

Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today! May God grant you comfort and peace through these challenging days. Stay safe and be well. Blessings!

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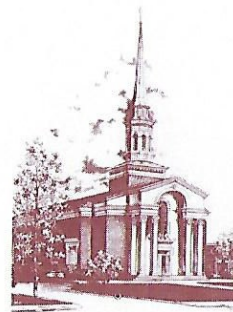
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CHURCH OFFICE: 8:15 am to 3:15 pm, Monday – Thursday
8:15 am to 12:15 pm, Friday
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Covenant Presbyterian Church

Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
 Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

JULY 5, 2020

10:30 AM

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(From Psalm 47)*

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Leader: The Lord, the Most High, is awesome!

People: The Lord reigns over all the earth! Praise the Lord!

HYMN #331 (Stanza 1, 2, 4) – *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

***God of the ages, whose almighty hand
 Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
 Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
 Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.***

***Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
 In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
 Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.***

***Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
 Lead us from night to never-ending day.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
 And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we are sinners in need of your redeeming grace. We sin in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds – in what we do and in what we fail to do. We tolerate injustice, act unkindly, and stray from your way. In the face of adversity we give up too quickly, for our faith is timid and our faithfulness erratic. Forgive us. By your Spirit inspire us to do what we cannot do alone – be faithful and useful to you. Lord, hear our prayer (silent confession) . . . Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—Hymn #729 (Stanza 3)

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....1 Samuel 17:1-58

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Philippians 4:13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....**JOHN PETERSON**

“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY: DAVID & GOLIATH”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN #339 (Stanza 1) – *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

***Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.***

***God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.***

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (...“sins”)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)

PRAYER

HYMN #547 (Stanza 3) – *Go, My Children, with My Blessings*

***“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”***

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Liturgist: Tucker Terry

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