

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today without guile or reservation.

If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to you, O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father.

Glory be to you, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer.

Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant.

**So be it.
And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.**

Amen.

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Continued Healing:

Louellen Besuden

Jane Bramlett

Don Canady

Colleen Cunningham

Anna & Glenn Diamond

Ricky Hutchins

Shonda Jones and Family

Ed Lacy

Linda Lamb

Drew McCormack

Phyllis Miranda

Todd Mize

Shannon Palmer

Gayle Pritchett

Patsy Purcell

Ray Rayburn

Bill Roberts

John Siwick

Calvin Smith

John Varner

Matthew Wright

If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact the church office.

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Commerce First United Methodist Church
January 2, 2022 Epiphany Sunday
11:00am Service

**Please stand as you are able*
***UMH denotes the United Methodist Hymnal*

Prelude and Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Litany of Thanksgiving

Response: **We praise your holy name, O God.**

*Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen!

Morning Prayer UMH 895

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are dismissed to Children's Church

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Lisa Whitmire

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

Sermon Covenant Rev. Joshua Carr

Wesley's Covenant Service

Holy Communion

*Hymn *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine* UMH 606 Text

UMH 152 Tune

*Benediction

Wesley's Covenant Service Response

...Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

**put me to doing, put me to suffering,
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and with a willing heart
give it all to your pleasure and disposal.**

...And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord.

Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

**O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before you.
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will, for you have promised mercy to me if I turn to you with my whole heart.**

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.

Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world.

In your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you.

For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before you.

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God

again if you would let him.

**Before all heaven and earth,
I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God.
I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant, to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.**

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of coming to God.

Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him.

O blessed Jesus, I come to you, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants.

I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide. I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall. Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden. All your laws are holy, just, and good. I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to your direction, and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

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