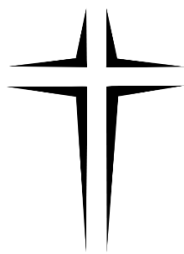




PRACTICING JOY  
ON THE JOURNEY

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PHILIPPIANS SERMON SERIES | SPRING 2026



COVENANT  
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CHURCH

*Welcome to Worship!*

May 3, 2026  
9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE

(9:00) Improvisations on *Gratitude* by Brandon Lake  
Megan Angriawan, pianist  
(11:00) Paraphrase sur un chœur de Judas Macchabée de Handel  
by Alexandre Guilmant  
Doug McNeel, organist

WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

MUSIC

#821 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” (v. 1, 2)  
(9:00) Ben Johnson, vocalist

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession (*words on screen*)

Pastor Jess Scholten

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#798 “All With Joyful Expectation” (*refrain only*)

Passing of the Peace

*Please greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ. Also, please sign and pass the black friendship pad found in the pew rack.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Megan Berry

*All children are invited to join us on the chancel steps. After Children’s Time, children 3 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids in C208. See page 6 for more info.*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Scripture: Philippians 3:12-14

Sermon: “Practicing Joy on the Journey”

MUSIC

(11:00) #305 “Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!” (v. 1, 2)

## OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

*Offerings can be put in the lectern as you exit the Sanctuary. You can also give online, by contacting the office, or by scanning the QR code on the back cover.*

Music

(9:00) "His Glory and My Good" by CityAlight  
*New Day Ensemble*

(11:00) "God's Gonna Set This World on Fire" arr. Moses Hogan, Edwin Hogan  
*Covenant Chancel Choir*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*For communion, we invite you to come forward to receive communion by intinction, dipping a gluten-free cracker in juice. Individual cups are available, if desired. If you would rather be served in your seat, just raise your hand. Children of all ages are welcome to take communion.*

Joys, Concerns, and Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(9:00) Tom Hershberger, Pat Wilker

(11:00) Cara Cavin, Jane Kolakowski

Special Music

(9:00) "Bread of Life from Heaven" by Briehl

(11:00) "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" (*South African hymn*)

Prayer

MUSIC

"On the Journey, Faithfully" by Melissa Hinz

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(9:00) "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

(11:00) Fugue in F by Alexandre Guilmant

### Sunday Flowers

This week's flowers are given by Anne Klapste in memory Ken Klapste.



*Thank you for joining us!*

If you are a visitor today, please visit our Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary in the gathering space where you can pick up more information about the church and chat with a member. If you have questions, please contact the church office!

*Masks are optional when in the building. Please be respectful of those who choose to wear a mask.*

*Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the Welcome Center.*

Email: [info@covenantmadison.org](mailto:info@covenantmadison.org) | Phone: (608) 233-6297

### Worship

**9:00am Piano-Led**

A piano-led service frequently with the New Day Ensemble

**11:00am Organ-Led**

An organ-led service frequently with choir or handbells

Livestream available here: [youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch](https://youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch).

### Fellowship

**10:00am Bradfield Café**

Come join us for donuts, coffee, and fellowship!

### Nursery

**Hours: 8:45am-12:15pm**

Our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 3 years old and below.  
Follow the frogs from the Welcome Center to the nursery located in room C101.

### Next Sunday

**May 10, 2026 | 9:00 & 11:00am**

Pastor Jess Scholten | "Rejoicing for the Long Haul"

Philippians 4:1-9



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## General Announcements

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### **Apples for Glenn Stephens Elementary - TODAY!**

We are collecting **apples** today for Glenn Stephens students as part of our Healthy Snack Program. If you'd like to help, please bring a bag (or two) of apples to the narthex. Look for the wagons. **This is our last fruit collection for this school year!**

### **Soul Sisters Potluck - TODAY, 12:00pm**

You are invited to join our end-of-year Soul Sisters potluck today in Room A106 at noon! Please bring a dish to share, as well as ideas for next year's gatherings, which will start off with a September potluck. To learn more about Soul Sisters or to join, please contact Barb Eikenberry at [barb.eikenberry@gmail.com](mailto:barb.eikenberry@gmail.com).

### **Reach Dane Sneaker Drive**

The Mission Committee is hosting a Sneaker Drive to support children in Reach Dane programs. Reach Dane serves over 1,000 local children and families, with 32% of those enrolled currently experiencing homelessness. **Help by donating NEW shoes, socks, and underwear (sizes 2T-10T and 11-13) in the narthex by May 17.** Financial gifts are also welcome; make checks payable to Reach Dane with "Sneakers" in the memo line. Thank you for your support!

### **Stock Our Food Pantries**

Please consider helping restock either the outdoor Little Free Pantry or indoor Little Food Pantry with non-perishable items. There are donation lists available with suggested items on top of the indoor Little Food Pantry. Thank you!

