



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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March 1, 2024

Beloved of God,

Our faith centers – neither on our doctrines, nor on the traditions of our particular church, nor on our service to our city and the world beyond – but on a Person: a Person whom we believe to be, and may have experienced to be, both the perfect Human Being and “very God of very God” – a Person whom we take to be the Source of everything good about us and what we do – a Person whom we love and follow and depend on as Someone who is *alive here and now*.

Our faith builds on the daring conviction that this Person, Jesus Christ, who once was as dead as a doornail, *rose from the grave*, never to die again. To live out this faith is to bank on the reality of His resurrection and His ongoing companionship in life. It is to love Him, follow Him and rely on Him as the best Friend we could ever hope to have.

The church this month prepares us for the last day of this month: Easter Day when we especially celebrate the reality of Jesus’ resurrection and give thanks for His being there for us every moment of every day in eagerness to bless us – and, most especially, to live in us, and to have us live in Him, that we might live beyond ourselves through Him.

As those who walk through life with this living Person, we serve each other and those outside our spiritual community, and we bear witness to the risen Savior’s love and longing for everyone. We go out of our way to invite others who don’t yet know Him (or could know Him better) to give Him a second look and to open their hearts and minds to the One who reaches out to strike up a relationship.

To that end, let us, as the Spirit enables and our friends and family members allow, share what a difference this resurrected, living Savior has made for us, and invite those we care about to join us for Easter’s celebration (or any other church event) – perhaps to experience something of the presence of this living and loving Savior.

Warmly in Christ,

Rob & Adele



HOLY WEEK IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL WORSHIP

All of the services will be in-person and streamed live on

YouTube: [Covenant Presbyterian Church Long Beach CA](https://www.youtube.com/CovenantPresbyChrch) & the website: www.CovenantLB.org

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| <p>Sunday, March 24th <i>10:00 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday</i> Mark 11:7-10; Mark 15:25-27, 33-39 “Glorification in Acclamation and Anguish”</p> | <p>Friday, March 29th <i>Good Friday</i> Hebrews 10:11-21 “The Perfect Sacrifice to Perfect the Imperfect”</p> | <p>Sunday, March 31st <i>8:00 a.m. Easter</i> Luke 24:1-12 “Standing by His Word”</p> | <p>Sunday, March 31st <i>10:00 a.m. Easter</i> Mark 16:1-8 “Raised Up, On the Move, and Mighty”</p> |
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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, March 3rd

Holy Communion

Psalm 146

“*The Happy and the Hopeful*”

Sunday, March 10th

Time Change to DST

Psalm 147

“*Lifted Eyes, Lifted Hearts*”

Sunday, March 17th

Psalm 150

“*Hallelujah Help*”

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.

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

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).

WEEKLY STUDIES

Mondays - In-depth Bible Study (except 3/25)

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 3/26)

The on-line Book Club is discussing N. T. Wright’s *Evil and the Justice of God* on Tuesdays, beginning 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 3/28)

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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HOLY WEEK



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

In-person & live streaming worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Sunday School classes will meet at 11:00 a.m. in-person and virtually

TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Stop by to help build our flowered cross between 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
(enter through the Church Office Door or the East Parking Lot)
or on Friday immediately following the Good Friday Worship Service.

Artificial flowers will be available at the church, but you are welcome to bring some artificial flowers yourself.

GOOD FRIDAY

In-person worship at 12 Noon in the Chapel, airing at 12 Noon virtually

EASTER SUNDAY



- ✚ Courtyard worship in-person & streamed live at 8:00 a.m.
- ✚ Fellowship & Continental Breakfast, following worship in the Courtyard
- ✚ Special Children/Youth activities in-person at 9:00 a.m.
- ✚ Fresh flowers received to adorn the Sanctuary until 9:15 a.m.
- ✚ Sanctuary worship in-person & streamed live at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Fellowship in the Courtyard & Fireside Room, following 10:00 a.m. worship
- ✚ Special Children/Youth activities, following 10:00 a.m. worship
- ✚ Sunday School classes will not be meeting

EASTER LILIES ARE A TRIPLE BLESSING THIS YEAR!

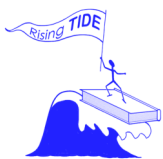
Celebrate the arrival of spring and the gift of the resurrection this Easter with a beautiful Easter Lily. (These stunning white blooms symbolize purity, hope, and new beginnings). With each purchase of each Easter Lily plant, you are not only beautifying Covenant's Sanctuary and blessing someone with a lily following Easter (a family member, a church family member or yourself), but also supporting COA (Christian Outreach in Action)'s non-profit mission to help those in need within our community. Each lily is \$26.00.



If you would like to purchase one or several, please contact Adele at ALangworthy@CovenantLB.org or type this link in your web browser: <https://forms.gle/v3W5fJkcVYA2x3Rt6>.

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 March, Cutters will be enjoying breakfast on Saturday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m. at Katella Deli - 4470 Katella in Los Alamitos. See Mary Lou or Pastor Adele to make a reservation or to find out more details.
- Join members of your Covenant family for an afternoon at a local movie theater (and a light meal following) on March 24th. The movie and show time have yet to be announced. For more details about **Movie Goers**, please contact Pastor Adele at ALangworthy@CovenantLB.org.
- **Covenant Adult Choir** meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. See Peter Bates for more details.
- 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.
- **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.
- You can check out RightNowMedia.org and let Pastor Adele know if you would like to join.
- Our **social media presence** is on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter with the handle [@CovenantLB](https://www.instagram.com/CovenantLB).
- **Covenant has an app** called *CovenantLB* that you can download on your favorite device.
- Two **women’s small groups** and one **men’s small group** offer opportunities to connect and grow.
- Volunteers help staff the church office on weekdays to answer calls, assist those who stop by, and help with small clerical jobs. Might you be interested? Please contact Pastor Adele.



RISING TIDE @ MKEC Programming for Children & Youth

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

Monday - Thursday

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

Visit www.RisingTIDEatMKEC.org to **sign up a child**, click on *New Participant Registration* & to **apply to volunteer** to uplift young people, click on *Volunteering*



*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**.*