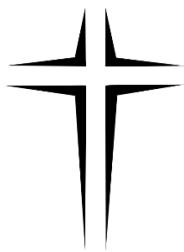


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2026 LENTEN SERMON SERIES



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE (9:00) Improvisations on “Goodness of God” by Jenn Johnson
Megan Angriawan, pianist
(11:00) “Adagio” from Symphony III Opus 28 by L. Vierne
Gary Lewis, organist

WELCOME Pastor Charlie Berthoud

MUSIC #767 “Together We Serve” (v. 1-3)
(9:00) Ben Johnson, vocalist

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE Pastor Jess Scholten

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not heeded the teaching of Jesus. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors, nor have we loved our enemies. Forgive us, God. Renew our hearts with your love. Transform and strengthen us, so that your love flows through our words, our choices, and our lives. Amen.

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

“Loving All, Not Just Some” (v. 1, 5)

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 1st 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: Acts 7:51-60

Sermon: "Be Courageous"

MUSIC

#756 "O God of Every Nation" (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) "Carrier" by Jared Anderson
New Day Ensemble

(11:00) "As The Deer" arr. Patricia Sanders Cota
Covenant Handbell Choir

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

MUSIC

"O God of Love, This Is a Time of Turning" (*words on screen*)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(9:00) "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"
(11:00) "Fugue in G minor" from BWV 542 by J.S. Bach

Sunday Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by Raleigh & Laurie Jones
in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary!



WELCOME

LEARNING GOD'S LOVE
LIVING GOD'S LOVE

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 | 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.

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

March 29, 2026 | Palm Sunday | 9:00 & 11:00am

Pastor Jess Scholten | "Live Peaceably with All"

Text: Romans 12:9-21



General Announcements

Guatemala 101 & Future Trip Planning - TODAY at 12:15pm

Want to learn about the history and culture of Guatemala, where Covenant has partnered in mission since 2002? Join Pastor Charlie for an overview of Guatemala and to learn more about a possible adult trip in October 2026. If you are interested in participating on this trip, email Pastor Charlie at charlie@covenantmadison.org.

Spiritual Stroll - TODAY at 2:00pm

Today's Spiritual Stroll will be at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. We'll meet at the main entrance of the Monastery off the parking lot that goes to the right when you enter the grounds. Strolling outside has all sorts of wonderful benefits. To read more about them, scan the QR code! These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.



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

Joy is not the same as happiness. Happiness depends on circumstances. 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."

Practicing Joy Spring Small Groups

Want to experience joy even in challenging circumstances? This seven-week series beginning after Easter will delve into Paul's joy-filled letter to the Philippians written from prison, a witness for living joyfully even in difficulty. You can sign-up on the clipboards in the narthex or by scanning the QR code.



Children's Ministries

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 1st grade.*

Sunday School - TODAY at 10:00am

Sunday School meets weekly from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8th grade.*

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 for more info on Children's Ministries at Covenant.

Adult Education

"Be Courageous" - TODAY at 10:00am

Pastor Jess Scholten will lead this class on what it means to pursue peace in our daily lives at home, in church, and in a divided world, grounded in Jesus' call to love our neighbors and even our enemies.

Upcoming:

Sunday, March 29 - "Small Groups at Covenant" Discussion Panel

Sunday, April 5 - No class. Join us for Easter Brunch at 10:00am instead!

Visit covenantmadison.org/adult for more info on Adult Ed at Covenant.

Youth Connection

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 for more info on Youth Connection at Covenant.

March Parking Lot Update

The parking lot project is moving forward. We plan to replace the aging pavement and upgrade all aspects of the lot to meet environmental, lighting, landscaping and accessibility standards. **We are grateful for the generosity of the congregation, which has pledged over \$835,000 toward our goal of \$800,000. Thank you!**

We plan to complete the bidding process and sign with a contractor in April with construction beginning in May. If you're interested in joining subcommittees to plan for lighting and landscaping, contact Steve Whayland at swhayland@tds.net.

Upcoming Events

Triangle Ministry Meal – Monday, March 23

Join us on March 23 to provide dinner for the residents of the Triangle Community! There are multiple ways to get involved: grocery shopping, baking desserts, meal prepping the sides, and serving and eating with the residents. You can sign up on the Volunteer HQ bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Thank you!

Midweek Lenten Suppers – Join us for our last Lenten Supper on March 25!

This Lent, come join us for supper, fellowship, and worship in Bradfield Hall. Supper and fellowship time will start at **5:30pm** and at **6:15pm**, we'll move into a time of intergenerational and casual worship together. All are welcome to attend dinner and/or worship. **Please RSVP on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.** RSVPs are helpful but not required. For supper we're asking for \$5 per person, \$15 max per family, or it's **FREE** if you are a first-time attendee.

Palm Sunday Path – Sunday, March 29, 2:30-4:00pm

Join Jesus-followers around Wisconsin on the **Palm Sunday Path**, a movement to gather, pray, process, and witness what it means to follow Jesus with hope, peace, and love for God and neighbor. Anchored in the Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and welcome the stranger, participants stand against rising authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism on. Participate March 29 (Palm Sunday) from 2:30 to 4:00pm on the Capitol Square (King Street Corner). For more information, contact Pastor Jess at jscholten@covenantmadison.org.

Holy Week Worship – March 29 – April 5

Palm Sunday – March 29, 9 & 11am | *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*
Maundy Thursday – April 2, 7pm | *Contemplative Service of Holy Communion, special music by the choir, & remembering the Last Supper and Jesus' Journey to the Cross*
Good Friday – April 3, 12pm | *Service of the Word Remembering Jesus' Crucifixion*
Easter Sunday – April 5, 9am & 11am | *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, April 1, 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 guest speaker will be Lynn Vande Sande, who will share about the Olympic sport curling. Beverages, plates, and utensils are provided. Feel free to invite a friend!

Easter Brunch – Sunday, April 5 10:00am

Join us between services on Easter Sunday for a continental breakfast in Bradfield Hall. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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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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