

# Covenant Presbyterian Church, PCA

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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church  
exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

**March 8, 2026 | 10:45 AM**

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May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

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### Preparation for Worship

**Pre-Prelude**                      *Come We That Love the Lord* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
Laura Stone, flute, Charlene Gebler, clarinet, and Katie Stuckey, piano

**Choral Introit**                      *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* by Doris Akers  
The Covenant Choir

*But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit on them!'*  
Numbers 11:29

*'Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.'* Luke 11:23

*The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.*  
Philippians 1:17-18a

*So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!*  
Acts 5:38-39a

*But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.* James 3:14-16

"The cure for the sin of envy and jealousy is to find our contentment in God." Jerry Bridges

"What! At peace with the Father, and at war with His children? It cannot be." John Flavel

"Satan greatly approves of our railing at each other, but God does not."  
C.H. Spurgeon

"The more fractured we are, the greater we become spectacles to the world. The more we are united in love, the more the world sees Christ." Curtis Thomas

"The greatest hindrances to the evangelization of the world are those within the church." John Mott

"Believers are never told to become one; we already are one and are expected to act like it." Joni Eareckson Tada

"Christianity is not 'every man for himself'; it's every man together for Christ."  
Wayne Mack

"Tolerance toward people is a good and biblical virtue, but tolerance toward false teaching is sin." John MacArthur

**Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.**

## Worship for the Lord's Day – March 8, 2026

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Adoration of God

**\*Call to Worship**                      Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7  
*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.*

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 381                      *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

**Invocation**                      Elder Tony Bloemsma

**Affirmation of Our Faith**                      Westminster Confession of Faith  
*Chapter XXV Of the Church*

I. "The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

**\*Hymn of Unity** No. 347                      *The Church's One Foundation* (stanzas 1-3,5)

#### Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

##### Pastoral Prayer

**Choral Reflection**                      *Canticle of Fellowship* by Craig Courtney

**\*The Reading of God's Word**                      Luke 9:49-50

**The Message from God's Word**                      "Are You a Hindrance?"  
Pastor Steve Mirich

**\*Hymn of Response**                      *The Compassion Hymn*

##### Offertory Prayer

**Offertory**                      *How Beautiful Are the Feet* by G. F. Handel (Isaiah 52:7)  
Jeanne Johnson, soprano, and Brett Levi, organ

#### Response and Blessing

**\*Sending Hymn**                      *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

**\*Benediction**                      Romans 15:5-6  
*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

##### \*Doxology

**Postlude**                      *God of Grace* arr. Paul Manz  
Brett Levi, organ

\*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)