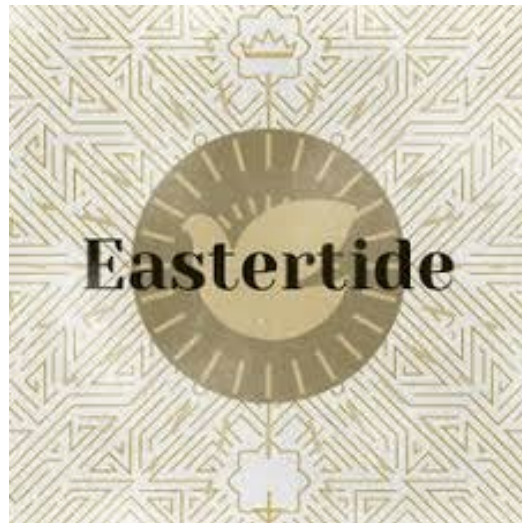




# COVENANT CHURCH

Paso



**April 28, 2024**

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY LENT EASTER PENTECOST ORDINARY

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## **Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church of Paso Robles**

We're glad you're with us today! There will be leaders up front at the end of the service to talk with you, pray with you, and help you in any way they can.

### **Join us for Coffee & Refreshments after the service**

Meet new friends, visit with longtime friends, and enjoy the fellowship of CPC!

### **Childcare Options:** (Volunteers trained by Ministry Safe)

Crayons and paper are available on the welcome table for children to use during the worship service.

Nursing/Cry Room is located off the foyer.

Nursery is for infants and young toddlers 0- 2 years (open before the service begins).

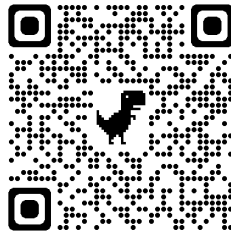
Toddler Time is for children ages 3-5 years (dismissed at sermon time).

Children's Church is for children ages K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (dismissed at sermon time).

(Occasional snacks are offered. Please notify the teacher of any allergies)

**Offerings:** There is an offering box at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online <https://www.covenantpaso.com/give>

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## **What Is Easter Season?**

Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, is the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. The early church saw the resurrection as the central witness to a new act of God in history and the victory of God in vindicating Jesus as the Messiah. This event marks the faith confession of the early church and was the focal point for Christian worship, observed on the first day of each week since the first century (Acts 20:7). Easter, as an annual celebration of the Resurrection has been observed at least since the fourth century. Even in churches that traditionally do not observe the other historic seasons of the church year, Easter has occupied a central place as the high point of Christian worship. In the Christian church year, the two major cycles of seasons, Christmas and Easter, are far more than a single day of observance. Like Christmas, Easter itself is a period of time, rather than just a day. It is a seven-week season of the church year called **Eastertide**, the Great Fifty Days that begins at sundown the evening before Easter Sunday (the Easter Vigil) and lasts for six more Sundays until Pentecost Sunday.

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**Reflections\****The Fifth Sunday of Easter***April 28, 2024**

"An unwavering confession of gospel hope, especially in a culture increasingly hostile toward Christianity, requires more than just me, Jesus, and my Bible. Christians need the divinely instituted means of grace. They also need one another. Faith withers in seclusion. God's people need sound preaching, faith-nourishing sacraments, and earnest prayer, all in the presence of God and His gathered church. God requires Christians to gather for worship because He loves us and knows what's best for us."

Jon Payne

"To pretend to believe without using of means, is presumption; to use the means without believing the promise, is lifeless formality."

Thomas Boston

"Worship is the workshop of the Holy Spirit. The means of grace, administered by called and lawfully ordained pastors, are the sacred tools by which God shapes and fashions us into the image of His Son. They are God's chosen means that, by the Spirit, through the exercising of faith, "are made effectual to the elect for salvation" (Westminster Larger Catechism 154). Therefore, to forsake the church's worship is ultimately to presume upon God's goodness and question His divine wisdom."

Jon Payne

"Christians are like bricks of a house; we need each other to make anything; without each other we're not a house; to say you love Jesus but refuse to plug into a church is like a brick being kicked down the street screaming, "I'm a house, I'm a house, I'm a house."

Spurgeon

"When the church becomes an institution, people are nothing more than volunteers to be recruited. When the church is a movement, our stewardship becomes the unleashing of our God-given gifts, talents, and passions."

Erwin McManus

"Royalty is my identity, Servanthood is my assignment, Intimacy with God is my life source."

Bill Johnson

"It has come to be a dreadfully common belief in the Christian church that the only man who has a "call" is the man who devotes all his time to what is called "ministry," whereas all Christian service is ministry, and every Christian has a call to some kind of ministry or another".

Charles Spurgeon

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\* As a courtesy, please mute all cell phones.

**Welcome**

Nick Nowakowski

*The Church expresses her hospitality to all people.**“To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to any and all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.”***Announcements****Call to Worship****From Psalm 103**

Leader:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless his holy name!

