

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 celebration of the Friday wedding of Isabel Henderson to Steven Parker.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

OCTOBER 12, 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..... Young
Prelude in Classic Style
 JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
 INTROIT..... DIX
Make a Joyful Noise to God!

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)
 Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
People: Sing the glory of God's name!
 Leader: Give to God glorious praise!
People: How awesome are the works of the Lord our God!
 *HYMN No. 31..... MONKLAND
Let Us with a Gladsome Mind



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God Almighty, we need your healing for our sin-sick souls. We suffer from chronic disobedience, for we do not do what you ask of us. We expect to be loved by you,

to be healed by you,

to be forgiven by you. Yet we are slow to love you and our neighbors. We are the source of too much pain and the instruments of too little healing. We withhold forgiveness from others and ourselves. Heal and forgive us, Lord. Touch our hearts with your healing grace, that we may be redeemed and renewed, and so be instruments of your love, healing, and forgiveness for the world. In your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn No. 439, Stanza 1

*O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
all within me bless God's name;
bless the Savior, and forget not
all God's mercies to proclaim.*

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 416 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible*
2 Kings 5:1-14

SECOND READING.....Pg. 98 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Luke 17:11-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....**JOHN PETERSON**

"HEALING AND HUBRIS"

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

*HYMN No. 795.....Haugen

Healer of Our Every Ill

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 in love.

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

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

SERVING IN LOVE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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.....Mueller

Create In Me a Clean Heart

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 645.....MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....LAND OF REST

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE.....J.S. Bach

March from Cantata 207

*(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 welcome the following new members:

Pam McMillen by Reaffirmation of Faith

*Cindy and Clayton Putnam by Letter of Transfer from
Brunswick United Methodist Church, Brunswick, ME*

*Hannah and Hans Slechta by Letter of Transfer from
River Road Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA*

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. 31
Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

*Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*God, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*All things living God does feed;
with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

HYMN No. 795
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. 645
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!*