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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 10, 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.....J.S. Bach

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN SING

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 33)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones!

People: Praise the Lord with strings and joyful shouts!

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

People: The earth is full of God's steadfast love! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN No. 611.....HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator and Redeemer, we confess that our faith is feeble and our faithfulness erratic. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We disobey your commands, live selfishly, and love wrongly. We live with too little joy and too much angst, too little hope and too much despair. Forgive us. By your Spirit, ignite in us faith and a fire for faithfulness that we may live and serve you with greater hope, peace, and joy all our days. Lord, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SECOND READING.....Pg. 133 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
John 15:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

"FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: JOY"

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. 155.....JUBILATE DEO

Raise a Song of Gladness

SERVING IN LOVE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HYMN No. 2226.....*Bind Us Together*

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.*

There is only one God, there is only one King;

There is only one body, that is why we sing.

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....Diane Harrington, Flute

Prayer - Zirk

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 539.....Donaldson

We Will Go Out with Joy

*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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly
while the Postlude is being played.)*

*Those who are able, please stand.

*Today we will welcome the following new members:
Maggie Harmon and Hayden Terry by profession of faith
Chris Huppuch by reaffirmation of faith
Kathy Vestal by letter of transfer from
First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, NC*

HYMN No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

HYMN No. 155

Raise a Song of Gladness

*Raise a song of gladness,
peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace,
joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!*

HYMN No. 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

*We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.*

Refrain:

*Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy.
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy. (Refrain)*

*We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God. (Refrain)*