

**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:

Oct-10 Dickerson

Oct-17 Murphy

Helpers:

Zanca

McGovern

Candy Catechism:

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Gathering of God's People

**Indicates standing if you are able.*

*** The Call to Worship** Psalm 36:5-9

People: Amen!

*** Song** #252 When I Survey

*** Our Response Psalm 106:1**

Minister: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord.

People: for he is good; his love endures forever.

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

Confession and Purification

God's Law Zechariah 7:9-12

Silent Confession

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

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess that we were conceived and born in sin, and inclined to all evil and slow to any good. We are prone to self-centered thinking and living. We care not for the 'other;' we harden our hearts, and we close our ears. Forgive us and convict us of sins against your glory and your name. Tenderize our hearts by your grace. Please wash us clean again in the blood of the lamb. Sanctify us to be like our Savior, King, and High Priest.

Why a call to worship?
Because God summons us to the throne of grace so we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need (Heb 4:16)

Why a corporate confession?
Because God receives and heals those who confess their sins (1 John 1:9)

Declaration of Forgiveness 2 Cor 1:3-5

*** Song** # 498 Jesus! What a Friend

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Reading Hosea 6:1-7

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 9:9-17

Dining with the Destitute

Pastor Chris

*** Song** #600 He Leadeth Me

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

Celebrating our unity, please hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served, then we will partake together.

Jesus says to you who believe:

*Come to me. Come and receive:
Strength for the weak
Comfort for the weary
Hope for the hurting.*

Jesus reminds us: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes will never thirst" (John 6:35)

Prayer After the Supper

Father, we have received again in this meal the grace of Jesus Christ, the lord and giver of life. Though poor sinners, we have dined with the King. You have nourished our souls again. May we go forth strengthened by the Spirit, renewed in your love, and bearing fruit for your name. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the Glory forever and ever.

Blessing and Benediction

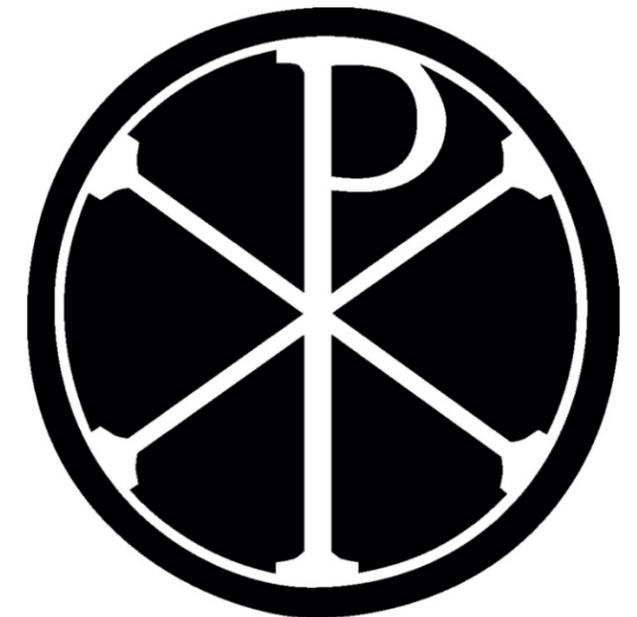
* Song # 693 Blessed Assurance

* Benediction

* Song #740 *Threefold Amen*

Welcome

Lord's Day
October 10, 2021



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

A PCA Congregation

Church's Mission—

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