



*January 18, 2026
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany/Ordination/Installation

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Pressing On to See the Lord!

Sigmund Moriar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! God is doing a new thing among us.

We come to see, to listen, and to follow.

Look! Christ stands in our midst, calling us by name.

We come as seekers, learners, and witnesses.

We do not gather because we are the center of the story.

We gather because Christ is.

Come—not to claim the spotlight, but to stand in its light.

We come, not to be the savior but to follow the Savior.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN (see insert)

"In Christ Alone"

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) **Faithful God, we confess that we often make ourselves the center of stories that belong to you. We cling to control when you call us to trust. We measure our worth by success, approval, and productivity, rather than by your unearned grace. We try to save, fix, manage, and carry what was never meant to rest on our shoulders. We point to ourselves when you call us to point to Christ. Forgive us, O God. Release us from spiritual striving and anxious proving. Remind us that we belong to you — body and soul, in life and in death — and that by your Spirit you make us willing and ready to live not for ourselves, but for Christ. It is in his name that we pray. (*silent prayers of confession*)**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

Hear the good news:

The Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world!

In Jesus Christ, we are not saved by our performance, but by grace.

We are not held by our effort, but by love.

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 587

(singing 2 x's)

"Alleluia!"

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 1072) Philippians 3: 4b-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 968-969) John 1: 29-42

PROCLAMATION

WWJBD?

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 442

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Sentences of Scripture and Statement of Ordination

Presentation of Candidates –

Deb Millwood, Haylee Nunn, Jack Pannecoucke, and Kirche Rogers

Re-affirmation of Baptismal Vows and Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed—I **Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

The Constitutional Questions (see insert)

Prayer of Ordination & Installation

Those being ordained may kneel or sit facing the congregation. All who have served as elders or ministers in the Presbyterian Church (USA) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands as a sign of blessing. Note that the laying on of hands is not repeated at the installation of one who has been previously ordained.

Declaration of Ordination & Installation

Charge to the Newly Ordained & Installed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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

*DOXOLOGY 607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD ONE HUNDRETH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON
(verse 1) **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**
Refrain: **In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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