

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 memory of David Stahl
by his wife, Laura, and daughters, Zoe and Julia.

During this Thanksgiving season, the cornucopia on the
Communion Table represents God's abundant blessings to us.
The fresh items will be donated to Valley Mission
for their Thanksgiving meal.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

10:30 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..... Behnke

Now Thank We All Our God

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT..... BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 9)

Leader: Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of
our God has come.

**People: For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and
the government will be on his shoulders. And he shall
be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of the greatness of his government and peace,
there will be no end.

**People: He will reign over his kingdom with justice and
righteousness forever and ever. Alleluia. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 268..... DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn No. 329, Stanza 1

God is our refuge and our strength,
our ever-present aid, and therefore,
though the earth be moved,
we will not be afraid.

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING..... Pg. 887 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible*
Jeremiah 23:1-6

SECOND READING.....Pg. 108 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Luke 23:33-43

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

SERMONRACHEL WATSON
“JESUS, REMEMBER ME”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see back of insert)

*HYMN (insert).....Wszalek
Jesus, Help Us Remember

SERVING 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.....Handel
Thanks Be To Thee

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 269.....LANCASHIRE
Lead On, O King Eternal!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Schubert
Amen

POSTLUDE.....Raney
Toccata on Diademata
(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

Thank you to guest choir director, Melissa Black.

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. 268
Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.*

HYMN
Jesus, Help Us Remember

*Jesus, help us remember who you are.
Jesus, help us remember who we are.
How we treat others is how we treat you.
Jesus, help us remember.*

*Offering clothing to those who have need,
sharing our wealth, the hungry to feed,
how we treat others is how we treat you.
Jesus, help us remember.*

*Visiting pris'ners and patients, shut in,
hearing their stories and sharing a hymn,
how we treat others is how we treat you.
Jesus, help us remember.*

*Welcoming strangers, no matter where from,
lending our voices to those who have none,
how we treat others is how we treat you.
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HYMN No. 269
Lead On, O King Eternal!

*Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!*