



*October 26 2025
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Down to the River to Pray

arr., Sheldon Curry

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

We are the body of Christ —
many members, woven together in love.

**We are the hands and feet of Jesus —
serving, sharing, building up one another.**

When one rejoices, we all share the joy.
When one suffers, we all feel the pain.

**We belong to one another,
and together we belong to God.**

Let us worship the One who holds us together in love!

*HYMN 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Gracious God, you have called us to live as one body — connected, caring, and whole. Yet we confess that we have often lived as scattered parts: protecting our own comfort more than another's need, listening to the voices that divide rather than the Spirit who unites. Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts to the belonging you offer, and renew in us the love that bears one another's burdens and rejoices in one another's joys. Make us, once again, your Beloved Community, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Hear the good news:

The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within us still — knitting, mending, renewing.

**In Christ, we are made one body;
in Christ, we are made whole.**

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 582 "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me" VASILE

1. **Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

2. **World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 563) Psalm 133

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 1048) I Corinthians 12:12-27

PROCLAMATION

Held Together in Love
(Sermon #4 of the Built Together Series)

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *Adapted from The Belhar Confession*

It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed to the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. God conquers brokenness, hatred and bitterness. As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation – servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. Amen.

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 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 769 "A Place at the Table" FOR EVERYONE BORN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God" SIYAHAMBA
**We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, Oh! We are marching in the light of God.
(repeat)**

*POSTLUDE

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