### ***Practicing Joy Spring Sermon Series - "Rejoice in the Lord always." - Philippians 4:4***

Joy is not the same as happiness. Joy is a choice we make, sometimes despite the circumstances, to remember God's steadfast love and to be people of faith, hope, and love. This spring, we'll focus on "Practicing Joy" with guidance from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. Join us for Sunday sermons and small groups in April and May to encourage each other in the practice of joy. As the psalmist says: "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

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## Children's Ministries

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### **Kaleidoscope Kids - TODAY at 9:00am**

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches our children about parts of the worship service and meets every Sunday during 9:00am worship immediately following Children's Time. *Kaleidoscope Kids is for children 3 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade.*

### **Children's Choir - TODAY at 10:00am**

Children's Choir will continue to meet weekly to prepare for the spring musical from 10:00-10:50am.

### **Musical Practices - May 9 & 15**

Our spring musical is coming up on Sunday, May 17, and we have two practices on the calendar: **Saturday, May 9 from 9:00-11:00am and Friday, May 15 from 5:00-8:00pm (pizza included!).**

**Families!** Family Worship Bags and Children's Bibles are available in the narthex. Our Lounge is open for kids to move around while still participating in worship.

Visit [covenantmadison.org/children](http://covenantmadison.org/children) for more info on Children's Ministries at Covenant.

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## Adult Education

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### **"Civil Rights Pilgrimage 2026" - TODAY at 10:00am in Bradfield Hall**

Join us for the Adult Education today! Covenant member Jennifer Morgan will offer a presentation on the Civil Rights Pilgrimage she joined with a group from Christ Presbyterian last March, with pictures and commentary.

### **Upcoming:**

**Sunday, May 10 - "VBS for Adults!" Note: This will be the last Adult Education class until September!**

Visit [covenantmadison.org/adult](http://covenantmadison.org/adult) for more info on Adult Ed at Covenant.

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## Youth Connection

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### **Youth Connection - TODAY, 5:00-6:30pm**

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and snacks! *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

Visit [covenantmadison.org/youth](http://covenantmadison.org/youth) for more info on Youth Connection at Covenant.

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## April Parking Lot Update

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Since 1987, Covenant has supported mission partners by setting aside 10% of each building project. With over \$820,000 pledged for the parking lot rebuild, more than \$82,000 may be shared – half for local food insecurity efforts and half for our Guatemala partnership. More details will be coming soon. Thank you!

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## Upcoming Events

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### **First Wednesdays Potluck - Wednesday, May 6, 12:00pm**

Cook something at home or pick something up at your favorite restaurant to share and join us for our monthly potluck! This month's speaker is Rhonda Rohn, who will share about her recent trip to Japan and South Korea. Beverages, plates, and utensils are provided. Feel free to invite a friend!

### **Summer Worship Schedule Begins - Sunday, May 17**

**Beginning Sunday, May 17, we will have one service at 9:30am.** We will return to two services on September 13 (Kick-Off Sunday).

### **Children & Youth Musical - Sunday, May 17, 9:30am**

Join our Children & Youth Ministries for a special musical during worship on Sunday, May 17 called "The Greatest Hymn on Earth," reimagining some of our old favorite hymns in a new, unforgettable way! **There will be only one worship service at 9:30am beginning this Sunday, continuing through the summer.**

### **Awaken Covenant - Sunday, May 17, 10:45am-12:30pm**

You're invited to Awaken Covenant, the second gathering in a new series focused on building meaningful neighborhood connections, on May 17 from 10:45am to 12:30pm (**free brunch included!**).

Connection matters - it supports our health, strengthens our community, and helps ensure we have relationships in place when challenges arise. And at the heart of it all, we are called to love our neighbors. Sign up on the clipboard outside the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code! Contact Pastor Jess at [jscholten@covenantmadison.org](mailto:jscholten@covenantmadison.org) for childcare or with questions.



### **Summer Office Schedule - May 18 - September 8**

Beginning the week of May 18, the church office will be switching to new summer hours. **Our office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.** The church office will be closed on Fridays. Regular office hours will resume the week of September 8. We appreciate your understanding as we begin the summer season!

### **APT "As You Like It" - September 6**

Join us in September at American Players Theatre to see a production of the William Shakespeare play "As You Like It." Seats are limited. Scan the QR code or contact the church office at [info@covenantmadison.org](mailto:info@covenantmadison.org) to sign up!



## Covenant Staff and Officers

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### COVENANT IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

In accepting the PC(USA)’s Matthew 25 invitation, we commit ourselves to the work of dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality. In everything we do – worship, education, mission, fellowship – we think about how we love God through loving our neighbor.



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