

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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News and Notes for the Week of May 21, 2023

Children’s Ministry Meeting/Shower: Today after worship we need ALL parents, nursery volunteers, church officers, and children and youth teachers to attend.

Life Choices Baby Bottles: Please take a bottle from the foyer and fill it with any spare change, cash, and/or even a check in one of the baby bottles. Once your bottle is filled, bring your bottle back and return it to Marijo Orr or Christina Graubner. This fundraiser will last through Father’s Day.

Mission of the Month: Mike and Mary Lott Prayer Requests: Foster child, Yem; students graduating from their school, and the many Bible translations they are helping with.

Wednesday Night Nursery Volunteers - Please talk with Candace if you can serve.

End of School/Memorial Day Gathering: Sunday, May 28th from 4-7pm. Please RSVP and sign up for food/games using this form: <https://forms.gle/g4UpRcjHBDN2dMRw5> The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and condiments. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Invite friends and coworkers to join us!

Church Calendar – Week of May 21, 2023

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School- Adults, Pioneer Club, and Youth
	10:30 am	Corporate Worship
	after worship	Children’s Ministry Meeting and Shower
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Classes- Adults, Youth, Pioneer Club, and Nursery
Thursday	5:30 am	Men’s Fellowship- Wonderful Works of God (see Erik)
Friday	5:30 am	Men’s Fellowship- Hardee’s on Lincoln St. (See Garrett)

Covenant Nursery Schedule

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

May 21: Candace Redmon, Brandon Wiley, and Christina Graubner

May 28: Lauren Young, Andrew Harding, and Sherry Eubank

June 4: Sam Sykes, Laura Darlington, and Lisa Wiley

Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

May 24: Mundy

May 31: PIZZA - Graubner

June 7: Kelly

Communion Bread Volunteers

May 21: Graubner

May 28: Dickson

June 4: Weeks

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 May 21, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

We Worship the True and Living God

Prelude - Jane Eubank

Call to Worship

Isaiah 44:23, 49:13-15

Leader: Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

People: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains into singing!

Leader: For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

People: But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."

Together: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you."

Hymns of Praise

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Hymnal #107

Lord I Need You

See Insert

Welcome & Greeting

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 72-74

Q72: What is justifying faith?

A72: Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assents to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receives and rests upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Q73: How does faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

A73: Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification, but only as it is an instrument by which he receives and applies Christ and his righteousness.

Q74: What is adoption?

A74: Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.

Scripture Lesson

Ezra 6:13-22, Reader - Rick Dickson

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11

Come Thou Almighty King

Hymnal #8

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory - Jane Eubank

"Blessed Assurance" with "No Other Name" - Hymnal #572 and #15

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."

Prayers for the Congregation

Assurance of Grace

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." *John 14:13-14*

Sermon:— "Receiving the Kingdom Like Children" Rev. Will Young

Mark 10:13-34

13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. **14** But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. **15** Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." **16** And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **18** And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" **20** And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." **21** And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." **22** Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" **24** And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." **26** And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" **27** Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." **28** Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." **29** Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, **30** who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. **31** But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, **33** saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. **34** And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

Just As I Am (verses 1-2)

Hymnal #488

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Just As I Am (verses 3-4)

Hymnal #488

Benediction

Postlude - Jane Eubank