

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

August 22, 2021
The Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 A.M.

The Welcome

The Prelude: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

*All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell;
for I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
for I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.*

***The Call to Worship (responsively): from Psalm 67**

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.*
*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

***The Hymn of Praise #100: "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

***The Prayer of Adoration**

The Call to Confession and Repentance of Sin (responsively): 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 (in unison):

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}

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: “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 with his blood, he has brought us nigh 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 present 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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture: Acts 9:19b-31

Pastor Wagner

The Proclamation of the Gospel: “Equipped for Ministry”

The Prayer for a Right Response to God’s Word

***The Affirmation of Faith (responsively): 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 Gloria: “Glory be to the Father”**

**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 Invitation to Discipleship and Body Life

The Reception of New Members:

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 (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 #605: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

***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 #672: "Trust and Obey"**

***The Benediction**

***The Congregational Response**

***The Postlude**