

WE'RE PLEASED YOU CAME TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY
PLEASE LET US CONNECT WITH YOU

Name(s) _____

Phone or Email: _____

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- I would like more information
- I want to volunteer
- I would like to be contacted
- I have updated information

Prayer Request

Visit our website www.CovenantRuston.com
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Announcements

Volunteers Needed to volunteer for nursery or greeter check the above form.
E-Mails Signup on our website or message the church.

On The Radio Sunday Morning Service is on KAPI FM 88.3 from 10:30 a.m.—12 noon.
Nursery workers for the coming weeks will be:
Aug. 1—Kay DeFreese
Aug. 8—Nancy Pierce

Church Picnic— Aug. 28, 3-7 pm

Candy Catechism:

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Day

August 1, 2021

Preparing our Hearts

Welcome and Announcements

**Indicates standing if you are able.*

Gathering of God's People

*** The Call to Worship** Isa 41:9-10

People: Amen!

*** Song #196** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*** God's Invocation Psalm 106:1**

Minister: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord,
People: for he is good; his love endures forever.

*** God's Greeting and Prayer** Jude 1-2

Confession and Purification

Reading of the Law Isa 8:11-13

Silent Confession

Kneelers are in front of you under the pew if you would like to use them for confession.

Corporate Confession of Sins

Lord, Father, creator, and sustainer, you alone hold the universe in the palm of your hand. You alone control the cosmos and the events therein. Forgive us for doubting and listening to *other voices*. We have allowed the world to define for us what is significant. Teach us again your glory and power. Draw us back to take shelter in the shadow of your wings. Infect us not with worldly thoughts, but the love and assurance of Christ.

Declaration of Forgiveness Isa 41:10, 13;
1 John 2:1-2

Song Psalm 32:1-7 (Psalms Book)

Receiving of New Members: Chris & Liz Zanca

Proclamation of God's Word

Psalms Psalm 32
(Trinity pg. 795)

Pastoral Prayer (*End with the Lord's Prayer*)

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 Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Sermon Matt 5:19-26
Having Surpassing Righteousness

Pastor Chris

*** Song** His Mercy is More (Insert)

Why read scripture publicly?

We spiritually benefit from being devoted to the word read, preached, and taught (1 Tim 4:13)

Why the 'Lord's Prayer'?

It summarizes a biblical, comprehensive approach of what to pray, and it joins us to the worldwide saints past and present.

Response of God's People

Collection of Our Offerings

* Doxology - #731

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. Amen.

Celebration of Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing at a true, Bible proclaiming church. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. As Christ gave wine to the first disciples we use wine for Communion, but the inner rings are juice if you prefer.

Confession of Faith:

WSC 96 *What is the Lord's supper?*

The Lord's supper is a sacrament, whereby giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is shown forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal or carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

Prayer and Consecration

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Minister: [prayer]

Words of Institution and Celebration

In celebration of our unity in Christ, please hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served, then we will all partake together.

Prayer After The Supper

Gracious Father, we thank you for the blessing of this spiritual feast. Instead of wrath, we have received Christ's grace and mercy. You have fed us again as we boldly enter the Holy of Holies where Christ, the High Priest, and our only Mediator reigns and rules. Please strengthen our faith and keep us in the shadow of your wings. We ascribe glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

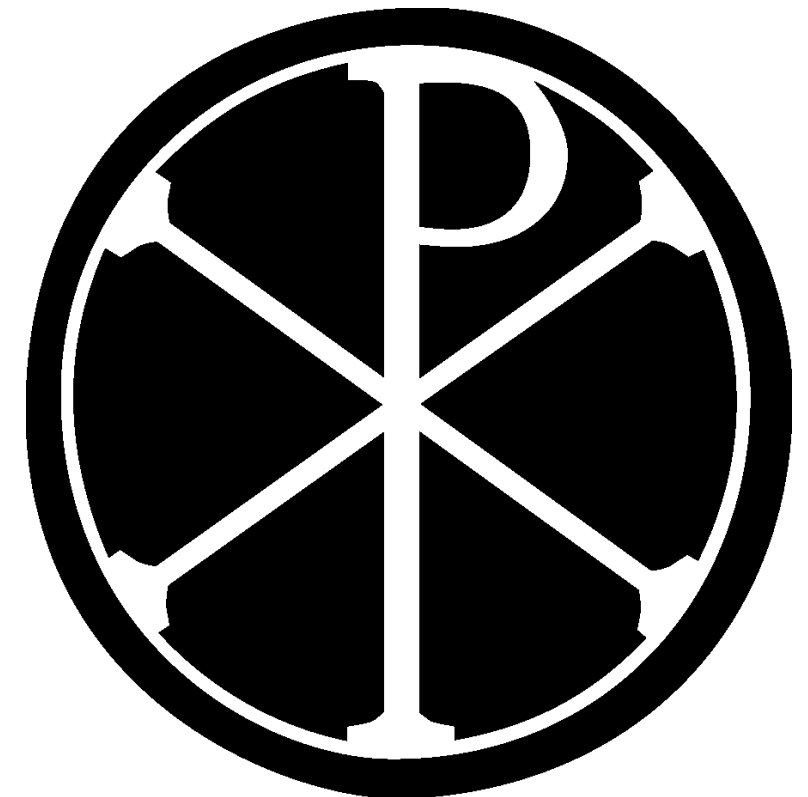
Sending of God's People

* Song #48 O Lord Most High

* Benediction

* Song #740 *Threefold Amen*

Welcome To



**C O V E N A N T
R E F O R M E D**

A PCA Congregation

'TO KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF
HIS RESURRECTION' PHIL 3:10