COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHAT ARE WE TEACHING?

Pastor Megan Berry



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Welcome to Worship!

November 8, 2026

9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE (9:00) Ben Welch, pianist
(11:00) "Aria" by Paul Manz
Gary Lewis, organist

WELCOME Pastor Megan Berry

HYMN (9:00) #664 Morning Has Broken
(11:00) #694 Great God of Every Blessing

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE Pastor Jess Scholten

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we often forget what you teach us: to "love you and one another." Instead, we fall back on what we've learned from this world: to "be the best" and to "rely only on ourselves." Forgive us, and remind us of your loving teachings as we continue to learn and to teach others. Amen.

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise #839 Blessed Assurance (v 1)

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 Melissa Schmidt

All children are invited to the front near the chancel steps. During 9am worship, after Children's Time, children 3 years – 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 Megan Berry

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-8

Sermon: "What are we Teaching?"

HYMN (11:00) "We Will Teach Each Generation" (words on screen)

APOSTLES' CREED (p.17)

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.

Special Music (11:00) "Hear My Prayer" by Moses Hogan
Covenant Chancel Choir

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS

MUSIC (9:00) #743 O God, You Are My God (sing twice)
(11:00) #722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (vs 1,3,5)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE (11:00) "God of Grace and God of Glory" by Paul Manz

This week's white rose commemorates the life of:
Mike Lee, brother-in-law of Chris Turner



Thank you for being here!

If you are a visitor today, please stop by our Welcome Center near the main entrance where you can pick up more information about Covenant and chat with a member.

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.

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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/@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 younger. Follow the frogs from the Welcome Center to the nursery located in room C101.

Next Sunday

November 15, 2026 | 9:00 & 11:00am

October 2026 Mission Trip Team | "Looking for Good News in Guatemala"

Text: Mark 1:14-18

Announcements

General Announcements

Fruit for Glenn Stephens Elementary – TODAY
We are collecting apples for our next fruit delivery to students and staff at Glenn Stephens Elementary TODAY! Look for the wagons in the Narthex. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Guatemala Marketplace, TODAY, 8:30am-1:00pm
Thank you for the many wonderful donations! The Marketplace will be open today from 8:30 until 1:00 in Bradfield Hall. Choose from many wonderful gifts and services! There also will be a number of auction items for which bidding will close at 12:30. Come support Covenant's scholarship funding for education in Guatemala- it changes lives!

Soul Sisters, TODAY at 12:00pm in room A106
All women of Covenant Church are invited to join the Soul Sisters gathering today at noon in Room A106. Please bring your own lunch and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. We'll be talking about part of Adam Hamilton's "Making Sense of the Bible" book and DVD series. If you want to find out more or would like to join Soul Sisters, please contact coordinator Barb Eikenberry (barb.eikenberry@gmail.com; 608-333-9746.

Families w/ Young Kids Potluck, TODAY, 4:00-6:00pm
The next Families with Young Kids Fellowship and Potluck is TODAY! Childcare is offered from 4:00-5:00pm with dinner starting at 5:00pm. Please bring a dish to share. We hope to see you there!

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!

We Are Hiring a Part-Time Kitchen Manager
Covenant is seeking a Part-Time Kitchen Manager to help facilitate fellowship and connection, by helping to plan and coordinate Bradfield Café and special events with food. Send resumes and inquiries to covprespersonnel@gmail.com. If you know a good candidate, please talk with Personnel Committee Chair Barb Eikenberry or Pastor Charlie.

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Adult Ed | 10:00am in Bradfield South
Today - November 8, No Class. See you at the Guatemala Marketplace!

Upcoming Classes:
Sunday, November 15 "Where Hope Takes Root: Stories of God at Work in Difficult Places" with PC(USA) Pastor Kimmy Stokesbary from The Outreach Foundation. Through firsthand stories from The Outreach Foundation's global partners, learn how people and communities are discovering God's presence and participating in God's mission in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Sunday, November 22 "After the Election" with Michael Whitley Covenant member & Freelance Editor with **The New York Times.** *How do we avoid letting the outcome of elections influence our attitudes as followers of Jesus?* Join the conversation about staying true to our calling, loving our neighbors well, and living with an unshakeable sense of hope.

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids - 9:00am (*For children 3 years old through 1st grade.)*
Kaleidoscope Kids teaches children about parts of the worship service and meets every Sunday during 9:00am worship immediately following Children's Time.

Sunday School - 10:00-10:50am - Begins in Children's Choir Room
Children who are **3 years old through 8th grade** are invited to be a part of Sunday School classes each week**.** *Parents: if your child(ren) are 3 years old through 3rd grade, please plan to pick them up from their classrooms at 10:50am.*

Family Worship Bags and **Children's Bibles** are available in 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!

Youth Ministries

Youth Connection, for grades 6-12, meets tonight from 5:00-6:30pm. Come for fun and fellowship!

Upcoming Events

Community Worship Service in Oakwood Chapel, Tuesday, November 10, 1:00pm
Led by Pastors from Covenant and Wesminster Presbyterian Churches, we will gather as a community in the sacred space of the Oakwood Chapel for a time of word, song, and holy communion before it closes. All are welcome.

Caregivers' & Companions Support Group, Wednesday, November 11 at 10:00am
The Caregivers & Companions Support Group will meet on Wednesday, November 11 from 10-11am at the church. It will be a gathering time for caregivers of all sorts including primary and congregational caregivers. If you are interested in being a congregational caregiver or if you have any question, please contact Pastor Jess at jscholten@covenantmadison.org.

Advent Event & Chili Supper Sunday, November 22, 4:00-6:00pm
Join us at 4pm to decorate the church and make some Christmas ornaments! We'll have a carol sing at 5pm, bring your instrument to play along! After the fun, we'll enjoy a chili supper together! Please bring Christmas cookies to share.

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
Megan Angriawan, Assistant Music Coordinator
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Vicki Alexander, Nursery Supervisor
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Jay Petrie, Livestream Operator
Mary Kieta, Sunday Host
Rodrigo Morales, Custodian
Rick Bartz, Maintenance Assistant

DEACONS

Class of 2026
Ann Larget
Cara Cavin
Randy Holveck
Chan Sommers

Class of 2027
Jane Bertram
Cornelia Hempe
Sherry Hershberger
Art Kanitz

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Shawn Conley
Raleigh Jones
Janice Walden
Pat Wilker

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Class of 2026
Barb Eikenberry
Skye Doney
Jane Kolakowski

Class of 2027
Tom Hershberger
Rhonda Rohn
JR Schmidt

Class of 2028
Brad Brown
Betsy Erickson
Tim Smeeding

Clerk of Session
Laurie Jones

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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