

**WE'RE PLEASED YOU JOINED FOR WORSHIP TODAY  
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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
- ◆ Newsletter Signup on our website to stay connected.
- ◆ Volunteers needed for nursery, greeter, and help.

◆ Calendar:

Nursery:

Feb-6 Dickerson

Feb-13 Murphy

Helpers:

NEEDED

Dickerson

We need volunteers to rotate through nursery. Please see Chris about serving in such a helpful way.

**Candy Catechism:**

Genesis 1:1 & John 1:1

**Gathering of God's People**

*\*Indicates standing if you are able.*

**\* The Call to Worship**

Leader: Psa 118:5 I called to the Lord in my distress;

People: **The Lord answered and set me free.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**\* Song** #252 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**\* God's Greeting** Philippians 1:1-2

**Confession and Purification**

**God's Law** 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Silent Confession

*Kneelers are under the pew if you would like to use them.*

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

Lord, God, and Father of all Creation, you have opened a living way through Christ for us to approach your throne, and you promise mercy and help when we arrive. Yet, Lord, we neglect your presence. Like atheists, we go about our days as if alone without a father or helper. Forgive us our moral, spiritual, and intellectual failures. Teach us the great benefits of being nourished by communion with you. May prayer become the means of abandoning the vanities of the world and becoming conversant with you in heaven. Meet us in the communion of prayer for the refreshing, refilling, and flourishing of our enjoyment of the divine life.

**\* Song** #257 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 4:14–16

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**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 13:1–20

Benevolence of the Sower

Pastor Chris Stevens

**\* Song** #689 Be Still, My Soul

## 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 the 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

Nicene Creed (381) Part 1

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

### 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.*

### Prayer After the Supper

Christ, King, and ruler of all, we thank you for granting us communion of your pure and life-giving holiness. We beseech you, by the work of the Spirit, to keep us under your protection and in the shadow of your wings. For you are the bread of life, the well-spring of holiness, and the giver of all that is good. We ascribe glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

### Blessing and Benediction

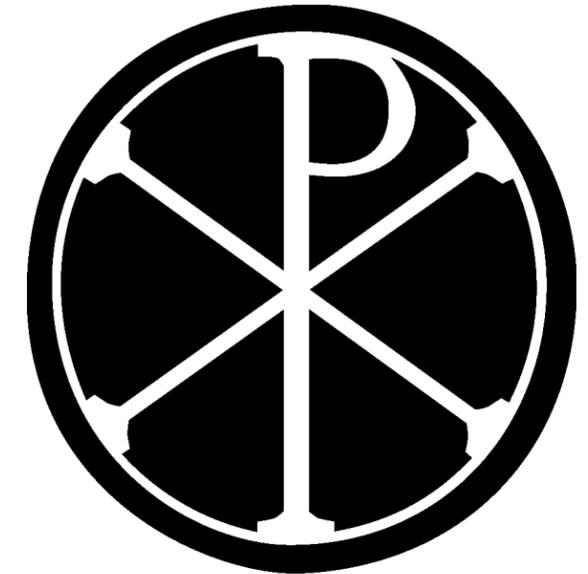
\* Song #347 Church's One Foundation

\* Benediction

\* Song #740 *Threefold Amen*

# Welcome

Lord's Day  
February 6, 2022



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

A PCA Congregation

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 5:30 pm

*Church's Mission—*

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