

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Young Mother's Group** will NOT be meeting this Tuesday, March 13. Will resume on Tuesday, March 20 at 9AM.

### 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 (512-7433).

**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

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

#### THE DIACONATE (Installed Deacons)

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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#### This Week At Covenant

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jr./Sr. Hi--Adult Sunday School ~ Gray Hall
<b>March 11</b>	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Young Mothers' Group ~ <b>NOT MEETING</b>
<b>March 13</b>	11:00 a.m.	Adult Morning Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:45 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>March 14</b>	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

#### Next Week At Covenant

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jr./Sr. Hi--Adult Sunday School ~ Gray Hall
<b>March 18</b>	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Young Mothers' Group
<b>March 20</b>	11:30 a.m.	Women's Small Group @ Judy Haddad's
	5:45 p.m.	Officers' Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:45 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>March 21</b>	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

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#### WORSHIP WITH KIDS THIS SUNDAY

Nursery: Sharon Gibson  
2-3: Jeremiah and Clarissa Peacock  
4-5: Fran Ritchie

#### WORSHIP WITH KIDS NEXT SUNDAY

Nursery: Cindy Smith  
2-3: Ginny and Joe King Montgomery  
4-5: Judy Haddad and Fran Ritchie



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 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: Mercy Multiplied**

Terri Trichel

+The Prelude: "God of Grace"

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*God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;  
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul:  
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.*

+\*Call to Worship: Psalm 100 (responsively)

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD  
with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

**Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we  
are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and  
his faithfulness to all generations.**

+\*The Hymn of Praise: "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"  
(please see insert)

\*The Prayer of Adoration

**The Call to Confession and Repentance: Isaiah 53:5-6 (responsively)**

*He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our  
iniquities;*

**upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with  
his stripes we are healed.**

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to  
his own way;*

**and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

**The Prayer of Confession and Repentance (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. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Forgive my sins of pride and envy, covetousness and greed; malice, anger, and hard-heartedness; self-pity, discontentment and ingratitude. Forgive my impure thoughts, my hurtful words, and my lack of compassion and kindness toward others. Forgive me, Lord, for all the good I should have done but have failed to do. Forgive me, Lord, for not loving you as I ought; and for failing to love others as you have loved me.

{silence for personal examination and confession}

Wash away all my sins by the blood of your Son, shed for me; and grant me the power to turn away from all my sins to follow Jesus in newness of life: in humility and love, in purity, truthfulness, kindness, and self-control; 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: “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”**

Man of Sorrows! What a name, for the Son of God who came ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood; sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he; full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry; now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

**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: “Speak, O Lord”**

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

**The Reading of Holy Scripture: Romans 14:1-12**

(p.948)

**The Proclamation of the Gospel: “Welcoming One Another – Part 1”**

(#56 in the series through ROMANS)

Pastor Wagner

**The Prayer for a Right Response to God’s Word**

**\*The Affirmation of Faith (in unison): 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 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: “God of Grace”**

(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):**

Everlasting Father, in response to your mercies, we present ourselves, all that we have, all that we are, as a living sacrifice to your praise and glory! We offer that which we have first received from your hand; and we pray that you will bless and multiply this offering, and use it for the strengthening of your Church and the increase of your Kingdom throughout the world; to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who offered himself for us. Amen.

**\*The Hymn: “The Power of the Cross”**

(please see insert)

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Postlude**

**Remember our Homebound Members in prayer and with care:**

- Alice Burford – St. Joseph’s Nursing Home, Room 204, Monroe, Neighborhood Flock 5
- Helen Coons - Landmark Nursing Home, Room 504 WM 71291
- Lloyd Gill - 2200 Park Avenue, Monroe, Neighborhood Flock 5
- Dot Haddad -112 Country Club Road, Monroe, Neighborhood Flock 3
- 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, 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
- Lloyd Gill - The Oaks
- Mary Morrow - recuperating at home
- Kitty and Harry Liner - at home
- Paula Stidham - at St. Joseph’s, room 136
- Jack Henry Allen (grandson of Paula Stidham) - at St. Jude’s (Memphis)
- Susan Vinson - recuperating at home

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“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD...” (Psalm 127:3)  
We celebrate and give thanks for the birth of Rebecca Bailey Bruyninckx, daughter of Jodee and Kyle Bruyninckx, born March 7.  
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**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

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**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).

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**Birthdays for March 11 - 17**

- 12 George Weaks      15 Jodee Bruyninckx
- 14 Loura Barr        16 Barry Huckabay
- 15 Carroll Swander   16 Julia Letlow

**USHERS TODAY**

- 1 Mike McInnis      2 Dan Gibson
- 3 Wayne Smith      4 Jimmy Woods

**Backup Gray Hall**

- 5 Billy Haddad

**USHERS NEXT WEEK**

- 1 Joe K. Montgomery   2 Barry Huckabay
- 3 Mike McInnis        4 Noel Clary

**Backup Gray Hall**

- 5 Heath Lord