

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 to the glory of God in gratitude for all the Covenant saints who have joined the host of the beloved departed this past year. May their light continue to shine through us. Given with love by the Roberson family.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

OCTOBER 26, 2025
REFORMATION SUNDAY
ALL SAINTS DAY

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.....arr. Wetherald

Highland Cathedral

John Brodie, trumpet; Tom Brooks, bagpipes; Chris Huppuch, drum

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....Pote

God Is Our Refuge

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble!

**People: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea!**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam!
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**People: The Lord Almighty is here among us;
The God of Israel is our fortress.**

*HYMN No. 275.....EIN' FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress is Our God



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, You are always doing a new thing. Yet we confess that we have failed to live into the promise of new life with you. We are afraid to enter troubled waters to aid the poor and downtrodden. We drag our feet when called to help those caught in systems of oppression and bigotry. We seek our own ease and comfort, ignoring the hungry and sick in our world. Forgive us, Lord. Lead us into new life, give us holy imagination to see the promise of Your love for the whole world, and inspire us to live faithfully. Lord, 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. 822 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible*
Isaiah 43:14-21

SECOND READING.....Pg. 221 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....RACHEL WATSON

“REMEMBER AND RENEW”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

*HYMN No. 432.....IN BABILONE
How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

FOUR CENTS PER MEAL

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....Clausen
All That Hath Life and Breath

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 326.....SINE NOMINE
For All the Saints

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Dresden
Amen

POSTLUDE.....Pachelbel
Prelude in D Minor

(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. 275
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.*

HYMN No. 432
How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

*How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call
to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all
and will not let us fall.*

*But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.*

*We marvel how your saints became
in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.*

*In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored, done.*

HYMN No. 326
For All the Saints

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*