



May 04, 2025
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of Easter

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

God Has Made Laughter, Laughter for Me!

K.W. Eddy

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 100 (*Responsive*)

On your feet now - applaud God!

Let us embrace the gift of laughter, let us sing ourselves into God's presence.

Know this: God is God. The Lord made us; we didn't make God.

We're God's people, the Great Shepherd's well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

Let us make ourselves at home, talking praise.

Thank and worship the Lord! For God is sheer beauty,

all-generous in love, loyal always and forever!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWELL'S 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)* **God of Love and Laughter, even on this first Sunday after Easter, we are quick to leave behind the good news of new life and hope. Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, forgetting that you will have the last laugh in this world. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.** *(silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Christ is raised from the dead! Love wins!

Hallelujah!

Christ lives and reigns for us!

Hallelujah!

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*PRAISE HYMN 591

"Halle, Halle Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

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

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-22; 21: 1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 21: 1-14

PROCLAMATION

Coming Alive!

Rev. Tom Buchanan

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We believe in God, who made us in the Divine image. We live, we love, we laugh because we are children of God. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit – our counselor, our guide, our motivator. We know that, in Christ, our journey is sheer grace, and our destiny is joy! Amen.**

*HYMN (see insert)

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RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

Rock My Soul

Kinley Lange, Kathryn Sparks

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

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 248

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"
**Amen, Amen,
Amen, amen, amen.**

AMEN

*POSTLUDE

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* denotes standing as able.

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