



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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April 1, 2024

Beloved of God,

We are sending out this April letter considerably earlier than we otherwise would because of something that might happen before the calendar turns to April.

The last day of March this year, March 31st, is perhaps the most important day of the year for a church: Easter, the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

We are planning to have one Easter worship service at 8:00 a.m. outside in the Courtyard, and an entirely different one at 10:00 inside in the Sanctuary. (Both services will be streamed live.)

The present weather forecast says that there is a three-to-one likelihood of rain at the time of that first Easter service this year.

We want you all to know that *we will have that first Easter service whatever the weather will be* at the scheduled 8:00 a.m. time. If it is raining, or if there is a high chance there will be rain before the service is over, we have made plans to hold it indoors.

Sunday, March 31st

8:00 a.m. Easter

Luke 24:1-12

*“Standing by His
Word”*



Sunday, March 31st

10:00 a.m. Easter

Mark 16:1-8

*“Raised Up, On the
Move, and Mighty”*

The two of us sometimes reflect on how the older we get, the more things there are about which we are uncertain, but the more certain we are about the things about which we are certain. We are all the more certain that God loves everyone just as they are, that Jesus is real and life's most precious gift, that the Bible is the greatest source of wisdom in the world, that God is good all the time and works for good in all things – to name just a few examples. What we are less certain about is how God is working exactly for good in any number of situations, how best to run a church, or how the weather will be just a few days from now.

We don't mind this development. For the more confident we are that God is completely faithful and gracious and wise, the less we feel the need to figure everything out. It is enough to rest assured that He has everything figured out and will always do what's best. Because we know what is in His heart, we don't have to know everything in His mind. While we love to seek to understand His will, we are content to leave what we don't understand in His hands – and to thank Him by faith ahead of time for whatever happens.

So let us entrust our unknown future to the God who has made Himself known in the death and resurrection of Jesus – and proven therein His love and power to bless us mightily.

Warmly in Christ,

Rob & Adele

LENTEN IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Our weekly in-person Sunday service is held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The service is also streamed live on *YouTube*: **Covenant Presbyterian Church Long Beach CA** and our website: **www.CovenantLB.org** at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. All services remain available throughout the week and in our video libraries.

Sunday, April 7th

Holy Communion

1 John 5:1-5

“Spring Training”

Sunday, April 14th

1 John 3:1-3

“Becoming Our

Destiny”

Sunday, April 21st

Isaiah 6:1-9a

“Given to,

In Order to Go”

Sunday, April 28th

Acts 3:11-20

“Given to, In Order to

Give Witness”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

On-site & On-line at 11:00 a.m. Adults are invited to attend Sunday School, this month studying *The Letter of Paul to the Romans*, under the leadership of Elder Mark Wiley. The class is offered in a hybrid-style at 11:00 a.m. — in the Meeting Room for those in-person, and for those on-line through *Google Meet*. If you would like to join on-line:

- please visit **Meet.Google.com** & use the meeting code: **goeumjnwgg**
- or dial in from your phone, **1-209-781-9485** & enter this PIN: **443 527 177#**.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Hybrid Sunday Programming

Youth gather in-person & on-line on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. for Sunday School, fellowship and youth group activities.

Children’s Hybrid Sunday School

Sunday School for children thru 5th grade meets at 11:00 a.m. in a hybrid-style (in-person & virtual).

For more information about the children’s & the youth’s programming, including codes to join virtually, please contact Pastor Adele at **ALangworthy@CovenantLB.org**.

WEEKLY STUDIES

Mondays - In-depth Bible Study (except 4/1)

This on-line study meets on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Adele and Pastor Rob jointly lead this study through the Bible. It is now in the book of 2 *Samuel*.



To join this study,
Online: Visit **Meet.Google.com** & Join by using meeting code: **ohcydfgcm**
By phone: Dial **1-415-662-0116** & Enter this PIN: **903 321 793#**

Tuesdays - Book Club (except 4/2)

The on-line Book Club is discussing N. T. Wright’s *Evil and the Justice of God* on Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m. Contact Elder Mark Wiley or Pastor Rob (group leaders) for more details.



To join this study,
Online: Visit **Meet.Google.com** & Join by using meeting code: **duhmbnkqku**
By phone: Dial **1-225-503-0091** & Enter this PIN: **470 552 822#**

Thursdays - Bible Study (except 4/4)

This Bible Study meets each Thursday on-line and over the phone at 4:30 p.m. It is presently studying the *Gospel of Matthew* (led by Pastor Rob).





