

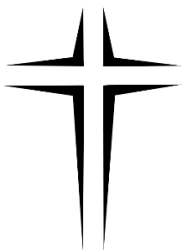
Reclaiming our **FAITH** hearing God through the prophets

Strange Worship

A SERMON ON AMOS 5:21-24

Rev. Charlie Berthoud

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COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

September 20, 2026

9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE

(9:00) Improvisations on "Gratitude"

Megan Angriawan, pianist

(11:00) Variations on St. Columba, arr. K Sosinski

Ken Sosinski, organist

WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

HYMN

(9:00) #835 Just a Closer Walk with Thee (vs 1,2)

(11:00) #327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Pastor Megan Berry

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we sing your praises, but we fail to live as your people. We hear your Word, but we forget it or ignore it in our daily routines. We discuss the issues, but we are hesitant to act and we refuse to change our way of living. Forgive us for our stubbornness, our stagnation, and our hypocrisy. In Jesus Christ, you continue to call us to put the past behind us and invite us into new life. Grant us wisdom and courage to follow. Amen.

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs 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

All children are invited to join us in the front area near the chancel steps. After Children's Time during 9am worship, 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

Scripture: Amos 5:21-24

(9:00) Kathleen McGregor

(11:00) Christian Moore

Sermon: "Reclaiming Our Faith: Strange Worship"

HYMN

(11:00) #341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

APOSTLE'S CREED

ROOTS & FRUITS

Matt Vande Sande

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

(9:00) "Goodness of God" by Jenn Johnson

New Day Ensemble

(11:00) "For Your Peace and Love Unending" text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Melissa Hinz, vocalist

JOYS, CARES, & CONCERNS

HYMN

(9:00) "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" by Pat Barrett

(11:00) #761 Called As Partners In Christ's Service (vs 1-3)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(9:00) "Indescribable" by Laura Story

New Day Ensemble

(11:00) "Grand Chorus by" by Alexandre Guilmant, Op. 84

Sunday Flowers

*This week's flowers are given by Lily and Andrew Schwartz
in celebration of Sloane's 1st birthday this past June*



Welcome!

LEARNING GOD'S LOVE
LIVING GOD'S LOVE

Thank you for being here!

If you are a visitor today, please stop by 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.

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

September 27, 2026 | 9:00 & 11:00am

Preaching: Charlie Berthoud | "Reclaiming Our Faith: Leadership Matters"

Text: Isaiah 11:1-9



Announcements

Adult Education This Morning at 10:00am

Pastor Charlie will give an introduction to our fall prophets series during adult education class today at 10am in Bradfield South.

Soul Sisters Potluck TODAY 12:00pm

You are invited to the kickoff gathering today in Bradfield Hall (kitchen side). Please bring a dish to share and your own plates, cups, and utensils (we will also have some available if needed). Soul Sisters is a group of women who gather for fellowship, interesting discussions and Bible study, always in loving support of each other. We meet monthly from September through May, usually Sundays from 12-2pm but exact days & times TBD. To learn more, please contact Barb Eikenberry (barb.eikenberry@gmail.com; 608-333-9746).

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.

Another Successful Year for the Glenn Stephens School Supply Drive!

Many families struggle to afford school supplies. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, all students at Glenn Stephens will start the school year well supplied. This year, *we collected an astounding 1,600 items* including backpacks, spiral notebooks, folders, and boxes of markers, crayons, and pencils. Covenant also welcomed Stephens' staff back with snacks and cold beverages for the first week of school. The Mission Committee is very grateful and thanks you for your support!

2026 Guatemala Marketplace on November 8 - Donations Needed from Crafters, Artists, Bakers & Makers. We hope you are making or setting aside items to donate to this year's Market! We will be looking for new, pristine and creative items as well as unique experiences such as event tickets, lessons & custom services. Homemade delectables & craft items are also welcome. Donations will be accepted from Oct. 18 – Nov. 1.

Volunteer Sign-Up is Open If you want to help with this important *and very fun* fundraiser, please use the QR code to provide us your availability.



Children and Youth Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids - 9:00am

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches 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 - 10:00am - Begins in Children's Choir Room

Sunday School classes meet weekly from 10:00-10:50am (September-May) and are for children **3 years old through 8th grade**. Parents please pick-up kids ages 3 years old through 3rd grade from their classrooms at 10:50am.

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!

Youth Connection

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

Confirmation kicks off this morning at 10:00am in room A101

Confirmation and is for high schooler youth who are interested in learning what it means to be a Christian, Presbyterian, member of Covenant, and more! We meet twice a month at 10:00am in room A101.

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

Parking Lot Project Update

The parking lot is all paved, painted, and signed! There will be ALL the parking available in the lot today! On Monday, Sept. 21 and/or Tuesday, Sept. 22 the parking spots around the large rainwater basin in the center of the parking lot will not be available while parking bumpers are being installed in each of the spaces. This may cause some congestion in areas of the parking lot at times, please be cautious and considerate. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

Upcoming Events

Adult Education on September 27 at 10:00am

We will hear about several congregation members' experiences as commissioners and volunteers at the PCUSA's national gathering. Meet in Bradfield South at 10:00am.

September Spiritual Stroll – Sunday, September 27, 2:00pm

Mark your calendar! The September Stroll will be at McKee Farms Park located at 2930 Chapel Valley Rd in Fitchburg. These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

Be a part of the Covenant NAMIWalk Team Happening Saturday, October 3

This year, Heidi Hastings will lead Covenant's team at a new venue, Warner Park will be the host for this year's NAMIWalk on Saturday, October 3. Registration will open at 10:30 am and the walk will begin at 12:00 pm. If you'd like to join Covenant's team for this day of support, connection, and hope, or support them in their walk, visit <http://www.namiwalks.org/teams/Covenant>

Save the Date! Chili & Packer Game Youth Fundraiser – October 4 at 12:00pm

Help raise money for Covenant's Youth Ministries, watch the Packers play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, eat some chili, and play some games. Suggested donation: \$10/person or \$25/family. We hope to see you there!

Inquirer's Classes - Sundays, October 18, 25, & November 1 at 10:00am

If you want to learn more about Covenant and about the possibility of membership, come join the Inquirer's Classes in the Lounge next month. Contact Pastor Charlie at charlie@covenantmadison.org if you are interested.

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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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