



May 3, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

5th Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY (see insert)

All Shall Be Well

John Foley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather not to escape this world,
but to be renewed for its healing.

**We come not to abandon the earth,
but to worship the One who makes all things new.**

God is preparing a holy city,
where mourning and pain will be no more.

**God is already at work among us,
wiping tears, mending lives, restoring creation.**

So let us lift our eyes beyond despair,
and open our hearts to holy possibility.

For heaven is coming near, and God dwells with us even now.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Holy God, you call us to live as people of hope, yet we confess how often we
surrender to despair. You are making all things new, but we cling to old
patterns of fear, greed, and separation. We have neglected the poor, ignored
the cries of creation, accepted injustice, and resisted the costly work of love.
Forgive us, O God. Expand our vision beyond what is, toward what you are
bringing to birth. Teach us to live as citizens of your new creation — seeking
justice, embodying mercy, tending the earth, and bearing witness to your
coming reign. In the name of Christ, who dwells among us, we pray.**

[Silent prayers of confession]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

Hear the good news:

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart imagined,
God has prepared for those who love God.

In Jesus Christ, we are not abandoned to fear, sin, or death.

We are forgiven, renewed, and called into the holy work of new creation.

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*RESPONSE 591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (*repeat*)

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p.1041) I Corinthians 2: 6-10

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p.1134) Revelation 21: 1-7

PROCLAMATION

Heavenly Minded, Earthly Good

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 374

"O Holy City, Seen of John"

MORNING SONG

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

What do you bring to the Lord's Table?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Server: The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

Server: The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 741

"Guide My Feet"

GUIDE MY FEET

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"

AMEN

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

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* denotes standing as able.

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