



*October 20, 2024
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

October 20, 2024

11:00am Worship

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

Canticle of the Bells

Arnold B. Sherman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Becoming

Lori A. Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

We are Christ's church:

We come together to worship.

He has freed us from our past:

We come together to move forward.

He has given us his Spirit:

We come together to celebrate a new way of being.

He has called us into his family:

**We come together to share our lives and demonstrate
the life of the Kingdom.**

He has showered us with his riches:

We go out to share his love and goodness with others.

We are Christ's church:

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Loving and merciful God, we thank you for this family of faith in which you have placed us, for those with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.

Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom around us because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, South nor North. We pray in the name of the one who surrendered all, that we might live as his own body in the world. (*Silent prayers of confession*)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 586

"Alleluia"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

ALLELUIA 7

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I John 4: 7-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 13: 1-17, 31-35

PROCLAMATION

The Messiah is Among Us

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 316

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

TWENTY-FOURTH CM

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Together we confess that God unites us in faith. Together we come to know the height, and the breadth, and the depth of the love of Christ. Together we are built up to the full stature of Christ. Together we know and bear one another's burdens. We comfort one another. We suffer with one another. We need one another. We build up one another. Together we pray. Together we serve God in this world. Together we fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Quiescence

Michael Mazzatenta

*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Doris Akers

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 765

"May the God of Hope Go With Us"

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*POSTLUDE

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Handbell Choir under the direction of David Boardman
Winnie Mburu, soloist

* denotes standing as able.
LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby