

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!

Flowers this morning are given by Jane Wimmer and family
in memory of Bastian Wimmer
on what would have been his 86th birthday.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

MARCH 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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.....Shackley
The Solid Rock

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 51)

Leader: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love, O God!

People: Create in us clean hearts!

Leader: Put a new and right spirit within us!

People: Restore to us the joy of your salvation!

*HYMN No. 394.....Alternate Tune: Regent
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION



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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, you claim us as your holy people and promise to be our God. We confess that we have failed you, for we are unholy people prone to forget you, neglect our neighbors in need, and reject your rule over our lives. We hold on to old sinful ways instead of embracing the new righteous way to which Jesus calls us. Forgive us. Redeem us. Inspire in us such faith that we may be your holy people, faithful to your call and trusting you wholeheartedly all our days. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . .

*KYRIE — No. 2275
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

*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.

ANTHEM.....The Covenant Ringers
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing - arr. Kiyo Watanabe

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — All children are welcome to come forward. Those parents 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. 899 of the Old Testament, Pew Bible
Jeremiah 31:31-34

SECOND READING.....Pg. 211 of the New Testament, Pew Bible
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON
“A NEW COVENANT”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — from A Brief Statement of Faith (“God”)
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, all genders, of every race

and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN No. 521.....RED
In Remembrance of Me
SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (...“sins”)
DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....Thomas Tallis
If Ye Love Me

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 518.....Paris
Lamb of God

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....African American Spiritual
Were You There?

POSTLUDE.....Dunstable
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

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. 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.*

*Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!*

HYMN No. 521

In Remembrance of Me

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door
and let your neighbors in, let them in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted;
drink and remember too,
that this is my body and precious blood
shed for you, shed for you.*

*In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.*

HYMN No. 518

Lamb of God

*Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.*

*Refrain:
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*Your gift of love, we crucified;
we laughed and scorned him as he died;
the humble King we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)*

*I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)*