

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 73:25-26

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 529: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

CORPORATE CONFESSION: (kneel as able)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE PEACE**

† **GLORIA PATRI (with hands lifted)**

**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.**

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 527: "The Beatitudes" (vv. 1-4 only)**

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 66:1-6

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the Word of our God will stand forever!

Isaiah 40:8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 3:2-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

† **PSALM 72, NO. 662:** "As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams"

† **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12** (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

1. The Blessedness

2. The Poverty

3. The Kingdom

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age

but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

what is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly that he ought,

**but think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of
faith God has provided.**

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;
Hold fast to what is good.
 Love one another with brotherly affection.
Outdo one another in showing honor.
 Do not be slothful in zeal.
Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.
 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation.
Be constant in prayer.
 Contribute to the needs of the saints,
and seek to show hospitality.
 Bless those who persecute you.
Bless and do not curse them.
 Rejoice with those who rejoice.
Weep with those who weep.
 Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty,
but associate with the lowly and never be conceited.
 Repay no one evil for evil,
but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
 Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but give place to the wrath of God.
 For it stands written:
"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."
 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him;
If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
 For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head."
Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Art Hunt (Ruling Elder), Jud Brownlee (Deacon)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** (with hands lifted)

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

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

† SANCTUS

Sung in unison

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full__of your Glo - ry. Ho

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san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he__ who_ comes__

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in__ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ
Communion Meditation Silence**

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, NO. 429: "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" (printed on back)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 565: "All for Jesus"**

† **BENEDICTION: Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

Covenant this Week – February 8-14, 2026

RIFA February Desserts: Beth Davis and Daneen DeMaagd

Snacks – February 8: Debbie S., Allison M., Joy W.

February 15: Julie C., Jen D., Ashley D.

Nursery - February 8: Sarah V., Emily D.

February 15: Jen S., Lucy C.

Announcements

- **Covenant Officers:** Today it is our joy to install Art Hunt as a Ruling Elder and Jud Brownlee as a Deacon. Thanks be to God for his provision for Covenant!
- **Hour of Prayer:** Meet to pray in the Conference Room, 6 p.m., Wednesday, the 11th.
- **Youth Group:** The youth meet 6 p.m., at church, on Wednesday, the 11th. Study is on John 15:18-27.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Please join us on Friday, February 13, 9:30-11 a.m., for our study: *The Son of David – Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books* by Nancy Guthrie. The lesson is Week 5, 1 Samuel. Please invite a friend!
- **Senior Lunch:** Chili Dump after Christian education classes on Sunday, February 15. Bring a small pot of your favorite chili and we'll dump it all together for a delicious meal.
- **RiFA Ministry:** Today is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Join RiFA in tackling hunger in West Tennessee. Scan to give.
 - Thursday, the 12th, is RiFA's 50th Birthday. All are invited to a come and go celebration at RiFA Warehouse (133 Airways Blvd.) from 3-6 p.m. Join them for an afternoon of nostalgia, laughter, and good party vibes. Bring your friends, your enthusiasm and your festive spirit!



Looking Ahead

Wednesday Nights in February:

February 18: *Daily Doctrine* Study, 6 p.m., Conference Room.

February 25: Hour of Prayer and Youth Group, 6 p.m., Covenant.

February 19: Session Meeting, 5 p.m., at the Chiarots.

February 20, 27: Women's Bible Study on Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

February 20: Youth Arcade Night, 6-8 p.m., Covenant.

February 22: Fellowship Meal after worship service.

February 27: RiFA Soup Kitchen, 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Rejoice Always, Pray Continually, Give Thanks

Praying for our own. This week, we, as a Covenant family, pledge our prayers for **Rebekah O'Brien and her children Martin, Fidelia, and Merci**. Give thanks for them as a family, may they be strengthened by the grace and mercy of Christ. May God guide in their vocation, education, and keep them in good health.

Petition God to provide for all our beloved saints in every way and every need and thank Him for His faithfulness.

Missionaries:

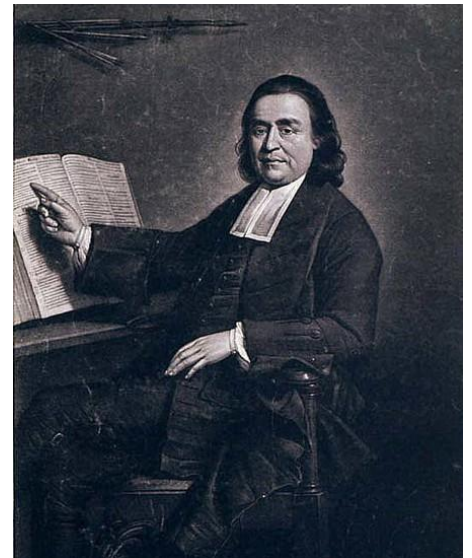
Patrick and Regina Lennox | lennoxletters@gmail.com

As MTW missionaries to Native America, the Lennoxes serve with Occom Ministries -- a ministry to encourage and equip Native American and First Nations pastors, elders, teachers, and leaders. All the while they are searching for those who believe they are called to become pastors, teachers, etc.

Patrick and Regina have three ministry initiatives:

- Native Pastors Gathering
- Occom Institute (launching in 2026)
- Occom Discovery Center (not yet established, visit www.Occom.org.)

They are always thankful to the Lord for their partnership in the Great Commission with us.



Rev. Samson Occom
(Mohegan, 1723-1792).
Rev. Occom was the first
Native American ordained
Presbyterian minister and thus,
is the ministry's namesake.

Welcome to Covenant

If you are visiting our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. (www.pcanet.org)

While we encourage children in worship, there is a staffed nursery during the morning worship service.

Sunday Schedule

Pre-Service Prayer – 9 a.m.

Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time – 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School – 11:15 a.m.

The Lord's Table

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday in response to the Word of God. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed.

You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service.

NOTE: The outer ring alone contains grape juice, all others contain wine.

Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back, at least, to the fifth century.

Post Tenebras Lux is a Latin slogan from the 16th century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine

to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Church Officers

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Chiarot | kevin@cpcjackson.org

Ruling Elders: Sam Chhim, Keith Posey,

Jeff Stockwell, Steve Vos

Deacons: Jeff Straka, Tom Vos

Our Covenant Missionary Families

- Dawson and Shanna Bean (MTW, Czech Republic)
- Patrick and Regina Lennox (MTW, Native American pastor training)
- Tim and Laura Love (MTW, Ethiopia)
- Jeff and Katie Saunders (MTW, Japan)
- Luke and Sohka Smith (MTW, Cambodia)
- Michael and Lindie Wadhams (MTW, Washington/Lummi Nation, Arizona)

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Jesus Taught on the Mountain

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WORD LIST

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 REJOICE
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REWARD
 RIGHTEOUSNESS
 SEATED
 SPIRIT
 TAUGHT
 THIRST

Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured (Jesus Meine Zuversicht)

Let Thy blood in mercy poured
 Let Thy gracious body broken
 Be to me O gracious Lord
 Of Thy boundless love the token
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

Thou didst die that I might live
 Blessed Lord Thou came'st to save me
 All that love of God could give
 Jesus by His sorrows gave me
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

By the thorns that crowned Thy brow
 By the spear wound and the nailing
 By the pain and death I now claim
 O Christ Thy love unfailing
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I myself to Thee

Wilt Thou own the gift I bring
 All my penitence I give Thee
 Thou art my exalted King
 Of Thy matchless love forgive me
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

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