

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 are given by Charlie Huppuch in remembrance of his parents, Matt and Betty Huppuch, and for their service to the National Park's system.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

NOVEMBER 9, 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.*

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PRELUDE.....Zabel
God of Grace and God of Glory

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....LAUDES DOMINI
When Morning Gilds the Skies

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

People: The Lord has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth!

People: Break forth into joyous song, and sing praises!

*HYMN No. 634.....Crosby/Doane
To God Be the Glory



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have so many questions – about good and evil, about faith and faithfulness, about life and death, about earth and heaven. You alone have the answers, so forgive us for looking elsewhere – to lesser things, to unholy things, to self-serving things – as if they could satisfy our doubts and ease our troubled minds. Forgive us for trusting you too little, worrying too much, despairing too easily, and sinning too often. Kindle in us faith that we may look to you, listen to you, and be more faithful disciples. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (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. 605 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible*
Psalm 8

SECOND READING.....Pg. 103 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Luke 20:27-40

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

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON
"HEAVENLY QUESTIONS"

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*see back of insert*)

*HYMN No. 366.....HYFRYDOL
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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.....Hagenberg
You Do Not Walk Alone

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 821.....Lowry
How Can I Keep From Singing?

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Pavlechko
Amen

POSTLUDE.....Hayes
Sing to the Lord
(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. 634
To God Be the Glory

*To God be the glory;
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!*

*Great things he has taught us;
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!*

HYMN No. 366
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

HYMN No. 821
How Can I Keep From Singing?

*My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain:
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
(Refrain)*

*What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
(Refrain)*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
(Refrain)*