Park Avenue, Monroe, Neighborhood Flock 5
Jean Hamilton - Azalea Estates, Room 207, Monroe, 71203
Mary McDonald - St. Joseph Assisted Living, Room C304, Monroe
Shirley Montfort - Ouachita Health Care Center, Room 233, Monroe,
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

Andrew Brunson - EPC pastor unjustly imprisoned in Turkey
Larry Lawrence
Mary Morrow - recuperating at home
Paula Stidham - at St. Joseph’s, room 108
Jack Henry Allen (grandson of Paula Stidham) - at St. Jude’s (Memphis)
Susan Vinson - recuperating at home

MINISTRY of the ELDERS: If you have a special need or concern and would
like to meet with Pastor Mabray, Pastor Wagner and the elders for prayer,
please speak to Pastor Mabray, Pastor Wagner or to one of the
elders. You may meet with them for prayer on Sunday mornings or at
another time that can be arranged.

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).

Please remember in prayer those serving in the United States Military:

Joshua Rux, Army, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
Chris Ladehoff, Captain, McDill AFB Tampa, FL
Kim and Billy Alexander’s son-in-law

Birthdays for February 11 - 17

11 Ginny Montgomery 13 Candy McEachnie
12 Sandy Sartor 15 Lorelei Aitken
13 Natolie Herold 17 Neil Douglas

USHERS TODAY: 1 Tom Baker 2 Harvey Hales
3 Billy Haddad 4 Charles Beene
Backup Gray Hall 5 Joe K. Montgomery

USHERS NEXT WEEK: 1 Mike Crisler 2 Charles Wall
3 Mead Hardwick 4 Bobby Lawrence
Backup Gray Hall 5 Paul West