

HYMN #742 – *We Will Walk with God*

***We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.***

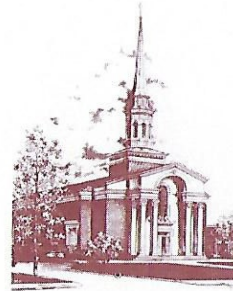
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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# Covenant Presbyterian Church



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

JANUARY 17, 2021

10:30 AM

## 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](http://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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## STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

## WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (*From Psalm 139*)

Leader: We come to worship God, who loved us before  
we were even yet born,

**People: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**

Leader: Whose presence never leaves us,

**People: And whose love for us never ceases.**

Leader: This is our God.

**People: Let us worship God!**

HYMN #645 (Stanzas 1, 2, 4) — *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
***Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!***

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**What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!**

**Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God who knit us together, you tell us that the very hairs on our heads are counted. You assure us of our value in your sight and promise to never abandon us. Yet we act out of a timid spirit. We live as if our discipleship does not have life or death consequences for ourselves and for others. We keep silent when we should speak, and say much that ought never leave our lips. Forgive us for the times we allowed injustice to go unchecked and inequity to persist without a word of protest. Forgive what we have done and left undone. Help us to acknowledge Christ in all our actions, so that we might reflect your love to the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn #441 (Stanza 2)**

**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

**GROWING IN FAITH**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)**

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON.....SARAH WOLF**

**"ARE YOU THERE, SAMUEL? IT'S ME, GOD"**

**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 rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated 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 #726 (Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5) — Will You Come and Follow Me**

**"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

**SERVING IN LOVE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (... "sins")**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER**

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