



April 06, 2025
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: PURPLE

11:00am Worship

Holy Communion
5th Sunday in Lent

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

O Lord My God

Pelham Humfrey

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Coming from places that have seen better days,

God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us,

renewing our connection with God and with one another.

Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death,

speaking in word and sacrament, and building community for holy service.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 215

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Forgive us, O God, when we see the world through rose-colored glasses rather than as it really is, much less the way you seek it to be. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith calling us to be agents of change in our world for the bland conviction that all will be well. Renew us with your grace and ground us in your Spirit, that we may be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grave. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. *(silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

The God we serve is the God of life,
**the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—
even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams.**
That rattling of bones in Ezekiel's vision
**may be heard as the shackles that once held us down
in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt.**
God defies these deadly entanglements with the power of life.
This we trust, and by this we live.
Thanks be to God!

*PRAISE HYMN 423 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" SARADAY
**Create in me a clean heart, O God; Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8: 31-39

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

PROCLAMATION

God is Not Done Yet

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDER—Richard Reaves

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

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.**

Life up your hearts. **We lift them 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 749

"Come! Live in the Light"

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 541

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

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* denotes standing as able.

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