

# A WORSHIP SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

\*Call to Worship – *Isaiah 42:5-12*

\*Hymns of Praise – *Here I am to Worship*  
*Carry Your Name*

Congregational Prayer – *John Willems*

Ministry Highlight: Bill Poehler, India Mission

\*Call to Confession – *Romans 13:8-14*

Prayer of Confession

\*Declaration of Grace – *1 Thessalonians 5:5-11*

\*Doxology [new]

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

\*Hymn of Preparation – *All I Have is Christ*

Sermon – Rev. John Frese

Ephesians 5:7-14 | Called to Imitate Christ in Light

\*Hymn of Response – *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (#481)*

\*Commission

\*Benediction

(\* ) calls for the congregation to stand

We welcome children in the service. If needed, nursery is available for children 3 and under.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE COVENANT

Sun Mar 08

9:15a J5 Prayer

9:30a Worship Service

11:00a Christian Formation

12:15p Second Sunday Prayer

Small Groups

See schedule/list in bulletin

Sun Mar 15

9:15a J5 Prayer

9:30a Worship Service

11:00a Christian Formation

12:15p Music Team Practice

### SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Teresa VerMeer

Ushers: Bryan Peterson, David Lamont

Nursery: Connie Pernecky, Natalie Frese

Sound: Randy Wahlstrom

Slides: Lorie Wahlstrom

Fellowship Time: Phillips

Counters: Al Birr, Duane Hettver

Ride for Rosella: Kevin VerMeer

### NEXT WEEK

Greeter: Lorie Wahlstrom

Ushers: David Lamont, Kevin VerMeer

Nursery: Jayne Heupel, Carina Peterson

Sound: Benjamin Frese

Slides: Connie Pernecky

Fellowship Time: Lorie Wahlstrom

Counters: Kevin VerMeer, Steve Ridley

Ride for Rosella: Duane Hettver

### TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:15-21

Memory Verse: Review Ephesians 5:8

## EPHESIANS THE CALL OF THE GOSPEL

Ephesians 5:7-14

Called to Imitate Christ in Light

Being in Christ means a counter-cultural life that exposes the futility of life separated from God and calls, by character and conduct, to life in Christ.

Letter to the Ephesians: The Call, 1:1-2

The Church's Glorious Call, 1:3-3:21

The Church's Glorifying Conduct, 4:1-6:20

Called to Walk Worthily, 4:1-16

Called to Imitate Christ, not Culture, 5:1-6:9

New Loyalty, 5:7-8a

New Lifestyle, 5:8b-10

New Light, 5:11-3

New Life: Wake Up to Christ!, 5:14

## REFORMED BIBLE CONFERENCE

Our sister church First Presbyterian in Hinckley is hosting their annual Reformed Bible Conference on the topic: Our Heavenly Hope. The conference takes place on at **6:30p on six Sunday evenings from March 1 – April 5**, with a different focus each week, all working to help us to strive for a clear heavenly vision and to cultivate a longing on our hearts for the day when we're present with the Lord. For more information, see their website: [firstpreshinckley.org](http://firstpreshinckley.org).

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We meet at 11a each Sunday after the worship service for Christian Formation classes to shape our outer conduct and inner character to be more like Jesus and less like ourselves.

CovenantKIDS have 4 classes by age:

Ages 2-4: Room 3 with Jan Parker

Grades K-2: Room 7 with Carina Peterson

Grades 3-6: Room 5 with Teresa VerMeer  
and Lorie Wahlstrom

MiddleSchool Girls: Room 10 with Jenna Luttio

Adults: Fireside Room (#11)

## AMAZONSMILE

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## SECOND SUNDAY PRAYER

Would you like to learn to pray? Improve your prayer life? Intercede for our church, community, state, and nation? Join us after Christian Formation today in the **Fireside Room at 12:15p**. We'll be particularly praying for Bill Poehler and Patrick O'Banion as they each travel to India.

## J5 PRAYER @ 9:15A

James 5 (J5) urges us to pray for each other and to come to the elders for prayer when we need help. We gather at 9:15a (before the service) in the back corner of the Fellowship Hall for prayer. If you have a prayer need of any kind or want to pray together for GraceCov, please come and let's pray for and with each other.

## SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are a key discipleship ministry at Grace Covenant, where we fellowship unto the Gospel by studying, praying, discipling, and serving together.

Central/South Metro 1 – Wed 7p @ Rotating

Contacts: Duane Hettver, Kevin VerMeer

Central/South Metro 2 – 2&4 Thurs @ Burnsville

Contact: Bill Poehler

Women's Group – 2&4 Thurs 2p @ GraceCov

Contact: Norene Corder or Jan Parker

South Metro-Wed 6p @ Rotating

Contact: Pastor John

Far South – every other Sun 4pm @ Farmington

Contact: John Willems

## PASTOR JOHN VACATION

Pastor John will be out of the study **tomorrow** Mar 9, for a short vacation during spring break. He will be back in his study on Wed Mar 11.

## CHURCH OFFICERS

**Elders** [ [elders@gracecovmn.org](mailto:elders@gracecovmn.org) ]  
Duane Hettver, Tom Luttio,\*  
Kevin VerMeer, John Willems

**Deacons** [ [deacons@gracecovmn.org](mailto:deacons@gracecovmn.org) ]  
Al Birr, Steve Ridley, Randy Wahlstrom

\*on sabbatical

## STAFF & MINISTRY TEAMS

**Pastor:** Rev. John Frese

**Secretary:** Marlys Weikum

### Worship

John Willems, Randy Wahlstrom

### Discipleship

Kevin VerMeer, Steve Ridley

### Mission

Duane Hettver, Al Birr

### Service

Deacons

Lord's Day | Mar 08, 2020



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Christ himself is rightly called goodness, righteousness and truth. He is goodness in that he gives grace to those who believe in him, not according to their works but according to his mercy. He is himself righteousness in that he gives to each what he deserves. He is himself truth in that he is the one who knows the causes of all creatures and all things.

- Jerome, *Epistle to the Ephesians*,  
in ACCS, 177-78.