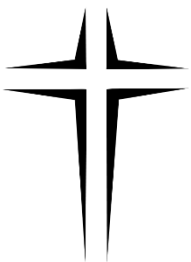


APRIL 21

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COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Worship
Sunday, April 21, 2024
9:00am & 11:00am Worship

“And immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’”-Acts 9:20

 PRELUDE

(9:00) “In Your Hands” by Reuben Morgan
New Day Ensemble; Ben Welch, leading

(11:00) Festal Song (“Rise Up, O Men of God”) by Seth Bingham
Doug McNeel, organist

 WELCOME

Pastor Jess Scholten

 MUSIC

(9:00) “Blessed Be Your Name” by Matt Redman

(11:00) #737 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” (v. 1-3)

 CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to be faithful witnesses, but too often we are like Paul before his conversion: our pride harms others; we don’t recognize your voice when you call us to serve in new ways; we close our eyes to the needs of the world. Forgive us. Convert us. And by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew in us your strength, courage, love, and compassion. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who is always creating new life in us. Amen.

The Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise (9:00) #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” (v. 1)
(11:00) #591 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” (sing once)

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.

 SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-22

(9:00) Kathleen McGregor

 CHILDREN’S TIME

Cindy Lovell

Kaleidoscope Kids (9:00 only): After Children’s Time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids class in C208. See page 6 for more information.

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

Rev. Phil Haslanger

Sermon: "Love Overcomes Hate"

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings can be dropped in the offering lectern located in the sanctuary's vestibule as you exit. You can also give on our website, by contacting the church office, or our QR code on back cover of bulletin.

Special Music

(9:00) "My Heart Will Not Fear"

(11:00) "A Jubilant Song" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Covenant Chancel Choir; Melissa Hinz, directing

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

MUSIC

(9:00) #749 "We Are Called" (v. 1, 3)

(11:00) #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (v. 1, 3, 4)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(9:00) "Refuge" by Korey & John Cooper

(11:00) Truro ("Lift Up Your Heads") by Seth Bingham

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by:

Charlie Berthoud & Chris Turner, in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Fritz Seybold, in memory of his wife Ann Seybold.

Today's red celebrates the birth of Tom & Cindy Blewett's grandson, son of Erik & Angela Eliason.



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. You can pick up more information about the church and chat with a member. If you have questions, please contact the church office!

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

Worship

9:00am New Day Worship

A more casual piano-led service

11:00am Traditional Worship

A more traditional organ-led service frequently with choir or handbells

Livestream available here: youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch.

Fellowship

10:00-10:45am Bradfield Café

Come join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in Bradfield Hall!

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 A106.

Next Sunday

April 28, 2024

"Transformative Community" Sermon Series

Youth & Confirmation Sunday | Reflections from Youth | Text: Acts 10:34-48
Music (9:00) *New Day Ensemble* (Ben Welch, leading) | Music (11:00) *Covenant Chancel Choir* (Melissa Hinz, directing); Doug McNeel, organist

Announcements

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

General Announcements

Our Guest Preacher

Today, we welcome Rev. Phil Haslanger to Covenant! Phil has had careers in journalism and ministry. He worked for The Capital Times for 34 years and was ordained as a United Church of Christ minister in 2007. He retired (sort of) as pastor of Memorial UCC in 2017. In the last few years, he has been serving as a parish associate at Christ Presbyterian Church. He finished up there on April 7. In addition to his work at church, he has served as a chaplain at Meriter Hospital, and he serves on the boards of JustDane, Pres House, and the UW-Madison Center for Journalism Ethics. He is married to Ellen Reuter, has four children and seven grandchildren.

Reading the Book of Acts in April!

Some folks at Covenant are reading the book of Acts this month (28 chapters). It's not too late to join in! **Follow us on Facebook** for check-ins with Pastor Jess!

Staff Update

With sadness, we share the news that Ben Welch has resigned from his position of Contemporary Music Coordinator at the end of April. His last Sunday with us will be April 28, 2024, and we'll have a celebration for Ben in Bradfield Hall at 10am. We will miss Ben, but we are also excited and hopeful for him as he follows a new path after decades in music ministry. Ben affirms his love and respect for everyone at Covenant. Thank you, Ben, for the many loving and wonderful years of service!

APT "Ring Around the Moon" - August 25

In August, we're planning another outing to American Players Theater! They'll be putting on a production of "Ring Around the Moon." Seats are limited! Scan the QR code or visit shorturl.at/ctuCH to sign up.



Help Stock our Pantries

Please consider helping restock either the Little Free Pantry (outdoor) or Little Food Pantry (indoor) with non-perishable items. Members of our community rely on these pantries to supplement their weekly needs. Thank you!

Adult Education

Earth Day Presentation – TODAY at 10AM

We honor Earth Day (April 22) today by welcoming Hedi Rudd, co-executive director of Rooted, an urban agriculture nonprofit committed to collaborations rooted in food, land, and enabling people to grow and thrive in healthy, equitable, and sustainable neighborhoods. Hedi will share Rooted initiatives, including community gardens, farm-to-school initiatives, and more.

