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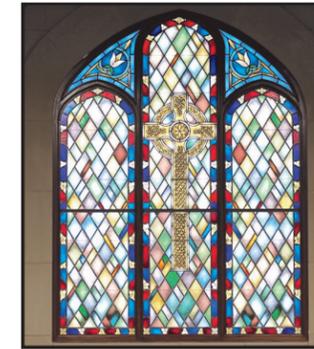
This Week At Covenant

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
June 9	10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Next Week At Covenant

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
June 16	10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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: *“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.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

June 9, 2019

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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

+The Prelude: “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” **Getty**
*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for your purity; Holy Sprit breathe new life in me.*

+*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 #100: “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

***The Prayer of Adoration**

The Call to Confession and Repentance: from Matthew 22:37-40
(Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18)
Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.
And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance (in unison):
ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, we humble ourselves beneath your infinite majesty, to confess our sins and to seek your mercy. I have not loved you with all my heart, nor my neighbor as myself. I have violated your holy laws in thought, word, and deed; and by failing to do that which is good and right in your sight. I have looked to the false gods of this world for the happiness of my soul. My deceitful heart has followed the selfish inclinations of my sinful nature; and I am guilty without excuse.
(Silent Confession)

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Have mercy on me, O God, a sinner! For your name's sake, and by the blood of Christ, pardon my iniquity, for it is great! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart; and let no iniquity get dominion over me. May your commandments be my delight, because of your saving grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

+*The Hymn of Assurance: "Before the Throne of God Above"
Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God, with Christ my Savior and my 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: Exodus 20:1-17 (p.61)

The Proclamation of the Gospel: Pastor Mabray
"The Call to Obedience in Response to God's Grace"

The Prayer for a Right Response to God's Word

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism #1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

MY ONLY COMFORT is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of his own precious blood, he has fully paid for all my sins and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for him. Amen!

*The Gloria: "Alleluia! Alleluia!..."

ODE TO JOY

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

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: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" Getty
(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 Offertory Prayer (in unison):

Gracious Father, receive our thanks and praise for all of your goodness, love, and mercy, and for all the blessings for body and soul that we have received from your almighty hand. Most especially, we thank you for the infinite Gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting! May this offering be used to spread the good news, so that all the world will know and believe the wonders of your redeeming love; in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.

*The Hymn #172: "Let us Love and Sing and Wonder"

*Benediction

*The Congregational Response: "A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*The Postlude

The Day of Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost, originally an Old Testament feast day on the fiftieth day after the Sabbath of Passover week, occurs in the Christian calendar on the fiftieth day after Easter. It commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus in Jerusalem, fifty days after his resurrection (Acts 2). The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other believers confirmed the beginning of the new covenant era, in which the Holy Spirit is given to all who believe in Christ for their personal assurance of salvation and empowerment for ministry as Jesus' witnesses (Jeremiah 31:33; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:15-27).

The Heidelberg Catechism asks,
#53: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?
First, the Holy Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. *Second*, the Holy Spirit has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever. (Genesis 1:1-2; Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 1st Corinthians 6:19; 2nd Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 4:6; Galatians 3:14; John 15:26; Acts 9:31; John 14:16-17; 1st Peter 4:14).