

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!

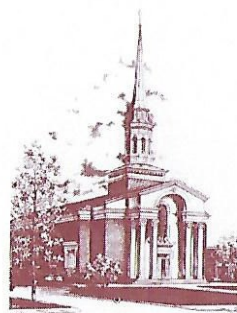
The flowers today are given by Martha Ware in celebration of the 20th wedding anniversary of Bob and Ashley Kane.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

10:30 AM

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 91)

Leader: The Lord is our refuge, our God in whom we trust!

People: The Lord is our savior, our guardian and deliverer!

Leader: The Lord is faithful to the end!

People: We will not fear, for the Lord our God is with us!

*HYMN No. 35.....LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION



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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we confess that we are sinful people, rich in things but poor in soul. We satisfy selfish desires while ignoring the needs of our neighbors. We hoard our riches as if they could save us. We are too often self-righteous and too seldom self-sacrificing. We turn a deaf ear to your calls to repent and change our ways. Forgive us! Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our eyes to see the needs of our neighbors. Open our hearts to respond in faith and in love! Lord, hear our prayer. . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 447**

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Those who prefer their child(ren) not be on camera are welcome to have their child(ren) continue sitting with them during this time. *(Following the Children’s Message, children ages 3-1st grade are invited to exit the sanctuary for Covenant Kids.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 1047 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible Amos 6:1, 4-7*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 97 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Luke 16:19-31*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

“A RECKONING FOR THE RICH”

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. 307.....CWM RHONDDA
*God of Grace and God of Glory***

SERVING IN LOVE

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION — Billy Rice

FOUR CENTS PER MEAL

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

ANTHEM

PRAYER

***HYMN No. 372.....AZMON
*O for a World***

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

LITURGIST: Beverly Riddell

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

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HYMN No. 35 — How Lovely, Lord

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.*

HYMN No. 307 — God of Grace and God of Glory

*God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

HYMN No. 372 — O for a World

*O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.*