

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.

The flowers today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Maeve Elaine Bowman and Michelle Rae Bowman and in memory of Winnie and Elmer Bowman by the Bowman Family.

COVENANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

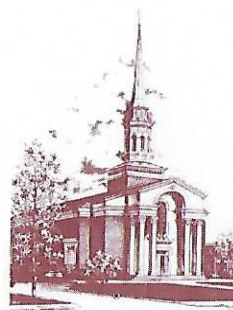
PASTOR.....John C. Peterson
 MINISTER OF MUSIC.....Jeffrey Ryman
 ORGANIST.....Christopher Wszalek
 HANDBELL DIRECTOR.....Lou Dolive
 DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MUSIC.....Joan Swift
 DEVELOPMENTAL PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR.....Mitzi White
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.....Martha Pierce
 TREASURER.....Paul Sorrell
 COVENANT NURSE.....Kathy Henderson
 CUSTODIAN.....Cleo Holly

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Taylor Chenery	Eileen Cooper	Cindy Bowman
Cora Leigh Clark	Chris Earhart	Brandon Cline-Taskey
Tom Compton	Kristen Lambert	Linda Foster
Michael Gwaltney	Sue Morley	Joan Sayers
Brad Kurtz	Roderic Owen	Randy Smith
Beverly Riddell	Sarah Splaun	B.C. Sommerfield
Janey Terry	Dan Summers-Minette	Seth Ward
		Kathleen Wilkers



2001 NORTH COALTER STREET
 STAUNTON, VIRGINIA • 885-2138



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

JANUARY 22, 2023

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 27)

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives!

Leader: Make offerings to the Lord with shouts of joy!

People: Sing and make melody to the Lord our God!

*HYMN No. 2.....ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we are impatient people. "Wait for the Lord," you say. But we do not wait; we become distracted and wayward and forget that you are God. "Do not worry," you say, but we do worry and anxiously wonder when our prayers will be answered. "Do not be afraid," you say. But we do fear what we cannot control and allow those fears to lead us into temptation and sin. Patient God, forgive us. Do not give up on us, but grant us courage and patience to wait for you faithfully, to trust you completely, and to persevere in faith all our days. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 286, Stanza 1

*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew.
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

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.*)

HOLY BAPTISM OF MAEVE BOWMAN AND MICHELLE BOWMAN

HYMN No. 482, Stanza 3 — *Baptized in Water*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 619 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible Psalm 27*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 284 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible 1 Peter 3:13-18a*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

"FACING YOUR FEARS"

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. 795.....Haugen

Healer of Our Every Ill

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

DEDICATION ANTHEM

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 475.....NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

LITURGIST: Sarah Brodie

*Today we baptize Maeve Elaine Bowman, daughter of Joe and Katie Bowman,
and Michelle Rae Bowman, daughter of John and Jennifer Bowman.
Jack and Cindy Bowman are the proud grandparents.*

*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Children's
worship notebooks are available in the Narthex. Should you find that your child
grows restless, there is childcare available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.*

(Hymns and streaming used by permission One License A-715880)

Hymn No. 2 — *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.*

*Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.*

*Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.*

*To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.*

Hymn No. 795 — *Healer of Our Every Ill*

*Refrain:
Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (Refrain)*

*In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. (Refrain)*

*Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (Refrain)*

*You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (Refrain)*

Hymn No. 475 — *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*