



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Beloved of God,

In his prayer for the church just hours before his arrest and execution, Jesus in John 17:21-23 prayed to God the Father that his followers would be “one” as he and the Father are “one”, and that people would thereby know that, as he said to the Father, “you have sent me and have loved them”.

Unity in mutual concern and support is essential for the church to sound out the Good News of God’s love and to fulfill the church’s mission to welcome in new people who will, as Jesus prayed to God in John 17:20, “believe in me through their word”.

From our human side of things, we attain that unity for which Jesus prayed by our loving. Our loving marks us as devoted followers of Jesus.

Jesus, in John 13:34-35, said, “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

We therefore fulfill our purpose by showing our warm and grateful appreciation of others, both those already members of our faith family and those who are not yet connected with us in that way. We may convey how happy we are to know them in a variety of ways: Some we may hug. Some we may greet with a bright smile or a heart-felt hand shake. Some we may serve in concrete, helpful action. Some we may share our abundance with. With some we do all the above.

However we do it – and whether it be in person (at church, on a home visit, at the movies together or wherever), on the phone, by social media or old-fashioned letters – we are called by God to be as good to others as God has been to us; and maybe make them a little curious about what more God could do for them.

We each are called by God to let some specific people know how glad we are that they are in our lives and how, out of gratitude for them, we’d do most anything we could for them.

That affirmation of them from us might just give them a sense of how Jesus feels about them. And what discovery could ever be better than that?

In the grace of Christ,

Rob & Adele



For all these special events taking place over the next several months
(in addition to all regularly scheduled programming):

- PWC Women’s Game Day on Sunday afternoon, November 5th
- Thanksgiving Potluck after Worship & Sunday School on November 19th, followed by a Rising TIDE Showcase of ‘My Favorite Things’ and Jazz Concert featuring Section Leader Maria Schafer and her band
- Pre-recorded (virtual only) Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service first airing at 12 Noon on Nov. 22nd

MORE DETAILS
SOON!

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SUNDAY 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, October 1st
World Communion Sunday
Revelation 7:9-12
Perfection by Inclusion”

Sunday, October 8th
Psalm 56
*“Unafraid When Our Nerves
are Frayed”*

Sunday, October 15th
Psalm 62:1-2, 5-7
“Living with Assurance”

Sunday, October 22nd
Psalm 63:1-8
“Satisfied on Empty”

Sunday, October 29th
Psalm 89:1-2, 11-14
*“Those without Anything
Bless Everyone”*

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 Acts of the Apostles*, 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](https://www.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 is meeting 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.

PROGRAMMING NEWS

CUTTERS



Dinner at 6 pm
Sunday
October 15th

See Mary Lou or Adele to RSVP



SMALL GROUPS

- A Saturday Virtual Men’s Small Group meets twice a month
 - A Monday Virtual Women’s Small Group meets once a month
 - A Tuesday Virtual Women’s Small Group meets twice a month
- If you are interested, speak to either Pastor (Adele or Rob).**

WEEKLY STUDIES

Mondays - In-depth Bible Study

This on-line study meets on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Adele and Pastor Rob jointly lead this study through the Bible.

You are invited to join our study as this Fall as we study the book of *1 Samuel*.



To join this study,

Online: Visit [Meet.Google.com](https://www.meet.google.com) & Join by using meeting code: **ohcydfgmm**

By phone: Dial **1-415-662-0116** & Enter this PIN: **903 321 793#**

Tuesdays - Book Club

The on-line Book Club starts the month by reading and discussing *Created to Dream* by Rick Warren.

Elder Mark Wiley and Pastor Rob lead this group, on Tuesdays, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



To join this study,

Online: Visit [Meet.Google.com](https://www.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

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).



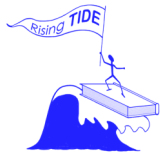
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SPECIAL NEWS



RISING TIDE @ MKEC

Programming for Children & Youth

Monday - Thursday

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

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd — 2:30 PM

CROP HUNGER WALK

BUILDING *global* RESILIENCE

Long Beach CROP Hunger Walk

**Beginning at Los Altos United Methodist Church
5950 E Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815**

Deacon Greg Perkins writes:

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering or event for me... The Walk is how I take action to make sure that as many hungry and homeless people find help with the highest percentage of funds going to the needy.

See Greg Perkins about walking and/or donating and making an impact!

DID YOU KNOW ... ?

- **Movie Goers** will next be going to the movies on Sunday, October 8th. Check in with Adele for details closer to the day. 
- **Cutters** will be meeting for a German dinner on Sunday, October 15th, at 6:00 p.m. See Mary Lou Fourtané or Pastor Adele to make your reservation and find out 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. 
- **Covenant Adult Choir** meets on 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. Hardcopies 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.
- You can make a donation **in response to the wild fires in Maui** by clicking on the link found on the Order of Worship on our website homepage (www.CovenantLB.org) or by mailing a check to Covenant (607 E. 3rd St. Long Beach, CA 90802). 
- **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.
- 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).
- The weekly *Words of the Pastors* is presently taking a hiatus.
- Download **Covenant’s app** - CovenantLB - 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. 

*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**.*