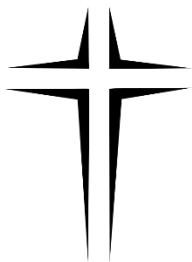


Winter 2025 Sermon Series: The Gospel of Luke



**BELOVED I AM  
WELL PLEASED**

Pastor Megan Berry



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcome to Worship*

January 12, 2025

9:00 & 11:00am

*“And the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” – Luke 3:22*

 PRELUDE

“Tocatta and Fuge in D” by Johann Pachelbel  
Doug McNeel, organist

 WELCOME

Pastor Megan Berry

 MUSIC

#488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

 CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

**We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. In our forgetfulness, we follow selfish goals that harm others and hurt the world. We are sorry and want to do better. Help us, O God, to remember that we are all beloved, and we are called to love and serve one another. Amen.**

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (v. 3)

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 & REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

Pastor Jess Scholten

*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 (9:00 only) in C208. See page 6 for more info.*

The Lord’s Prayer

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### **Baptisms in 2024:**

**Damien Singh**, grandson of Rhonda & Doug Rohn

**Dill Singh**, son-in-law of Rhonda & Doug Rohn

**Xander Whitley**, son of Jackie & Michael Whitley, grandson of Judy Von Bergen

**Quinn Whitley**, daughter of Jackie & Michael Whitley, granddaughter of Judy Von Bergen

**Elizabeth Van Kirkland**, daughter of Megan Vande Sande & Taylor Kirkland,  
granddaughter of Lynn & Matt Vande Sande

**Audrey Bridwell**, daughter of Emily & James Bridwell, sister of Jonathan

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 & Isaiah 42:1-9

Sermon: "Beloved I Am Well Pleased"

 OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

*Offerings or Commitment Cards can be put in the lectern located in the sanctuary's vestibule as you exit. You can also give online, by contacting the office, or by scanning the QR code on the back cover.*

Special Music

#164 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways (9:00)

"Hymn of Fire" by Eugene Butler (11:00)

*Covenant Chancel Choir*

 JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

 ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Elders: Christine Barden, Tom Hershberger, Rhonda Rohn, and JR Schmidt

Deacons: Jane Bertram, Melissa Hardy, Cornelia Hempe, and Art Kanitz

 MUSIC

#757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (v. 1,3,4)

 BLESSING

 POSTLUDE

(11:00) "Fugue in f" by Johann Pachelbel

**Sunday Flowers**

*Today's white roses commemorate the lives of Jim Sauer, father of Covenant member Steve Sauer, and Bill Lawrence, husband of Fern Lawrence and father of Anne Lawrence and Ellen Lawrence.*

*This week's flowers celebrate the ordination and installation of our new Elders and Deacons!  
Praise God!*



# Welcome

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

*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

**9:00 am Piano-Led**

A piano-led service frequently with the New Day Ensemble

**11:00 am Organ-Led**

An organ-led service frequently with choir or handbells

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

## Fellowship

**10:00-10:45am Bradfield Café**

Come join us for donuts, coffee, and fellowship!

## Nursery

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

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**

**January 19, 2025**

*Gospel of Luke Sermon Series*

Preaching: Charlie Berthoud | "An Unpopular Sermon" | Text: Luke 6:20-26



# Announcements

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## General Announcements

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

All women of Covenant Church are invited to join the Soul Sisters gathering at church TODAY at 12:00pm (immediately after the second service) in Room A106. Please bring your own lunch and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. We will explore more of Jesus' parables and watch the video from Amy-Jill Levine's "Short Stories by Jesus – The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi." Soul Sisters meet each month September through May for fellowship, interesting discussions, and Bible study, always in loving support of each other. To learn more about Soul Sisters, please contact Barb Eikenberry at [barb.eikenberry@gmail.com](mailto:barb.eikenberry@gmail.com).

### **Game Day at Covenant - TODAY, 2:00-4:00pm**

Come enjoy games of all kinds, snacks, and fellowship TODAY at 2:00pm in Bradfield Hall! Join in the fun and bring your own games and a snack to share. This is a *CONNECT* event. *CONNECT* is a program of deacon-sponsored events with the intention of fostering connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

### **Chancel Flowers - an Easy Way to Support Covenant!**

Want a simple way to support Covenant all while enhancing worship? Sign up to donate flowers! Head to the Welcome Center for more information and to sign up. Each arrangement is \$50. A dedication ("in honor/memory/celebration of...") can be specified and then will be shared in the bulletin. Thank you!

### **Black History for a New Day - Virtual Course**

**February 17 – May 5 | Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm**

As part of our commitment to becoming a Matthew 25 congregation, the Adult Education Committee encourages members to participate in the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development's Black History for a New Day course. The Spring 2025 course will run from February 17 - May 5, Monday evenings 7:00-

9:00pm (no class April 14) via Zoom. Covenant participants will have their own small discussion group with Jennifer Morgan facilitating. Please email Jenny Von Bergen at [deittejm@hotmail.com](mailto:deittejm@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **Luke Sermon Series - January & February**

We are reading and reflecting on the Gospel according to Luke together in Sunday worship services during January and February. Luke especially emphasizes the idea of Good News. To help understand the Gospel and encourage perseverance in daily reading, we have a devotional (see announcement below) as well as Bible study classes on Wednesdays in January (see page 6 for more information).

