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Relying on God

From Above: Stewardship '26 #1

James 1:9-18

- A. We need to know the *SOURCE* of Good Stewardship and model our understanding by our choices.
- B. Two "Stewardship Myths" about *RELYING*.
 - 1. God is relying on us to be good stewards.
 - 2. It is better for us when we don't need to rely on God.
- C. Insights from James
 - 1. *It is how we relate to God that is most important.* (We are either relying on God, or we keep re-lying to ourselves!)
 - 2. *Everything good, everything we truly need, everything we really want comes from God.*

*The Good God blesses His people to be good stewards
instead of cursing them to be bad owners, for
God's good stewards rely on Him instead of re-lying to themselves.*

Additional Notes:

JAMES 1:17

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coming down from the
Father of the heavenly
lights, who does not
change like shifting
shadows.



Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada

September 6, 2026

Service for Communion Sunday

September 6, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:
Remove far from me falsehood & lying; give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full & deny you & say,
“Who is the Lord?” or lest I be poor & steal & profane the name of my God.
– Proverbs 30:7-9

Gathering around the Word of God

Prelude

Nancy Tedford

Welcome and Church Family News

Remembering 9/11 – Prayer - Song of Hope

To the West – J. Hull

Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Noah Musni

Leader: *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

People: **Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

Leader: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

People: **As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”**

Leader: *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*

People: **You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.**

Leader: *For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.*

People: **Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!**

Worshipping the Father of Lights, Giver of Every Good Gift

*Songs of Praise - “Majestic” & “10,000 Reasons”

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*Time of Greeting

Children’s Prayer Time

Katie Guerrero

Crying Out to God in Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & Gloria Patri

Time of Offering

Offertory, *Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Proclaiming & Receiving God’s Word, His Power for Salvation

*Hymn of Preparation: “We Praise You, O God” #97

Scripture Reading: James 1:9-18 (p.1011)

Message: *Relying on God* Pastor Jay Hull
(From Above: Stewardship '26 #1)

Communing with Father, Son & Holy Spirit At His Table

*Unison Affirmation The Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal p.845)

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” #116

Bearing & Following the Word of God into the World

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

* indicates to stand if you are able

Weekly Events

Sundays

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 am Prayer
10:00 am Worship Service
1st Sunday Communion
11:15 am Fellowship

Wednesday

9:00 am Women's Bible Study
1:30 pm XL-ENT Teens
2:30 pm Kids Club
7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursdays

1:00 pm All Church Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Sept 7 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	10 Choir practice 7:00 pm
8 Evangelism MTM 5:00 pm	13 Back to School Picnic 11:30 am
Christian Ed MTM 6:00 pm	14 MomCo 5:30 pm
Deacons MTM 6:00 pm	15 Admin MTM 3:30 pm
Worship MTM 6:00 pm	20 Discovery Class w/lunch 11:30 am
Missions MTM 7:00 pm XLD	22 Session 6:30 pm
9 Womens Bible Study 9:00 am	25-27 Men's Retreat
	27 Discovery Class w/lunch 11:30 am

News & Reminders

Back to School Picnic

September 13 is coming up. The annual back-to-school picnic will be held after worship. There will be a taco fiesta, water slide, and bounce house. Kids need to bring a bathing suit and towel.

Men's Retreat

The Men's Retreat is coming up September 25-27. Sign up on our website www.covenant-reno.org. A registration form is also in each brochure in the narthex.

Women's Retreat

There is still space available for the Women's Retreat at Zepher Point on Oct. 23-25. If you are interested in registering, please see Kathy Croughan or Helen Yeo during the Fellowship hour. There are information sheets in the narthex.

Christmas Market for Missions

Held every two years, the Market raises funds for off-budget mission projects and sudden needs. The sale begins on Fri., Nov. 13, 5-7 pm, continues on Sat., 9-4 pm, and concludes after worship on Sun. Please consider donating craft items, specialty food items, gift baskets, unique artwork, holiday décor, vintage items, jewelry, toys, and variety of other items that will benefit mission outreach.

Discovery/New Members Class Starts Sept 20

Do you want to know: What the essence of the Christian faith is about? What the Bible teaches? What it means for a church to call itself "Presbyterian?" What we at CPC see as our unique identity and purpose? **If you said "yes"** to any of these questions, please join Pastor Jay in Room 110, 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Lunch is provided.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

For the Church

Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they pray and search for a pastor to succeed Pastor Jay, when he retires.

Prayer Requests

Nancy Tedford Healing
Joyce Miers Healing
Janet Corty Praise for improvement
Maggie Vaughn William Vaughn was born premature
Debbie Cecere Hospice care (past member)

Bereavement

Friends and family of **J.C.** (submitted by Jeff and Linda Darling and Debi Kester)

Our New Neighbors

Pray for the new neighbors who have moved in

On Active Military Tour of Duty

Noah Arias, Terran Billharz, Cody Carr, Matthew Cunningham, Westin Hart, Chase Lemon, Levi Sanchez, Gary Hogman, Maille Mathieu, Brian Zordell, Margaret Guthrie, Benjamin Guthrie, Chandler Bryant, Caleb Mize & Jacob Simpkins

Prayer Requests

Name of Person to pray for: _____

Concern or Update _____

Submitted by _____

Date _____

☐ For Church-wide prayer

☐ For Pastor/Staff Prayer

☐ Post on the Realm

Prayer submissions will be listed for 4 weeks; if an extension is desired, please request with an update. Put your request in the offering plate or in the prayer request box located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.