

## Announcements

Fellowship meal will be March 29<sup>th</sup>!

Biblical Counseling Training Institute invites you to an informational meeting March 12th at 7:00 PM hosted at Covenant Church! Come find out more about the mission behind BCTI's nonprofit ministry. Please RSVP to Paul Tameling at arbcti@proton.me

It's time for the 2026 Church Directory! Pamela Andersen will be available from in the back classroom to take updated pictures.

Covenant is partnering with Mitchell's Mountain, a local nonprofit that serves families with autistic children. We will offer a monthly respite night for 2-3 hours for the parents here at the church. Volunteers are needed and training will be provided. You don't need to know a lot about autism, just have a heart to serve. For more information, please contact Greg Curoso.

The Men's Thursday Evening Fellowship will resume this Thursday at the church at 6:30 PM. For more details, please reach out to Doug Domer.

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# Covenant Church

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

Fayetteville, Arkansas

**The Lord's Day**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Reverend Dr. Paul Sagan**

### Session of Covenant Church

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| Jordan Carl           | Jeff Chewning, Stated Clerk of Session |
| Pete Golden           | Harrison Howle                         |
| Nathan Jarvis         | Rick 'Dow' Pursley, Emeritus           |
| Paul Sagan, Moderator | Phil Schenewerk                        |

### Diaconate of Covenant Church

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| Darin Akerman        | Ken Andersen           |
| Jim Dooley, Emeritus | Mike Golden, Emeritus  |
| John Smith           | Dennis Smith, Emeritus |
| Nathan Taylor        |                        |

## † Call to Worship

## Psalm 105:1-4

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

## † Invocation & 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.

## † Hymn of Praise

## #418, Arise, O God

## Prayer of Confession in Unison

John Calvin

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Daily Devotions

**Monday:** Matthew 6:1; Matthew 5:6

These verses at first glance seem to contradict, why don't they?

**Tuesday:** Matthew 6:2; Exodus 23:10-11; Leviticus 19:10; Luke 6:36-38

What is the importance of giving to the poor? What principles guide us in doing this?

**Wednesday:** Matthew 6:3-4, 25:35-36; Daniel 16:13; Psalm 139;

Hebrews 4:13

Why is it important not to make a show about our giving?

**Thursday:** Matthew 6:5; Psalm 55:17; Daniel 6:10; Acts 3:1;

2 Chronicles 6:14-42

What are appropriate times for us to pray? Is Jesus forbidding all forms of public prayer in these verses?

**Friday:** Matthew 6:6; 2 Kings 4:33; Isaiah 26:20, 66:1; Jeremiah 23:23-

24; Acts 7:48,49; Ephesians 3:20-21

Why should we have a secret place devoted to prayer?

**Saturday:** Matthew 6:7-8, 7:7-8; 1 Kings 18:25-29; Psalm 81:10; John

15:7; Hebrews 4:14-16

Why should we be careful about lengthy prayers? Why is it important for us to approach the Father in our prayers?

† Hymn of Preparation

#448, Union With Thee, v. 1-3

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

† Psalm of Response

#145, I Will Extol You, O My God

† Benediction

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Micah 7:18-19**

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

† Psalm of Assurance

#77, I Cried Aloud to God for Help v. 3-5

† Confession of Faith in Unison

WCF Chapter 21, Sections 3 & 4

**III.** Prayer with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all men; and that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of his Spirit, according to his will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.

**IV.** Prayer is to be made for things lawful, and for all sorts of men living, or that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those of whom it may be known that they have sinned the sin unto death.

## Pastoral Prayer

**Sermon – Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan**

**Matthew 6:1-8**

### “Practicing Righteousness”

1. Hypocritical Giving (v. 1-4)
2. Righteous Giving (v. 1-4)
3. Hypocritical Prayer (v. 5-8)
4. Righteous Prayer (v. 5-8)

## Offertory

**#32A, What Blessedness Belongs to Him v. 5**

## † Doxology

**#571, Gloria Patri**

## † Prayer of Dedication

## † Closing Hymn

**#246, Though Trouble Assail Us**

## † Benediction

## Evening Worship

### Opening Prayer

### † Psalm of Praise

**#557, Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer**

### Pastoral Prayer

**Sermon – Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan**

**Daniel 8:14-27**

### “The Time of the End”

1. Daniel’s Instructions From The Man (v. 15-17)
2. Daniel’s Response (v. 18)
3. The Explanation of the Vision (v. 19-22)
  - a. It is the end of indignation
  - b. It is fixed by Divine council
  - c. It is about Persia and Greece
  - d. It is about an Anti-Christ
4. The Characteristics of an Anti-Christ (v. 23-25)
5. The Vision is sealed in the Future (v. 26)