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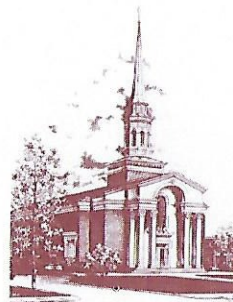
Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life 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.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

JANUARY 29, 2023

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 18)

Leader: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer!

People: Worthy of praise is the Lord our God!

Leader: Sing praises to God's holy name!

People: Blessed be the rock of our salvation!

*HYMN No. 2088.....Founds

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION



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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Wisdom and Wonder, forgive us for thinking we are wiser than we are. We confess that we disregard your commands and go our wayward ways, as if we knew better. We quarrel over petty things and hold grudges. We build walls that divide us, instead of uniting as your disciples. We regard the cross as an adornment, instead of a sign of salvation. Lord, forgive our foolish, sinful ways. Grant us wisdom and courage to grasp the power of the cross and to proclaim faithfully your good news for the world. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pg. 201 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
1 Corinthians 1:10-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....**JOHN PETERSON**
“AT A CROSSROAD”

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. 213.....RATHBUN
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

SERVING IN LOVE

RECOGNITION OF LAURA LAWSON

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION — Becky Wszalek

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

FOUR CENTS PER MEAL

DEDICATION ANTHEM

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 826.....CRUCIFER
Lift High the Cross

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

LITURGIST: Susan Wszalek

*Today we recognize with gratitude Laura Lawson who served as our
Director of Youth for eight years from 2014-2022. Following the service
there will be a reception in the Breezeway in honor of Laura.*

*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.*

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Hymn No. 2088 —

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

*Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
from earth to the cross
my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift your name on high.*

Hymn No. 213 —

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the woes of life o'er-take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.*

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.*

Hymn No. 826 —

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
(Refrain)*

*All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
(Refrain)*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.
(Refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.
(Refrain)*