

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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News and Notes for the Week of September 17, 2023

NHC Service Opportunity: Today after church from 2-3pm, CPC will be going to NHC for a devotional, songs, and fellowship with the patients and residents. Please reach out to Will if you can attend.

Ladies' Study: The ladies will meet again this Tuesday evening at 6pm at the church building. See Lauren for more details, questions, or if you need a book. Chapters 2 and 3 will be discussed.

Potluck/Baby Shower for Baby Graubner and Baby Sykes: Sunday, October 1st at 5pm. There is a clipboard under the bulletin board for signing up for the potluck dinner. Graubner Registry Information: <https://www.babylist.com/list/christina-graubner> Sykes Requests: Pampers Swaddlers Diapers sizes 2, 3, and 4 and Pampers Sensitive Wipes. See Gina for questions or more details.

Mission of the Month: Rachel Hart - Please be praying for her need for monetary support to get to Ukraine, her language learning process, the war in Ukraine to end, and for her team's ability to support refugees long term.

Church Calendar – Week of September 17, 2023

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School- Adults, Pioneer Club, and Youth
	10:30 am	Corporate Worship
	2:00 pm	NHC Visit - See Pastor Will
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Ladies' Study - <i>A Praying Life</i> (see Lauren)
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Classes - Adults, Pioneer Club, and Youth
Thursday	5:30 am	Men's Fellowship- <i>Wonderful Works of God</i> (see Erik)
Friday	5:30 am	Men's Fellowship- Hardee's on Lincoln St. (See Garrett)

Covenant Nursery Schedule

*** Volunteers serve only during the sermon portion of the service ***

September 17: Marijo & Mary Elizabeth Orr, Gina & Caryss Connor

September 24: Candace Redmon, Teresa Dickson, Andrew Harding

October 1: Christina Graubner, Jennifer Harding, and Brandon Wiley

Communion Bread Volunteers

September 17: Weeks

September 24: Mundy

October 1: Kelly

Wednesday Night Dinners: **Sept. 20:** Mundy **Sept. 27:** Graubner (PIZZA) **October 4:** Wonder

Service Members Prayer List

Military – Wesley Anderson, Micha Austin, Barrett Darlington, and Lissa McKamey – USAF, Jesse Gold – USMC, Jared Carlton – USN, and Michael Prather – US Army. Amber Hopkins -US Army (Stationed in Korea)

Law Enforcement- Jessica Taylor TPD and Josiah Reiner, PAHP.

Wifi – use "guest" account; password is john8:11 (1 word, low caps).

The Lord's Day

Sunday September 17, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

We Worship the True and Living God

Prelude - Jane Eubank

Call to Worship

Daniel 4:2-3, 6:26b-27a, 4:34b

Leader: It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

People: How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Leader: ...For he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end.

People: He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth...

Together: ...For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

Hymns of Praise

Majesty

See Insert

His Mercy Is More

See Insert

Welcome & Greeting

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - I 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.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 4:23-37, Reader - Sam Sykes

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

Our God Reigns

Hymnal #372

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory - Jane Eubank "He Hideth My Soul" Hymnal #611

Response: The Doxology Hymnal #815

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Prayer for the Congregation

Assurance of Grace

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find: knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8

Sermon: — "The Lord Hardens" Reverend Will Young
Exodus 7 (Page 49 in the Pew Bible)

1 And the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. **2** You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. **3** But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, **4** Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. **5** The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." **6** Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them. **7** Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. **8** Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, **9** "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'" **10** So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. **11** Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. **12** For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. **13** Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

14 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. **15** Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. **16** And you shall say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness.'" But so far, you have not obeyed. **17** Thus says the Lord, "By this you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. **18** The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile.'" **19** And the Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.'" **20** Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. **21** And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. **22** But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. **23** Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. **24** And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile. **25** Seven full days passed after the Lord had struck the Nile.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

There Is A Fountain

Hymnal #336

Benediction

Postlude - Jane Eubank