



*Joy Unspeakable
and Full of Glory!*

November 17, 2024
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

26th Sunday after Pentecost
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr., J.D. Frizzell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Thanks Be to Thee

G. F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Adapted from Psalm 92

It is good to lift up our praises and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

For by your deeds, you have made us glad;

We sing for joy at the works of your hands!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

O God of steadfast love, through the songs of psalmists you are revealed as the source of all true joy, and to you alone belongs our deepest thanksgivings. Still, we have strayed all too often and trusted too little. Our words have been cold, and our hearts closed off, and yet you have loved us faithfully still. In this season of thanksgiving, remind us of that love which knows no bounds. Guide us in your desire for justice and forgiveness, and teach us to give, even as you are ever giving. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, **seeding each of us and all creation with the love of Christ.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" HALLE, HALLE
Refrain: **Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4: 4-13

PROCLAMATION

The Root of Joy

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

MARION

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Though we have known hardship and pain, though life has not always turned out as we have hoped, we stand here and confess that God's steadfast love endures forever. Though life becomes more complex, hard questions remain unanswered, and the mystery of faith deepens, we declare with thanksgiving that God's steadfast love endures forever! And though the pain of the world often seems more than we can bear or address, we will stand firm in our faith and boldly proclaim that God's steadfast love endures forever! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

In Faith the Triumph

J.W. Krug

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 295

"Go to the World"

SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 80 "You Shall Go Out With Joy" THE TREES OF THE FIELD
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

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*denotes standing as able.

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ADULT CHOIR