**People:****Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;**

Leader:

Who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases;

**People:****Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Leader:

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

**People:****The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

Leader:

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

**People:****Bless the Lord, O my soul.***Call to Worship:  
Worship is what we give worth and weight to in our lives. The God who created us and redeemed us in Christ calls us to respond to the weight of who He is and the worth of what He's done in our lives. God invites us into the joy of celebrating His Greatness.***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

## Songs & Hymns of Praise

### Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

#### *Chorus*

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

#### *Bridge*

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

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### Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

#### Chorus

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God

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## Confession of Sin and Declaration of our Need of Jesus Christ Nick Nowakowski

Leader: Ephesians 4:7-16

<sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

*Why is Confession important? In the Light of God's perfection and greatness, we see our sin and brokenness, yet we can come before the Father in honesty and openness, confessing our sins and remembering His promise to forgive us, cleanse us, heal us, and bless our gathering in Jesus' name.*

### People:

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have often failed to acknowledge his rule in our lives. In so many ways we have allowed ourselves to be conformed to the ways of the world, and we have failed to give Christ glory in all the areas of our lives. Forgive us, we pray, and by your Spirit empower us to live as your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who rules over all things and who is head of his body, the church. In his name we pray. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. – Romans 5:1-2

## Song of Assurance and Thanksgiving

### Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

#### *Chorus*

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are, It's who You are,  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

#### *Bridge*

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

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### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## Prayers of the People

Brooke Cone

### Offering

*There is an offering box and envelopes at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give via our online giving feature <https://www.covenantpaso.com/give>*

Why an offering? At the very beginning of the world, God entrusted the material things that he had created to the care of human beings so that they might grow them and use them for the good of others. Christians are to be known for their generosity and sacrificial giving to others. We live this out in our service by giving away our money for use in God's kingdom.

*Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Toddler Time, and Children ages K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed for our Children's Church program. Parents, you are always welcome to have your children stay with you throughout the service.*



**Sermon Scripture**

Hebrews 10:24-25  
*English Standard Version*

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Ephesians 4:11-12  
*English Standard Version*

<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?*

*Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?*

*Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?*

***Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?***

*Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

**Sermon**

Do you Promise?  
Series: *Do You?*

Will Hawk

*Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*

NEXT SUNDAY:  
Sunday May 5, 2024  
Preaching: Dan Katches  
Text: Hebrews 13:17  
Title: Do You Submit?  
Series: *Do You?*

## Guidelines for Reception of Communion

*Communion*, also called *The Lord's Supper* or the *Eucharist*, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized and connected to a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion when they have been confirmed in their faith. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

## Confessing our Faith

### The Apostles Creed (4<sup>th</sup> Century AD)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell;<sup>1</sup>  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup>that is, He truly suffered the punishment deserved by sinners

<sup>2</sup>that is, the true Christian church of all times all places

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Communion Acclamation

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Words of Institution (From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

#### Distribution of the Bread\* and Cup\*\*

(\*gluten free bread in the center of the bread trays \*\* grape juice on the outer ring of the drink trays)

Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Communing

*If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.*

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth:

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

Prayer of Belief:

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Prayer of Commitment:

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

### Communion Prayer

Leader: Glory to God the Father, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and crowned him with glory and honor. Glory to God the Son, who lives to plead our cause at the right hand of God and who will come again to make all things new. Glory to God the Holy Spirit, who brings us the taste of the good Word of God and the power of the age to come.

**People: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our Lord forever! Amen.**

## Song of Sending

### I Give You My Heart

This is my desire  
To honour You  
Lord with all my heart  
I worship You  
All I have within me  
I give You praise  
All that I adore is in You

#### *Chorus*

Lord I give You my heart  
I give You my soul  
I live for You alone  
Ev'ry breath that I take  
Ev'ry moment I'm awake  
Lord have Your way in me

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Reuben Morgan

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## Benediction

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Romans 15:5-6

Will Hawk

*Benediction:  
from the Latin  
bene “well”  
and dicere “to  
speak” (so to  
speak well of,  
bless). We  
close our  
service with  
God declaring  
his blessing  
upon us.*

## Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go forth to serve the world  
as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

People:

**Thanks be to God!**

Worship Music team today:

Greg Heim – guitar, vocals

Garet Pahl – bass

Debbie Horne – vocals

Carrie Heim – vocals

Thor Pahl – sound

David Lundy – ProPresenter

## Announcements

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry Training:** Our CPC ESL ministry is looking for more volunteers to join this wonderful growing ministry to our community. There is an online training event that will take place between May 3-6. If you are interested, please contact our ESL coordinator, Joe Horne, to get more info.

**Adult Christian Education Class on the Sacraments:** Sacraments: What are they? Why do we call them sacraments? What do they do? Why should I care? All these questions along with the purpose and meaning of baptism and the Lord's Supper will be explored. Five Sunday sessions (April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12) Come join us!

### Children's Choir Opportunity:

We are putting together children's choir for Mother's Day (May 12). We will be rehearsing during Children's Church/Toddler Time (not every Sunday) and after church (not every Sunday). Interested children/parents can contact Debbie Horne at 805-204-7871.

**Covenant Mid-Week Call to Prayer:** Dan will be hosting our weekly 12 noon prayer time this Wednesday, May 1. Please join us either in person at CPC or via Zoom as we focus on gospel renewal in the church, our region, and the world.

### Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- CPC Midweek Prayer: Wednesday, May 1, 12:00pm @ CPC & via Zoom
- CPC Monthly Stated Session Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 7:00pm @ CPC

### CPC 2024 First Quarter Financial Update:

JAN-MAR offerings received: \$71,084

JAN-MAR offerings Budgeted: \$90,000

JAN-MAR offerings Shortfall: -\$18,916

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## Getting Connected

Here are the ways to get connected at Covenant Presbyterian Church as well as other ministries that we partner with to bring the hope of Christ to our region. For an overview of each ministry, visit our website at [www.covenantpaso.com](http://www.covenantpaso.com)

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