

Total Depravity

Is human nature good or evil? What is God's analysis? Wherever you turn in the Bible you find a consistent and definitive portrayal. Prior to the flood the Lord pronounced this verdict upon humanity: "...The wickedness of man was great in the earth, and ... every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Later, David looked over the human panorama and saw a universal apostasy: "They are all gone aside; they are together become filthy." And Paul declared, "... All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."

These passages surely teach that man, apart from God's grace, is totally depraved, or defiled in all his faculties. Sin—the effect of the fall—has cast a veil over the mind and misdirected our affections, so that we do not naturally love God. Guilt has thrown up a roadblock between a holy Creator and a rebellious race.

All of this points to the necessity for the intervention of a work of divine mercy before we can be restored to fellowship with God. "Sin is a blood disease and calls for a blood remedy," said Spurgeon. But a gracious God has provided healing for hopeless patients. "...You were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, ...but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ."

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain:
But Christ, the heavenly Lamb
Takes all our sins away,
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

Have you gone to the fountain God has opened for sin?

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor! We would like to keep in touch with you. Please use the QR code to tell us about yourself.



*None is righteous,
no, not one;
no one understands;
no one seeks for God.*

Romans 3:11

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THE LORD'S DAY

June 28, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church

MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 164

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 160

“Shepherd of Tender Youth”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto thee that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe thy Word nor follow thy holy commandments. Remember thy goodness, we beseech thee, and for thy Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Psalm 103:12 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 620 “O Lord, I Love You, My Shield, My Tower”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

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*Hymn of Preparation # 586

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Sermon Text

Isaiah 50:4-11, pew Bible p. 611

Sermon

THE OPEN-EARED SERVANT

*Hymn of Response # 81

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Prayer Meeting. Church doors will open at 10:00am for gathering and sharing prayer requests. Prayer will begin at 10:15am. Children are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to be added to the prayer request email list, please see Jessica Verby.

Today, 12:30pm A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Joshua. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Sunday, July 5. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church. But those who are not communicant members of our Church are asked to meet with the elders of the Church before partaking of the Lord's Supper. It is required that they meet with the elders only once.

Sunday, July 5. Our quarterly offering for the Deacons Fund will be received during the singing of the hymn following The Lord's Supper.

Saturday, July 11, 2:00pm. A memorial service for Eric Verby will be held in the church. Eric entered into the presence of his Lord on June 2. We rejoice that he is now at rest with Christ.