

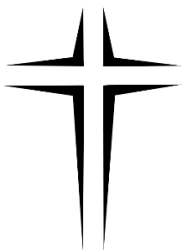
Reclaiming our **FAITH** hearing God through the prophets

# Leadership Matters

A SERMON ON ISAIAH 11:1-9

**Pastor Charlie Berthoud**

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COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcome to Worship!*

September 27, 2026

9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE

“Adagio” by Josef H. Fiocco  
Gary Lewis, Organist

WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

HYMN

#378 We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom (vs 1,2,4)

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Pastor Jess Scholten

Prayer of Confession

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have listened too much to foolish leaders, rather than to you. We are too quickly swayed by simple answers to complex problems. We too quickly fall into despair, rather than doing the tasks to which you call us. Renew us as faithful disciples of Jesus and grant us wisdom and courage for faithful living. Amen.**

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (refrain only)

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

Kate Sargent

*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

MUSIC (11:00) “Our God, Our Help In Ages Past” arr. Sondra Tucker  
*Covenant Handbell Choir*

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD  
Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9 (9:00) Betsy Erickson  
(11:00) Noah Schmidt  
Sermon: “Reclaiming Our Faith: Leadership Matters”

APOSTLES’ CREED (p. 17)

ROOTS & FRUITS Colleen Gullickson and Pete Kolakowski

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) “Sonata VI Finale - Adagio” by F. Mendelssohn  
(11:00) “What Does the Lord Require” by Eric Nelson  
*Covenant Chancel Choir*

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING  
Rick Bartz, Charlie Berthoud, Janet Cresson, Chris Gomez Schmidt, Nancy  
Gunder, Lynn Heller, Melissa Hinz, Rosemary Jones, Henry Kranendonk,  
Ann Larget, Jenn Sauer, Mark Soderberg

HYMN #744 “Arise, Your Light is Come!”

BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Allegro pompos” by Thomas Roseingrave

### Sunday Flowers

*This week’s flowers are given in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. Donald McCall from his family.*



# 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.*

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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/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch](https://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 - World Communion Sunday**

**October 4, 2026 | 9:00 & 11:00am**

**Preaching: Megan Berry | "Reclaiming Our Faith: What Does God Desire of Us"**

**Text: Hosea 6:1-6**



# Announcements

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## General Announcements

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### **Adult Education Today at 10:00am in Bradfield South**

We will hear about several congregation members' experiences as commissioners and volunteers at the PCUSA's national gathering.

### **September Spiritual Stroll Today - September 27, 2:00pm**

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.

**It's almost time! The NAMIWalk is happening Saturday, October 3.** This year, Heidi Hastings will lead Covenant's team at a new venue, Warner Park. Registration will open at 10:30am and the walk will begin at 12:00pm. 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>

### **Next Sunday! 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!

### **Fruit Collection for Glenn Stephens Elementary is Back! Sunday, October 4**

It is fall y'all! And in fall, we help make sure every student at Glenn Stephens School has a healthy snack by providing fresh fruit each month. If you'd like to help, please bring a bag (or two) of **apples** to the narthex on Sunday, October 4. Look for the wagon. 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](mailto:covprespersonnel@gmail.com). If you know a good candidate, please talk with Personnel Committee Chair Barb Eikenberry or Pastor Charlie.

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## **Children's Ministries**

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### **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 1<sup>st</sup> grade.*

### **Sunday School - 10:00-10:50am - Begins in Children's Choir Room**

Children who are **3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**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!

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## **Youth Connection**

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

Visit [covenantmadison.org/youth](http://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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## **Parking Lot Project Update**

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**The parking lot is open!** The new parking lot layout has several changes that affect navigating the lot. Please take note of what may be different where you parked so you are able to maneuver your car safely, avoid curbs, and stay on the asphalt. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

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## Upcoming Events

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### **Adult Education – Sunday, October 4 at 10:00am in Bradfield South**

Come hear about immigration patterns in Madison from Tom Poppe, a volunteer with for Voces de la Frontera. Voces is Wisconsin's leading immigrant rights organization.

### **First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, October 7, 12:00pm**

Bring a dish to share and come to our monthly potluck! Beverages are provided. This month's guest speaker is John Strikwerda, sharing about his volunteer tutoring with the AVID program, a nationally recognized college-readiness initiative at East High School.

### **Soul Sisters – Sunday, October 11 at 12:00pm in room A106**

All women of Covenant Church are invited to join the Soul Sisters for the October gathering following second service). Please bring your lunch and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. Soul Sisters meet September through May each month for fellowship, interesting discussions, and Bible study, always in loving support of each other.

### **Families w/ Young Kids Potluck – Sunday, October 11, 4:00-6:00pm**

Families with Young Kids Fellowship and Potluck is meeting on Sunday, October 11. 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!

### **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](mailto:charlie@covenantmadison.org) if you are interested.

**2026 Guatemala Marketplace on November 8 – Donations Needed from Crafters, Artists, Bakers & Makers.** Donations for the Guatemala Marketplace will be accepted from Oct. 18–Nov. 1. We will be accepting new items, homemade delectables, handcrafted items, & unique experiences such as event tickets, lessons, & custom services. **Volunteer Sign-Up is Open** If you want to help with this important & *very fun* fundraiser, scan the QR code to provide us your availability.



## 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  
**Arlene Kennedy**, Children's Music  
 Director  
**Doug McNeel**, Organist  
**Jo Mahnke**, Church Administrator  
**Janet Cresson**, Financial Coordinator  
**Ann Perry**, Administrative Assistant  
**Vicki Alexander**, Nursery Supervisor  
**Eileen Durand, Anne Lawrence**,  
 Nursery Assistants  
**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

#### *Class of 2028*

Shawn Conley  
 Raleigh Jones  
 Janice Walden  
 Pat Wilker

### ELDERS/SESSION

#### *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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