
 Today at the 8:30 service, we welcomed into membership:
Gretchen and Mel Allmond by letter of transfer from
 King's Grant Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach

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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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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

AUGUST 7, 2022

10:00 AM

This service is live streamed on Facebook.

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE
 JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
 HYMN SING

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 33)
 Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord.
People: The Lord is our help and our shield.
 Leader: Our hearts are glad in the Lord . . .
People: . . . because we trust his holy name.
Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN No. 687.....ST. ANNE
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION



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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we acknowledge that we belong to you, and that you call us to love and serve you without hesitation. Yet when faced with hard choices, we have followed the tempting voices of this world rather than following you. Forgive our lack of devotion to you. Convict us by your Spirit to acknowledge that all we have and all we are comes from you and belongs to you. Empower us to live according to that conviction. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 435, Stanza 1**
There's a wideness In God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON.....Pg. 34 of the New Testament, Pew Bible
Matthew 25:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....SARAH WOLF
"PARABLES THAT PREACH: THE TEN BRIDESMAIDS"

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 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 No. 350.....African American Spiritual**
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN No. 504 (Stanzas 1 & 3) — *We Come as Guests Invited*
We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

Our bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
Renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
The pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

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

PRAYER

***HYMN No. 295.....SINE NOMINE**
Go to the World!

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — HYMN No. 742**
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.

POSTLUDE

****Those who are able, please stand.***

HYMN No. 687 — *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.*

**HYMN No. 350 — *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed
And Burning***

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for the time is drawing nigh.*

REFRAIN:

*Sisters, don't grow weary;
brothers, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for the time is drawing nigh.*

*It's our faith makes us happy;
it's our faith makes us happy;
it's our faith makes us happy,
for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)*

*We are climbing Jacob's ladder;
we are climbing Jacob's ladder;
we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)*

*Every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher,
for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)*

HYMN No. 295 — *Go to the World!*

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's
worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.*