

## 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](http://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 Church

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

JULY 13, 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.....Raney

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN SING

### WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 25)

Leader: Trust in the Lord, for the Lord is our salvation!

**People: Good and just is the Lord our God!**

Leader: The paths of the Lord are lined with steadfast love  
 and faithfulness!

**People: How awesome are the works of the Lord our God!**

\*HYMN No. 2022.....Smith

*Great Is the Lord*



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\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace and Glory, we confess that we have failed you. We are poor disciples, failing to heed your call and commandments and straying far from your Way. We are poor neighbors, selfishly ignoring their needs and acting unkindly toward them. Instead of doing justice, we tolerate injustice. Instead of loving kindness, we disparage it and tolerate hate and discrimination. Instead of walking humbly with you, we arrogantly go our own way. Forgive us. Inspire us to do better, to be better, and so to be fruitful servants in your kingdom. Merciful God, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn No. 605  
*Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son.  
Praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.  
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Praise to God Almighty, praise to the Holy One.*

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SECOND READING.....Pg. 87 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*  
Luke 10:25-37

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

SERMON .....JOHN PETERSON  
“FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: KINDNESS”

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. 2213.....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

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 749.....WE ARE CALLED  
*Come! Live in the Light!*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....*The Trees of the Field* (Hymn No. 80)  
*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.*

POSTLUDE.....Raney  
*We’re Marching to Zion*  
*(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly  
while the Postlude is being played.)*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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*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. 2022  
*Great Is the Lord*

*Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,  
By his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,  
By his mercy he proves he is love.*

*Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice.  
Great is the Lord.  
Great is the Lord.*

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Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,  
By his mercy he proves he is love.*

*Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice.  
Great is the Lord.  
Great is the Lord.*

*Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory.  
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice,  
I lift up my voice.  
Great are You, Lord.  
Great are You, Lord.*

HYMN No. 2213  
*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. 749  
*Come! Live in the Light!*

*Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom  
of the city of God.*

*Refrain:  
We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called  
to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence  
will be no more.  
(Refrain)*

*Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign,  
and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers  
united in love.  
(Refrain)*