

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help the needy in our community!

LIFE CHOICES is in need of the following items: baby boy clothes newborn through 12 months, size 4-6 diapers, baby wash, shampoo and baby lotion.

Let's make a difference for those in need!

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 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.

WORSHIP WITH KIDS THIS SUNDAY

Nursery ~ Sunday School: Anne Owen
Nursery ~ Worship: Cindy Smith
2-3: Wendy Gentry and Deborah Raymond
4-5: Caroline and Emily Causey

WORSHIP WITH KIDS NEXT SUNDAY

Nursery ~ Sunday School: Lauren Lancaster
Nursery ~ Worship: Claudia Woods
2-3: Heather and David Skinner
4-5: Katie Dean and Melissa Berdami

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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
May 13	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	5:45 p.m.	Officers' Meeting
May 15		
Wednesday	6:45 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
May 16	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Next Week At Covenant

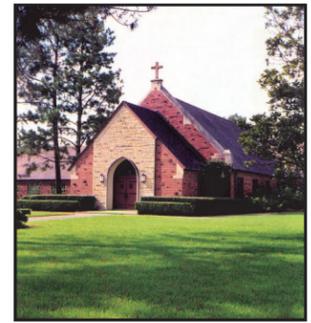
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
May 20	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Adult Morning Bible Study
May 22		
Wednesday	6:45 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
May 23	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

USHERS TODAY

1 Mike McInnis	2 Richard Long
3 Joe K. Montgomery	4 John Schween
Backup Gray Hall	5 Jimmy Woods

USHERS NEXT WEEK:

1 Noel Clary	2 Dan Gibson
3 Barry Huckabay	4 Paul West
Backup Gray Hall	5 Tom Baker



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

May 13, 2018
The Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 A.M.

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

"I shall start, then, with the church, into whose bosom God is pleased to gather his children, not only that they may be nourished by her help and ministry as long as they are infants and children, but also that they may be guided by her motherly care until they mature and at last reach the goal of faith. ... So that, for those to whom God is Father, the church may also be Mother. ..."

Let us learn even from the simple title "mother" how useful, indeed how necessary, it is that we should know her. For there is no other way to enter into life unless this mother conceive us in her womb, give us birth, nourish us at her breast, and lastly, unless she keep us under her care and guidance until, putting off mortal flesh, we become like the angels [Matt.22:30]. Our weakness does not allow us to be dismissed from her school until we have been pupils all our lives. Furthermore, away from her bosom one cannot hope for any forgiveness of sins or any salvation... "

-- John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, IV.I.2.

+The Greetings, Announcements, and Registry of Fellowship

Moment for Mission: Christian Community Ministries
Roseline Clary

+The Prelude: **"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder "**
*Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us in his blood; he has brought us home to God!*

*Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted Him before us; now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!"*

*The Call to Worship: **Psalm 100**
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 #80: "Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee"

***The Prayer of Adoration**

The Call to Confession and Repentance: from 1 John 1:6-9

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and confess the grievous sins and wickedness that we have so often committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your anger and indignation against us. You have graciously claimed us as your own by the blood of your only Son Jesus Christ, yet we have neglected your covenant through our pride and selfishness, idolatry, covetousness, greed and envy, malice and lust, faithless fear, ingratitude, and heartlessness toward others.

(Silent Confession)

Grant us the mercy, the forgiveness, and the cleansing that Jesus gives to those who truly confess and repent of their sin. Enable us, from now on, to live godly and obedient lives that are pleasing to you in the newness of life that you have given to us, to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

+*The Hymn of Assurance #172: “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder ”

**Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame:**

He has washed us in his blood; he has brought us home to God!

**Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies;
called us by his grace and taught us; gave us ears and gave us eyes:**

He has washed us with his blood; he presents our souls to God!

**Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:**

He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

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 16:1-16 (p.950)

**The Proclamation of the Gospel: “Divinely-Ordained Relationships”
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: “Glory be to the Father...” GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be
world without end: Amen, Amen.**

**The Reception of New Member: Melissa Berdami
Words of Introduction and Instruction
The Covenantal Vows of Church Membership
*The Covenantal Vows of the Congregation
*The Prayer of Reception
*The Welcome and Blessing**

The Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

**The Pastoral Prayer, concluding with
The 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.**

The Reception of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory Hymn #355: “We Are God’s People”

***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):
Our hearts, O Lord, we give to you, promptly and sincerely.
We offer our bodies as living sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. We offer these gifts which we have first of all received from your gracious hand. We pray that you will receive this token of our lives, bless and multiply it for the sake of your Kingdom, and be glorified through it; for this we offer in the name of him who offered himself for us. Amen.**

- *The Hymn #291: “See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph”**
- *The Benediction**
- *The Postlude**

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 - 2200 Park Avenue, Monroe, Neighborhood Flock 5
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
Please remember in your prayers and with your expressions of love and care:
Andrew Brunson - EPC pastor unjustly imprisoned in Turkey
Larry Lawrence
Lloyd Gill - The Oaks, room 417
Mary Morrow
Jack Henry Allen (grandson of Paula Stidham)
Susan Vinson
Helen Coons
Bing Bishop at St. Francis, room 5008
**Lee Perkins - hospitalized in Los Angeles; cards may be mailed:
c/o Vanessa Stewart, 1315 North Spaulding Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90046

**We remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of Dorothy Haddad, who went to be “at home with the Lord” (2nd Corinthians 5:8) on Sunday, May 6. We extend our compassion and care to the families of Deborah and Dave Raymond, Virginia and Joey Haddad, Judy and Billy Haddad and Sadie and Don Walker.
“...to live is Christ, and to die is gain!” *Philippians 1:21*

Birthdays for May 13 - 19
17 Daniel Raymond
17 Dan Vander Woude
19 Caroline Causey