

**WE'RE PLEASED YOU JOINED FOR WORSHIP TODAY  
PLEASE CONNECT WITH US**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Prayer Request**

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**Announcements**

- ◆ Sunday Morning Service on radio at FM 88.3
- ◆ Newsletters Signup on our website to stay connected.
- ◆ Volunteers needed for nursery, greeter, and help.

- ◆ Calendar:  
Nursery Workers:                      Helpers:  
Sept-5 Niemiowski                      Niemiowski  
Sept-12 Needed                              Lauck

Sept-10, 7am—Men's Breakfast  
Sept-16 7pm—Women's Prayer

Candy Catechism:

Apostles' Creed

**Gathering of God's People**

*\*Indicates standing if you are able.*

**\* The Call to Worship**                      Isaiah 60:1  
**People: Amen!**

**\* Song**                                      #53 Praise to the Lord

**\* Our Response Psalm 106:1**  
Minister: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord.  
**People: for he is good; his love endures forever.**

**\* God's Greeting**                      2 John 3

**Confession and Purification**

**God's Law**                                      Deuteronomy 11:1

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

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

Father, Covenant Lord, and Ruler over all, we confess we have failed to live perfect lives. You have loved us, but we have not responded in proportion. We acknowledge that while we have honored you with our lips, often our hearts are far from you (Isa 29:13). Lord, even our best efforts are beneath your worth and glory. By the blood of Christ, forgive us of our sins. Cleanse us from within. O Lord, please renew in us a wholehearted devotion to you, your glory, and your prescriptions.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**                      Rom 5:1; John 16:27

**\* Song**                                      #32 Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**Scripture Reading**                      Psalm 40:11-17 (pg. 799)

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

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!

**\* Sing: 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**                      Matthew 6  
                                    Seeking and Seizing the Kingdom of Heaven  
                                    Pastor Chris

**\* Song**                                      #642 Be Thou my Vision

## Response of God's People

### Our Gifts and Offerings

#### \* Doxology

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    Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead;  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Catholic means according to the whole, universal church.

### 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.

### Blessing and Benediction

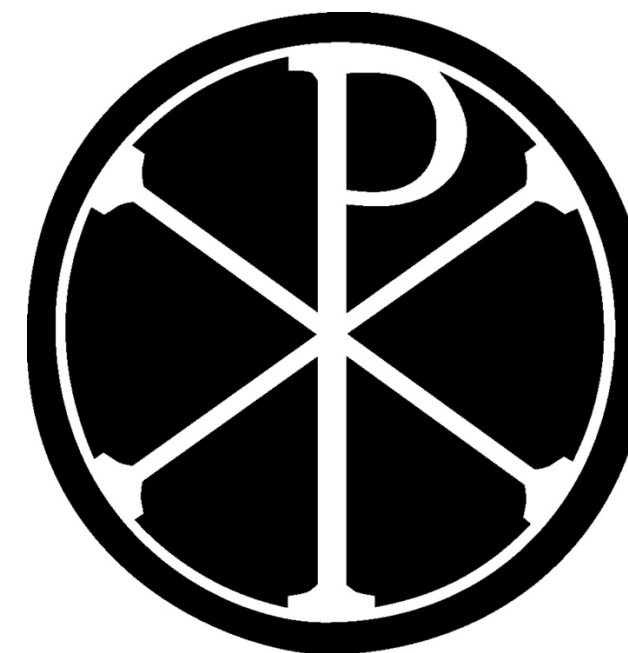
\* Song    #92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

\* Benediction

\* Song    #740 *Threefold Amen*

# Welcome

Lord's Day  
September 5, 2021



**COVENANT  
REFORMED**

A PCA Congregation

*Church's Mission—*

To Know Christ and the Power of His Resurrection, Phil 3:10