### **Luke Devotional - It is not too late to Subscribe!**

Once or twice a year, Covenant produces a devotional written by members, staff, and friends of Covenant. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a new devotional to ring in the New Year called "Good News for All," a daily devotional on the Gospel of Luke. Subscribe using the QR code or contact the church office at [info@covenantmadison.org](mailto:info@covenantmadison.org).



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## **Adult Education**

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### **Luke: Part 2 - TODAY at 10:00am**

Join us for the second week of a two-week discussion on the Gospel of Luke led by Melissa Hardy. We will review the outline of this gospel, learn what makes Luke different from other gospels, highlight and discuss key themes, and ponder how to apply this gospel to our lives as we begin a new year.

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

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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 9:00 worship immediately following Children's Time. *Kaleidoscope Kids is for children 3 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade.*

### **Sunday School - TODAY at 10:00am**

Sunday School meets today from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**Families!** Be sure to grab the **Family Worship Bags** and a **Children's Bible** from the narthex. **Wiggles & Giggles:** Our Lounge is available to let your wiggles and

giggles out while still participating in worship. Take advantage if you need to!

Visit [covenantmadison.org/children](https://covenantmadison.org/children) for more info on Children's Ministries or contact Pastor Megan Berry at [mberry@covenantmadison.org](mailto:mberry@covenantmadison.org) with questions.

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## Youth Connection

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### **Youth Connection - TODAY 2:00-4:00pm - meeting for GAME DAY!**

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

Visit [covenantmadison.org/youth](https://covenantmadison.org/youth) for more info on Youth Connection or contact Pastor Megan Berry at [mberry@covenantmadison.org](mailto:mberry@covenantmadison.org) with questions.

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## Upcoming Events

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### **RAF Book Study - January 2-23, 2025 | Thursdays at 7:00pm**

Racists Anonymous Fellowship (RAF) is spending four weeks via Zoom discussing Ta-Nehisi Coates' new book *The Message*. It is a set of three essays about "the urgent need to untangle ourselves from the destructive myths that shape our world – and our own souls – and embrace the liberating power of even the most difficult truths." The book is available at most bookstores, and there is an audio version available. If you have questions or would like to be added to the email list for the Zoom link, contact Jennifer Morgan at [jbmorgan@me.com](mailto:jbmorgan@me.com).

### **Luke Bible Study Fellowship**

Pastor Charlie and Pastor Jess will be hosting a one-hour Bible Study Fellowship on the following Wednesdays in January: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in person at 10:00am and via Zoom at 6:00pm. For more information, contact either Pastor Charlie or Pastor Jess.

### **Families w/ Young Kids Potluck - Sunday, January 19, 4:00-6:00pm**

Families with young kids, come join us as we gather in Bradfield Hall for fellowship. Childcare will be provided from 4:00-5:00pm, and then we will all have a potluck at 5:00pm. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a dish to share!

### **Spiritual Stroll - Sunday, January 26, 2:00pm**

This month's Spiritual Stroll will be at Pheasant Branch Conservancy in Middleton. We will meet in the parking lot at the corner of Clark Street and Lee Street. These strolls are part of Covenant *CONNECT events*, striving to make connections in our Covenant community and beyond. Invite a friend and come stroll with us. For more information, visit [covenantmadison.org/connect](https://covenantmadison.org/connect).

## Covenant Staff and Officers

<p><b>Charlie Berthoud</b>, Pastor/Head of Staff  <b>Megan Berry</b>, Pastor for Children,          Youth &amp; Families  <b>Jess Scholten</b>, Pastor for Mission,          Spiritual Growth &amp; Care  <b>Melissa Hinz</b>, Minister of Music &amp;          Pastoral Care  <b>Megan Angriawan</b>, Assistant Music          Coordinator  <b>Arlene Kennedy</b>, Children’s Music          Director  <b>Doug McNeel</b>, Organist  <b>Bailey Green</b>, Church Administrator  <b>Janet Cresson</b>, Financial Coordinator  <b>Vicki Alexander</b>, Nursery Supervisor  <b>Eileen Durand, Anne Lawrence</b>,          Nursery Assistants  <b>Jay Petrie</b>, Livestream Operator  <b>Mary Kieta</b>, Sunday Host  <b>Rodrigo Morales</b>, Custodian  <b>James McGregor</b>, Maintenance Assistance</p>	<p><b>DEACONS</b></p> <p><i>Class of 2025</i>          Bob Cole          Sherry Hershberger          Mary Kieta          Lynn Vande Sande</p> <p><i>Class of 2026</i>          Ann Larget          Cara Cavin          Randy Holveck          Chan Sommers</p> <p><i>Class of 2027</i>          Jane Bertram          Melissa Hardy          Cornelia Hempe          Art Kanitz</p>	<p><b>ELDERS/SESSION</b></p> <p><i>Class of 2025</i>          Christine Barden          John Guequierre          Marilyn Krichko</p> <p><i>Class of 2026</i>          Barb Eikenberry          Skye Doney          Jane Kolakowski</p> <p><i>Class of 2027</i>          Tom Hershberger          Rhonda Rohn          JR Schmidt</p> <p>Clerk of Session          Laurie Jones</p>
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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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