

Bringing forward the communion elements this morning is
Jonathan Griffith.

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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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!

The flowers today are given in dedication to and in memory of
Mary Huppuch, who loved this church and its people,
and for their love of her.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

AUGUST 3, 2025

10:00 AM

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

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE..... Hayes

Morning Has Broken

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN SING

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 107)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord delivers us in times of trouble!

People: The Lord is our Redeemer! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN No. 633..... CLEVELAND

Praise Ye the Lord

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION



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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God, all good gifts come from you. Forgive us for taking them for granted and hoarding what we should share. Too often we are selfish and self-centered. We satisfy our own wants and desires and ignore the needs of our needy neighbors. We seek wealth more ardently than we seek you. In your mercy, forgive what we have done and who we have been. Inspire us to do better, to be better, to share our gifts generously and to seek first your Kingdom and your will for our lives. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn 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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 233 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Galatians 5:22-23

SECOND READING.....Pg. 90 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Luke 12:13-21, 32-34
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON**JOHN PETERSON**
“FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: GENEROSITY”

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. 175.....LAFFERTY
Seek Ye First

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

HYMN No. 526 (stanzas 1-2)LLANFAIR
Let Us Break Bread Together
*Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*
*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 716.....BEACH SPRING
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....*Glory to God* (Hymn No. 582, Stanza 1)
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen*

POSTLUDE.....Raney
Give Thanks
(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

HYMN No. 633
Praise Ye the Lord

Refrain:
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord. (2X)

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise God with the lute and the harp.
Praise God with timbrel and dancing.
Praise God wherever you are. (Refrain)

Praise God with holy cymbals.
Praise God with strings and with pipes.
Praise God with clashing cymbals.
Praise God with all of your might. (Refrain)

Praise God in the holy temple.
Praise God for almighty deeds.
Praise God for those bountiful mercies,
for God fulfills our needs. (Refrain)

Praise God on top of the mountains.
Praise God both day and night.
Praise God down in the low valleys.
Praise God because it's all right. (Refrain)

HYMN No. 175
Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!

HYMN No. 716
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.