

We glorify God by loving Him and loving people.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP THE LORD'S DAY

**November 16, 2025
10:30AM & 5:00PM**

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Apart from Christ we can do nothing.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

† Call to Worship

Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

† Invocation

Minister

† Lord's Prayer

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.

† Psalm of Praise

TPH 145B

I Will Exalt You, God, My King

verses 8-12

† *Please stand if able.*

Prayer of Confession of Sin

*From John
Knox's Liturgy
of 1560*

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:8-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

† Psalm of Assurance

TPH 121B

To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

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† Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q&A 137-138

Q. 137. Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Q. 138. What are the duties required in the seventh commandment?

A. The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior; and the preservation of it in ourselves and others; watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses; temperance, keeping of chaste company, modesty in apparel; marriage by those that have not the gift of continency, conjugal love, and cohabitation; diligent labor in our callings; shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.

† *Please stand if able.*

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

*Pew Bible page
number 552*

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:1-9

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Words of a Wise Mother”

Introduction

- I. The Destructive Power of Lust (v. 2-3)
- II. The Destructive Power of Drunkenness
(v. 4-5)
- III. Using God’s Gifts Wisely (v. 6-7)
- IV. Standing Up for the Weak and Helpless
(v. 8-9)

Conclusion

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Offertory **TPH 249**
For the Beauty of the Earth
verses 1-2

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

† Doxology **TPH 567**

† Prayer of Dedication *Minister*

† Hymn of Preparation **TPH 249**
For the Beauty of the Earth
verses 3-5

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn of Response **TPH 282**
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

† Benediction *Minister*

Postlude

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EVENING WORSHIP

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Dr. Jeff Chewning

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† Hymn of Praise

TPH 433

Amazing Grace!

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Prayer of Confession of Sin **Thomas Cranmer**
Dr. Phil Schenewerk

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to the promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon **Zephaniah 3:14-17**

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

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† Hymn of Assurance

TPH 340

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Aaron Raines

***Old Testament
Scripture Reading***

2 Samuel 7:8, 12-16
Dr. Jordan Carl

*Pew Bible page
number 1009*

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

“The Unshakable Kingdom”

Introduction

I. Your God is Your Judge (vv. 18–21)

II. Your Judge is Your Savior (vv. 22–24)

III. Your Savior is Your King (vv. 25–29)

Conclusion

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Ordination Vows

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

Praying and Laying on of Hands

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Ordination Pronouncement *Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan*

Charge to the Candidate *Rev. Dr. Chris Miller*

**Exhortation to the Reformed Presbyterian
Church in Taiwan** *Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan*

† **Hymn of Response** **TPH 472**
Here from All Nations

† **Benediction** **Hebrews 13:20-21**
Rev. Liam Carr

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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday	Proverbs 31:1, 10-31; 2 Timothy 5 & 3:15	How important is the influence and example of a godly woman?
Tuesday	Proverbs 31:2-3; 1 Samuel 1:11; Deuteronomy 17:17; Nehemiah 13:26	How did Soleman fail in the advice he gave here? What are the ways that destroy kings?
Wednesday	Proverbs 31:4-5; Leviticus 10:9-10; 1 Kings 10:12-20; Esther 3:15; Ecclesiastes 10:17	What happens when kings and rulers live drunken and careless lives?
Thursday	Proverbs 31:6-7; Psalm 104:15; 1 Timothy 5:23; Judges 9:13; Isaiah 24:11; Ephesians 5:18	What are legitimate uses of wine and strong drink?
Friday	Proverbs 31:8; 1 Samuel 19:4-7; Esther 4:13-16; Psalm 82:3-4; Ezekiel 18:8; Habakkuk 1:13	What is our duty toward all those who are being treated unjustly?
Saturday	Proverbs 31:9; Zechariah 7:9 & 9:9; John 7:24; Leviticus 19:15; Habakkuk 1:9; Jeremiah 22:16; Isaiah 1:17; Romans 13:4	What is our duty to those who are poor and needy?

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WEEKLY CALENDAR*

Tuesday	12:00pm Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting (childcare provided) Youth Group (6-12 th grade) Covenant Kids Club (PreK-5 th grade)
Thursday	7:00pm Choir Meeting 9:30am Men's Coffee at Rick's Bakery 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:15pm Men's Thursday Evening Fellowship <i>1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, Location TBD</i>
Friday	6:00am Men's Larger Catechism Study
Saturday	9:00am Spanish/English Bible Study <i>Springdale Public Library</i>

**weekly events subject to change until
completion of church interior redesign*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us tonight for the ordination service of Liam Carr during our evening service at 5:30pm. There will be a reception held immediately following the service.

Officer nominations open this Sunday and will close January 1, 2026. Nomination forms will be available next Sunday.

Due to construction, there will be no Wednesday night meals or Covenant Kids Club for the remainder of November. The last Kids Club of the year will be December 3, 2025. Kids Club will resume January 14, 2026.

There will be no Wednesday night activities on November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Holiday Fellowship Meal will be Sunday, November 23. The church will be purchasing turkeys and hams. If you are willing to cook one, please contact Liesl Jarvis at 479-601-4400.

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for our annual Women's Christmas event on Monday, December 1st at 6:30pm-8:30pm. The evening will include fellowship, a silent auction, and dinner catered by the church. If you can, please bring a new or loved item to auction off. We would love for you to join us and bring a friend to this special event! RSVP to Rachel Carl.

Men of Covenant, come enjoy food and fellowship on Monday, at 6:30pm on December 8th at Wood Stone Pizza on N. Mall Ave. in Fayetteville. Please RSVP to Jordan Carl at 469-450-5978. Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

There will be no Sunday School or fellowship meal on December 28th since that Sunday falls between the holidays.

Please plan to join us for our annual Christmas Eve Service. More information to come.

† Please stand if able.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Date	Worship
Nov. 16	Amy Gaesswitz, Brittney Reynolds, Samantha Maxey
Nov. 23	Kristyn Ersteniuk, Karine Kirkland, Rachel Beyer
Nov. 30	Samantha Maxey, KirbyAnn Carl, Jan House
Dec. 7	Kathi Stayman, Tirzah Shaw, Katie Alberty

ELDERS & DEACONS OF COVENANT CHURCH

SESSION

Jordan Carl	Jeff Chewning, <i>Stated Clerk of Session</i>
Pete Golden	Harrison Howle
Nathan Jarvis	Rick (Dow) Pursley <i>Emeritus</i>
Paul Sagan, <i>Moderator</i>	Phil Schenewerk Phil Schenewerk

Deacons

Darin Akerman	Ken Andersen
Jim Dooley <i>Emeritus</i>	Mike Golden
John Smith	Dennis Smith <i>Emeritus</i>
Nathan Taylor	