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PWC Presents

Family Feud

Contact Mary Lou


Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

WE SURVEYED 100 AMERICANS, THE TOP ANSWER IS ON THE BOARD...

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation invite all women to gather in the Fireside Room for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly "feuding"!


SHARING IN THE MISSION



If you would like to be part of a team that reaches out to members and friends of Covenant

- By being an office volunteer
- Sending a note of encouragement, a card, or a phone call periodically to someone who would so love to hear from a Covenant family member
- Helping with small projects that are then shared with members of community
- Exploring ways to share your talents through God's ministry & mission at Covenant,

Please contact Pastor Adele at ALangworthy@CovenantLB.org.





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Covenant has its own channel on *rightnow MEDIA*, including recommendations for you to try. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Adele.

RISING TIDE @ MKEC

Programming for Children & Youth

Monday - Thursday

(Closed for Spring Break 4/1-4/4)

Homework Help, Tutoring, Activities, Science Experiments, The Arts, Recreation and More

12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.:
Pre-school & Elementary-aged Children

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.:
Middle School & High School Youth

Go to www.RisingTIDEatMKEC.org


- to **sign up a child**, click on *New Participant Form*
- to **apply to volunteer** to uplift young people, click on *Volunteering*

Special Middle School & High School Programs:





1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Empowerment Groups:
Boys 2 Men
GLOW (Girls Leading Others Wisely)

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.
Youth Group



DID YOU KNOW ... ?

- **Cutters** are a group of adults who enjoy getting together monthly to break bread together over breakfast (on Saturday mornings) or over dinner (on Sunday evenings). In April, Cutters will be enjoying dinner on Sunday, April 14th at 5:00 a.m. at Crème De La Crêpe - 400 E. 1st St. in downtown Long Beach. See Mary Lou or Pastor Adele to make a reservation or to find out more details.
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- **Long Beach Grand Prix** will be held the weekend of April 19th-21st. Be sure to check your route and allow enough time to get to church on time. There will be a parking spot and a pew awaiting you.
 - **Covenant Adult Choir** meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. See Peter Bates for more details.
 - **Flowers to beautify the Sanctuary** on a particular Sunday can be purchased for \$50.00. You can place an order in honor or memory of someone, and either plan to take the flowers with you following worship or donate them to be shared with those in need of special cheer. You can place an order using the link that can be found at the end of the Order of Service on our website, filling out a form found in the Narthex, or calling the church office.
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- The **Order of Worship** for Sunday worship is located just above the video of the worship service on the website and is archived under “Worship - Sermon Archive”, along with a text copy of the sermon. Hard copies of the sermons are found in the Narthex. They can also be mailed or emailed when requested.
 - When the new weekly worship video is posted, the **previous week’s video** can then be found in the video archives of the website under “Covenant’s Videos” and on our *YouTube* channel: Covenant Presbyterian Church Long Beach CA.
 - Join members of your Covenant family for an afternoon at a local movie theater (and a light meal following) on April 28th. The movie and show time have yet to be announced. For more details about **Movie Goers**, please contact Pastor Adele at ALangworthy@CovenantLB.org.
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- **Hometouch** is a weekly publication that is mailed or emailed. (You choose in which form you receive it.) It provides updates about things happening around Covenant, as well as a devotion and an activity page.
 - **E-touch** is a weekly publication that is emailed on Saturday evenings. It includes *Covenant* news and a biblical reflection on something newsworthy. These reflections are timely and thought-provoking.
 - You can **request to receive copies** of the sermons, *Hometouch* and/or *E-touch* by contacting Adele at ALangworthy@CovenantLB.org.
 - Two **women’s small groups** and one **men’s small group** offer opportunities to connect and grow.
 - **Covenant has an app** called *CovenantLB* that you can download on your favorite device.
 - Our **social media presence** is on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter with the handle [@CovenantLB](https://www.instagram.com/CovenantLB).
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*Your giving sustains the ministries of this church. You may make an offering in worship on Sunday morning, give either by writing a check and mailing it to the church, or give on-line from the church website by clicking on the green button on the website’s home page, www.CovenantLB.org. Also on the website, if you would like to pledge, go to **About** on the top bar, then on **New to the Church?**, and scroll down to the 4th **FAQ**.*