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

Children’s Ministries

Sunday School – TODAY at 10AM

We will meet in B103 for Children’s Choir first before going to classrooms. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8th grade.*

Kaleidoscope Kids – TODAY at 9AM

Kaleidoscope meets today during 9:00 worship immediately following Children’s Time. Children can follow teachers to room C208. Kaleidoscope meets every Sunday **except 1st Sundays** and prepares them for what happens in the sanctuary.

Kaleidoscope Kids is for children 3 years old through 2nd grade.

Families! Be sure to grab the **Family Worship Bags** and a **Children’s Bible** from the gathering space before heading into worship.

Visit covenantmadison.org/children for more info on Children’s Ministries or contact Pastor Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Youth Connection

Pick Up Your Subs – TODAY at 10AM!

For those that participated in the Sub Sandwich Fundraiser for the youth summer trips, you can pick up your sub orders in the gathering space **beginning at 10:00am**. To learn more about these trips, visit covenantmadison.org/youth.

NO Youth Connection today

Since there was the Youth Lock-In this weekend, Youth Connection will **not** meet at the normal time (Sundays 6:00pm).

Visit covenantmadison.org/youth for more info on Youth Connection or contact Pastor Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Upcoming Events

Final RAF Book Study – Thursday, April 25, 7:00pm (Zoom)

This will be the final week for the study of John Lewis' *Across That Bridge - A Vision for Change and the Future of America!* Visit covenantmadison.org/raf for more information. Contact Jennifer Morgan at jbmorgan@me.com for Zoom link.

Celebration for Ben Welch – Sunday, April 28, 10:00am

Join us in Bradfield Hall as we celebrate Ben Welch's ministry at Covenant. Refreshments will be provided! Ben is resigning from his position of Contemporary Music Director and his last Sunday is April 28.

Spiritual Stroll – Sunday, April 28, 2:00pm

Our April Spiritual Stroll will be held at the UW Arboretum! These strolls are part of *CONNECT*, a program of deacon-sponsored events with the intention of fostering connection between Covenant and the community. We visit a different greenspace on the 4th Sunday of the month.

First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, May 1, 12:00pm

Cook something at home or pick up something at your favorite grocery store or restaurant to share; beverages, plates, and utensils provided. Our guest speaker will be Peggy Bugg, who will share her experience on the El Camino pilgrimage. Bring a friend! These potlucks take place on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Gardening Workday – Saturday, May 4, 9:00am-12:00pm

It's Spring and native plants in the front of church are coming up! Unfortunately, so are the weeds. Anyone willing to help clean up is welcome (no experience necessary). Come meet new people, learn about native plants, and enjoy being part of the crew! Donuts and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own tools.

Monthly Book Club – Sunday, May 5, 12:00pm

Join us as we read and discuss *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. Every 1st Sunday, we discuss an essay from this book. In May, we will look at the **fourth** essay. Questions? Contact Melissa Hinz at mhinz@covenantmadison.org.

Families with Young Kids Fellowship – Sunday, May 5, 4:00-6:00pm

Families with young kids, come join us as we gather in Bradfield Hall for fellowship. Childcare will be provided from 4:00-5:00, and then we'll all have pizza together at 5:00. Contact Pastor Jess with any questions at jscholten@covenantmadison.org.

Covenant Staff and Officers

Charlie Berthoud, Pastor/Head of Staff
Megan Berry, Pastor for Children,
 Youth & Families
Jess Scholten, Pastor for Mission,
 Spiritual Growth & Care
Melissa Hinz, Minister of Music &
 Pastoral Care
Ben Welch, Contemporary Music
 Coordinator
Arlene Kennedy, Children's Music
 Director
Doug McNeel, Organist
Bailey Green, Church Administrator
Janet Cresson, Financial Coordinator
Derek Handley, Communications
 Coordinator
Vicki Alexander, Nursery Supervisor
Eileen Durand, Anne Lawrence,
 Nursery Assistants
Jay Petrie, Livestream Operator
Mary Kieta, Sunday Host
Ken Corbett, Maintenance Assistant
Rodrigo Morales, Custodian

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 Margie Coons
 Emily Lanphear
 Steve Resan
 Chris Turner

Class of 2025
 Bob Cole
 Sherry Hershberger
 Mary Kieta
 Lynn Vande Sande

Class of 2026
 Ann Larget
 Cara Cavin
 Randy Holveck
 Chan Sommers

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Class of 2024
 Monica Mark
 Jennifer Morgan
 Mark Soderberg

Class of 2025
 Steve Fulton
 John Guequierre
 Marilyn Krichko

Class of 2026
 Barb Eikenberry
 Skye Doney
 Jane Kolakowski

Clerk of Session
 Laurie Jones

COVID POLICY

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.

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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