

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

Name(s) _____

Phone or Email: _____

Address: _____

- 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. 8 — Nancy Pierce
Aug. 15 — Megan Stevens

Church Picnic — Aug. 28, 3-7 pm
Women's Prayer Meeting — Aug. 12, 7 pm

The Easley's last Sunday: Rejoice with and encourage forward.

Candy Catechism:

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Day

August 8, 2021

Preparing our Hearts

Welcome and Announcements

**Indicates standing if you are able.*

Gathering of God's People

*** The Call to Worship** 2 Cor 1:4-5

People: Amen!

*** Song #660** O God Beyond All Praising

*** 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 Rom 12:17-18; Matt 6:33

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, while the darkness rages and the voices of despair clamor, you sit enthroned. Forgive us for getting caught up in the fervor by looking at the world through eyes of doubt, distraction, and darkness. Instill in us an assurance that you are still God, our King is still enthroned, and the Spirit still hovers over creation. Filled with the comfort of Christ's grace, may we not join the world's chorus of confusion, chaos, and despair. Fuel us by the comfort of Christ to pour forth hope in seeking your Kingdom come now.

Declaration of Forgiveness Psalm 103:1-5, 12

Song #535 O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Proclamation of God's Word

Psalms Psalm 37:1-9
(Trinity pg. 797)

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 5:23-37

Pastor Chris

*** Song #455** And Can it Be

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 97. What is required to worthily receive the Lord's supper?

It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

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.

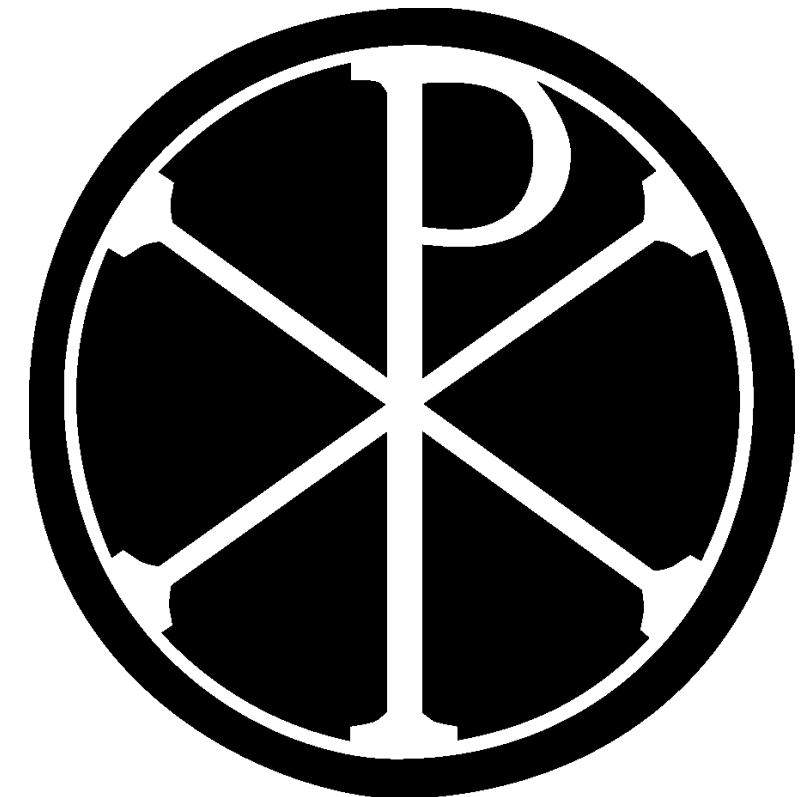
Sending of God's People

* Song Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near (Insert)

* 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