

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!

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

OCTOBER 27, 2024 10:30 AM
 REFORMATION/ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.
 This service is live streamed on Facebook.*

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PRELUDE.....Whitsett
A Mighty Fortress

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....LLANFAIR
Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 34)

Leader: Bless the Lord at all times!

People: Let us praise the Lord and exalt God's name together!

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord our God!

*HYMN No. 275.....EIN' FESTE BURG
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, for our souls are sick and we need your healing. We look, but we do not see the needs of our neighbors. We hear, but do not listen to your voice. We listen, but do not understand you and your ways. We understand, but do not obey. We love wrongly, serve selfishly, and live unfaithfully. Forgive us. Heal our sin-sick souls. Kindle in us faith that burns more brightly, so that we may live in your light and follow your Way – even to the cross. Lord, hear our prayer. . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 425, Stanza 3

Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us; gather us within your arms, Jesus, on this day.

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. 704 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible Psalm 126:1-3*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 57 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Mark 10:46-52*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....**JOHN PETERSON**

“WHAT DO YOU WANT?”

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. 649.....Newton

Amazing Grace

SERVING IN LOVE

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION — Brandon Cline-Taskey

FOUR CENTS PER MEAL

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....John Rutter

Pie Jesu from Requiem - Kenzie White, Soprano

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 326.....SINE NOMINE

For All Saints

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Danish

Amen

POSTLUDE.....Pachelbel

Prelude in D Minor

(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 folders 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. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.*

HYMN No. 649

Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

HYMN No. 326

For All Saints

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*