

*CLOSING HYMN No. 2117 (Stanza 4) – *Spirit of God*
Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
The power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit come!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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 16, 2022

10:30 AM

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.
 This service is live streamed on Facebook.*

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 36)

Leader: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens!

People: God's faithfulness reaches to the clouds!

Leader: God's righteousness is like towering mountains!

People: God's judgments are deep as the ocean!

Leader: Great is the Lord our God!

People: All things and all people are precious in God's sight!

*HYMN No. 273.....African American Spiritual

He is King of Kings

**REFRAIN: He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
 Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.
 O he is King of kings; he is Lord of lord,
 Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one work like him.**

**He built his throne up in the air; no one works like him;
 and called his saints from everywhere; no one works like him.
 O he is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
 Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him. O he is
 REFRAIN**

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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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*He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; no one works like him;
and broke oppressive kingdoms down; no one works like him.
O he is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him. O he is
REFRAIN*

*I know that my Redeemer lives; no one works like him;
and by his love sweet blessing gives; no one works like him.
O he is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him. O he is
REFRAIN*

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are King of kings and Lord of lords, yet still we rebel against you. We do not love as you call us to love, live as you call us to live, nor serve as you call us to serve. We ignore the needs of our neighbors, fail to fight injustice, and sometimes act unjustly. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission. Lord, forgive us. Cleanse us of our sin and put new and right spirits within us, that in and through our lives justice might flow down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent prayer) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 2143

*O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness;
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, your loveliness, changing my unworthiness;
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, I receive your love; O Lord, I receive your love.*

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON.....Pg. 35 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....SARAH WOLF

"LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU . . . ?"

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *From the Confession of Belhar*

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church
through Word and Spirit.**

**This, God has done since the beginning of the world
and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.
We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in
the church**

**as the community of believers who have been
reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ;**

**that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding
force, yet simultaneously a reality**

**which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God must continually
be built up to attain.**

**We believe that this unity must become visible
so that the world may believe that**

**separation,
enmity
and hatred
between people and groups**

**is sin which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity
may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

**To the one and only God, Father, son and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory forever and ever.**

*HYMN No. 317African American Spiritual

In Christ There Is No East or West

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (...“sins”)

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

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