



*September 14, 2025  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

Allen Pote

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Come, all who feel forgotten.

**God remembers you.**

Come, all who have wandered far.

**God seeks you out.**

Come, all who are weary and unsure.

**God carries you home.**

Come, beloved of God—

**for the One who knows us by name has gathered us in,  
and there is joy in heaven whenever the lost are found!**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**Searching God, we confess that we get lost in many ways. We wander after distractions until we lose sight of what matters. We slip through the cracks of neglect, feeling unseen, unwanted, forgotten. We even forget ourselves—who we are, whose we are. But you do not forget. You remember us. You seek us out. You lift us up and bring us home. Find us again in your mercy, and restore us to the joy of belonging, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

My friends, hear the good news:

Even when we lose our way, God does not lose sight of us.

**Even when we forget, God remembers.**

Even when we are lost, Christ comes searching until we are found.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new!**

**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.**

LISEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Timothy 1: 12—17

*(pp. 1082)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15: 1-10

*(pp. 954-955)*

PROCLAMATION

*Remembered Home*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 802

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ST. COLUMBA

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)                      *Adapted from Romans 8: 31-39*  
**Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 UNSERFREUEN  
**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 39                                      "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"                                      FAITHFULNESS

\*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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MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

ADULT CHOIR , Betsy Burmeister, conductor

Donny Whitehead, sax, Jason Roberts, bass, Donnie Lindsey, drums

\* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson