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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



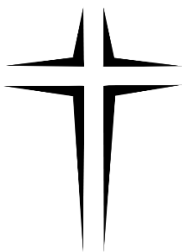
July 26, 2026

REFLECTIONS

by Covenant Youth



He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." – Mark 4:30-32



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Welcome to Worship!

July 26, 2026

9:30am

PRELUDE

Introduction and Menuet from “Suite Gothique” by Léon Boëllmann
Doug McNeel, organist

WELCOME

Pastor Megan Berry

MUSIC

#595 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*English, Spanish, English*)

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Youth

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O God. Help us to take one small faithful step in our calling so all may know justice and peace. Amen.

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#585 “Glory to God”

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

Youth

All children are invited to join us on the front area near the chancel steps. After Children’s Time, 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

Youth

Scripture: Mark 4:30-32

Sermon: “Youth Trip Reflections”

MUSIC

#701 “Sanctuary” (*sing twice*)

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Youth

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.

Music

"O Sing to the Lord" arr. Linda Lamb
Pick-Up Handbell Choir

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

MUSIC

#747 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” (*Spanish, English*)

BLESSING

Pastor Megan Berry

POSTLUDE

Toccata from “Suite Gothique” by Léon Boëllmann



Welcome!

LEARNING GOD'S LOVE
LIVING GOD'S LOVE

Thank you for joining us!

If you are a visitor today, please visit 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. 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 (9:00am & 11:00am) on September 13.

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

Fellowship

10:30am Bradfield Café

Come join us for donuts, coffee, and fellowship!

Nursery

Hours: 9:15-10:45am

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 2, 2026 | 9:30am

Preaching: Charlie Berthoud | "Blessed to be a Blessing"

Text: Genesis 12:1-3



Announcements

General Announcements

July Spiritual Stroll is *today* at 2:00pm

The July Stroll will be at McKee Farms Park located at [2930 Chapel Valley Rd in Fitchburg](#). We will meet in the parking lot near the main park shelter.

Blood Drive - Thursday, August 6, 12:00-5:00pm

Please consider donating blood for our next blood drive. Visit redcrossblood.org, click 'Find A Drive' and enter **Covenantpresmadison**, use the QR code, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



Stock Our Food Pantries

Please consider helping us restock either the outdoor Little Free Pantry or indoor Little Food Pantry (near the office) with non-perishable items. Donation lists with suggested items are available on top of the indoor Little Food Pantry.

Covenant T-Shirt Sale Coming in August

Covenant T-shirts will be on sale for \$10 each on Sunday, August 9 and August 16 in the Narthex. They can also be purchased during regular office hours in the church office. Children, youth, and adult sizes in a variety of colors are available.

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids – TODAY at 9:30am

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches our children about parts of the worship service and meets every Sunday during 9:30am worship immediately following Children's Time. *Kaleidoscope Kids is for children 3 years old through 1st grade.*

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!

Vacation Bible Camp Begins Tomorrow!

Covenant is partnering with Bethany United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible Camp **July 27-30**. This year, VBC will be hosted at Bethany UMC, up the street from Covenant on Mineral Point Rd. Contact Pastor Megan with questions.

Visit covenantmadison.org/children for more info on Children's Ministries at Covenant.

Parking Lot Project Update

Construction on Covenant's reconstructed parking lot continues. The parking lot status changes so please be aware that there may be a limited number of parking spots near the church building.

If you are able, please park on Segoe Road, Marathon Drive or South Hill Drive so the parking spaces closest to the building are available for those who need them most.

Please use extra caution while walking around the lot during construction, as there may be uneven surfaces, gravel, rocks, and limited lighting in some areas.

We will continue to share project updates throughout the remainder of the project, so stay tuned.

Upcoming Events

Glenn Stephens Elementary School Supply Drive – August 2-23

As part of our ongoing partnership with Glenn Stephens School, the Mission Committee is holding a school supply drive August 2-23. If you'd like to help with this effort, please bring school supplies to the wagon in the narthex! Most needed supplies include: pencils (sharpened if possible), spiral notebooks (1 subject/ wide ruled), crayons, pencil boxes, Crayola washable markers (classic colors), colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors (Fiskars preferred), fine tip black sharpie permanent markers, dry erase markers (Expo preferred), 4 oz. Elmer's glue bottles, plain two pocket plastic folders without prongs, composition books, backpacks big enough for a folder to fit into. Monetary donations to help get ready for the school year are also accepted. Thank you!

First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, August 5, 12:00pm

Cook something at home or pick something up at your favorite restaurant to share and come to our monthly potluck! Beverages, plates, and utensils are provided. Feel free to invite a friend!

Movie Night: *The Princess Bride* – Wednesday, August 5, 5:00pm

Join us for a movie night to watch *The Princess Bride* in Bradfield Hall on Wednesday, August 5 at 5:00pm. All are welcome! This is a CONNECT event.

Save the Date – Thursday, August 20 – Love Dane Workday at Glenn Stephens Elementary School. More information on how to sign up and be a part of this opportunity coming soon.

Save the Date for All-Church Picnic – Sunday, August 23 at 10:45am

The all-church picnic will be on August 23. Enjoy food, fellowship, and an all-church photo! Be sure to wear your Covenant T-shirt.

Adult Education Book Talk – Sunday, August 30 at 10:45am

Pastor Charlie will be facilitating a book discussion on "*Red State Christians*" by Angela Denker. Books are available for purchase, \$13 each, in the church office.

Covenant Staff and Officers

Charlie Berthoud, Pastor/Head of Staff
Megan Berry, Pastor for Children,
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Jess Scholten, Pastor for Mission,
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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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