

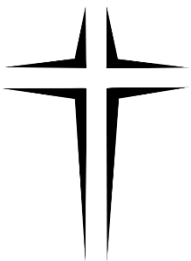
PLAYLIST



Gospel on the Radio

*Bruce
Springsteen*

JULY 28 | 9:30 AM



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

July 28, 2024
9:30am Worship

It ain't no sin to be glad you're alive.
from "Badlands" by Bruce Springsteen

 PRELUDE

"Amber" by Jeanne Cotter
Ken Sosinski, pianist

 WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

 MUSIC

#664 "Morning Has Broken"

 CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Pastor Jess Scholten

Prayer of Confession

One: Jesus said, "I came to give life – life in all its fullness." (John 10.10 NCV)

All: We thank you God for the gift of life, and we acknowledge that too often we take this gift for granted. We sleepwalk through our days, missing the beauty of flowers and farms. We mindlessly go through the motions, failing to appreciate the smile of a child or the deliciousness of ice cream.

One: We get overwhelmed with the suffering around us and lose energy to help other people live peacefully and comfortably. We take our friends and loved ones for granted, forgetting to laugh and listen, to thank and care.

All: Forgive us, we pray and wake us up so that we might live with purpose. Guide us in the way of Jesus, the one who came to bring abundant and eternal life. Amen.

The Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#649 "Amazing Grace" (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

All children are invited to join us on the chancel steps (see page 5). Note: There is no Kaleidoscope Kids today (see page 6).

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: Ephesians 2:8-10

Sermon: "Are You Glad You're Alive?"

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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
by George N. Allen, arr. Roy Ringwald
Doug Rohn, vocalist

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

MUSIC

#37 "Let All Things Now Living"

BLESSING

One: Here we gather,
ALL: Learning God's love!
One: Now we go out,
ALL: Living God's love!

POSTLUDE

"Promised Land," arr. Joseph M. Martin



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!

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

9:30am Summer Worship

During the summer, there is one service, varying between being piano-led and organ-led. We return to two services (9am & 11am) on September 8.

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

Fellowship

10:30am Bradfield Café

Join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!

Nursery

Hours: 9:15am-11:15am

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

August 4, 2024

Holy Communion

“Christian Greetings and Risky Speech”

Preaching: Melissa Schmidt | Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Music: Doug McNeel, organist; Jenn Sauer, vocalist



Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are provided by Bill & Susan Wood,
in celebration of their 55th anniversary.*

General Announcements

Playlist: Gospel on the Radio Sermon Series Finale

Today is the final Sunday of our summer sermon series in which we explored how God speaks to us through "secular" music. We hope you've heard God speak through these artists, and that you'll continue to listen to the radio in a new way.

Also, our playlist will always be available on our YouTube page.

June 23 - *Taylor Swift* | June 30 - *U2* | July 7 - *Blue October*
July 14 - *Metallica* | July 21 - *the Blues* | **July 28 - Bruce Springsteen**



Post PLAYLIST Playlist

We hope you've enjoyed this summer's sermon series. Let's keep the playlist going! What "secular" songs does God speak to you through?

We invite you to be a Spotify collaborator - add a song to our "Post PLAYLIST Playlist" by scanning the QR code, as we continue to listen for how God speaks to us through music!



Summer Book Talk - TODAY at 10:45AM

Join Pastors Jess and Charlie today in Bradfield Hall South for a conversation about the fascinating new book *The False White Gospel*. Blending personal stories, Bible study, and contemporary issues, Jim Wallis challenges us to learn about our world and stand up for God's love. We will meet for about an hour and there will be snacks. Feel free to come even if you haven't finished the book!

Children's Time Change

For Children's Time, we are returning to inviting the kids up on the chancel steps instead of having them sit in the front pews. If you are uncomfortable with this

change, please reach out to Pastor Megan or the Children & Youth Committee. We'd love to hear your thoughts.

Presbywheelians / Move 'N' Groove Update

About 20 Covenant people joined hundreds of others on July 20 to run, walk and bike while raising money for the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County. Together, we raised over **\$6200** to help kids in our community get education, recreation, nutrition, and more. Thank you for your support!

Join our Pick-Up Choir (August 11)!

Singers middle school age and older are invited to sing with the summer pick-up choir in worship on Sunday, August 11. We will meet at 8:45am to rehearse an anthem to sing in that morning's worship service. Please come and raise your voice to enrich and enliven worship at Covenant!

Our Food Pantries Need Help!

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. **For the month of July, we are in need of: Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, and Toothpaste.** Thank you!

Children & Youth Ministries

NO Kaleidoscope Kids

There is no Kaleidoscope today. Kaleidoscope Kids typically meets every Sunday during worship **except 1st Sundays** and teaches our children about parts of the worship service. *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.

Montreat Youth Conference

The high school youth departed for Montreat, North Carolina this weekend to participate in the Montreat Youth Conference. Keep them, Pastor Megan, and the chaperones in your prayers as they get settled, connect with other youth around the country, and learn and grow.

Visit covenantmadison.org/children or [/youth](http://covenantmadison.org/youth) for more info on Children & Youth Ministries or contact Pastor Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Upcoming Events

RAF Book Study - Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 7:00-8:00pm

Racists Anonymous Fellowship is holding a book study (Zoom) on Tracey Michae'l Lewis-Giggetts' book *Then They came for Mine*. This book is a moving effort by the author to be a truth-teller, including the good, the ugly, the sad and the joyful. To join the email list (and get Zoom link), or if you have questions, contact Jennifer at jbmorgan@me.com. The book is available for \$12.35 at wjkbbooks.com.

Monthly Book Club - Sunday, August 4, 10:30am

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 August, we will look at the essay "August." Contact the office with any questions.

Families w/ Young Kids Potluck - Sunday, August 4, 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 potluck at 5:00. Main dish will be provided. Bring a dish to share! Contact Pastor Jess with any questions at jscholten@covenantmadison.org.

First Wednesdays Potluck - Wednesday, August 7, 12:00pm

Feel free to bring a friend as we enjoy a time of good food and warm fellowship! Cook something at home, pick up something at your favorite grocery store, or favorite restaurant for a carry-out dish to share. Beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided. The theme will be "Watercolor & Faith," led by Pastor Jess Scholten.

APT "Ring Around the Moon" - Sunday, August 25, 6:00pm

Join us in August at American Players Theatre to see a production of "Ring Around the Moon." Seats are limited! Scan the QR code or visit shorturl.at/ctuCH to sign up.



Blood Drive - Wednesday, August 28, 12:00-5:00pm

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant is on Wednesday, August 28 from 12-5pm in Bradfield Hall. Visit redcrossblood.org, click 'Find A Drive' and enter **Covenantpresmadison** to donate blood. You can also use the QR code or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



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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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