



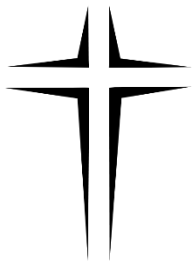
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Blessed is the Coming Kingdom!



Palm Sunday

 **BREAD
OF LIFE**
LENTEN SERIES 2025



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

9:00 & 11:00am

 PRELUDE

(9:00) Megan Angriawan, pianist
Ben Lewandowski, vocalist
(11:00) Doug McNeel, organist

 WELCOME

Pastor Jess Scholten
Covenant Youth

Scripture: Mark 11:1-10
Call to Worship

One: People of Covenant, bring your garments and branches – Jesus is coming into town!
Shout Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Our deliverer has come! Let all the hungry be fed!

One: Jesus, the servant king, has come to show us a new kind of power.

All: Hosanna! Our liberator will set the prisoners free!

One: Let us worship the one who will save us from corruption. Shout Hosanna to the King
of Kings!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! The bread of life has come to sustain us.

One: Believing this promise, let us rise in body or in spirit and worship together.

 MUSIC

#197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

 CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON, & PEACE

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy and saving God, we confess we have sought comfort in systems of power that promise salvation through dominance, control, and division. We place our hope in the forces of wealth, status, and self-preservation, rather than in the humility of Christ. We align ourselves with the powers of this world, turning away from the radical love, justice, and peace embodied in Jesus. We fail to notice how the cries for justice of the oppressed mirror than “Hosannas” of hope. We ignore the cries of the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering, choosing instead the easy path of complicity. We turn a blind eye to the earth’s cries and the injustices so many endure. Forgive us, O God, for placing our trust in the powers of this world rather than in the power of your love. Renew our hearts and minds and lead us back to the path of true salvation, where love, justice, and peace reign. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Praise

#196 All Glory Laud and Honor (v. 3)

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

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

All children are invited to join us on the chancel steps. After Children’s Time, children 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids (9:00 only) in C208. See page 6 for more info.

The Lord’s Prayer

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 MUSIC

(11:00) "Palm Sunday Processional" by Sharon Elery Rogers
Covenant Handbell Choir

 PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

 LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Pastor Jess Scholten

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon: "Blessed is the Coming Kingdom!"

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Jesus Christ, who rode into Jerusalem not on a warhorse but on a humble donkey, proclaiming peace instead of domination. We believe in the way of the servant leader, where greatness is found in humility, and power is made perfect in love. We believe in choosing integrity over bluster, faithfulness over greed, and justice over the empty promises of empire. We believe God's kingdom is not built by violence, but by the transformative power of grace, mercy, and sacrifice. We believe salvation is not found in the halls of the mighty, but in the heart of Christ, who calls us to walk the road of love and courage. We believe in shouting "Hosanna" to the one who brings true peace, trusting not in the power of this world, but in the reign of God that has no end. Amen.

 OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings or Commitment Cards can be put in the lectern located in the sanctuary's vestibule as you exit. You can also give online, by contacting the office, or by scanning the QR code on the back cover.

Special Music

(9:00) "God so Loved the World" by John Carter
New Day Ensemble

(11:00) "What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. Kevin McChesney
Covenant Handbell Choir

 JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

One: ... Hear our prayers:

All: **Hosanna, save us.**

 MUSIC

#209 My Song is Love Unknown (v. 1, 2, 5)

 BLESSING

 POSTLUDE

(9:00) "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend
(11:00) *Adagio* from 3rd Symphony by Louis Vierne



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 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

9:00am 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

10:00-10:45am 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

April 13, 2025

“Bread of Life” Sermon Series | Easter Sunday

Pastor Charlie Berthoud | “Breakfast of Champions”

Text: John 21:1-17

Announcements

General Announcements

Eco-Palms

The palms being waved around today are a part of the Eco-Palms program, which helps palm harvesters in Latin America, their families, and their communities find pathways out of poverty and encourage sustainable harvesting.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Today is Palm Sunday, and we are collecting the *One Great Hour of Sharing* PC(USA) special offering. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of Christians to share God's love with our neighbors in need. Use the envelopes to give by check/cash. To give online, scan the QR code or visit covenantmadison.org/pcusaoffering.



Soul Sisters - TODAY at 12:00pm

All women of Covenant are invited to join the Soul Sisters gathering at church today at 12:00pm in Room A106. Please bring your own lunch, and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. This gathering will be an open discussion with no set topic. If you want to find out more or would like to join Soul Sisters, please contact coordinator Barb Eikenberry at barb.eikenberry@gmail.com.

Families with Young Kids Potluck- TODAY, 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 a potluck at 5:00. Please bring a dish to share!

"Bread of Life" Sermon Series - March 5-April 20

This year for the season of Lent, we are focusing on the "Bread of Life," looking at how Jesus not only fed people's bodies, but also their minds and souls. Throughout this sermon series, we will see how Jesus shared bread with others and how we are called to do the same.

Adult Education

Palm Sunday: Paraments and Banners of Covenant – TODAY at 10:00am

Who creates the paraments and banners that adorn the sanctuary? What do the symbols represent? What seasons or special occasions determine when certain pieces are displayed? Three of Covenant's members will discuss their contributions to these works of art and the history behind the textiles.

Upcoming Classes:

Sunday, April 20 – No class (Easter Sunday)

Sunday, April 27 – Covenant's Commitment to Ecological Sustainability

Sunday, May 4 – Badger Talks Discussion with Michael Wagner

Sunday, May 11 – History of Church Missions with Bailey Green & Jess Scholten

Visit covenantmadison.org/adult for more info on Adult Ed at Covenant.

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids – TODAY at 9:00am

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

Sunday School – TODAY at 10:00am

Sunday School meets today from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8th 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!

Visit covenantmadison.org/children for more info on Children's Ministries or contact Pastor Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Youth Connection

Youth Connection – TODAY, 5:00-6:30pm

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and snacks! *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

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

Upcoming Events

Holy Week Worship - April 17-20

Maundy Thursday - April 17, 7:00pm | *A Contemplative Service of Holy Communion and Remembering the Last Supper and Jesus' Journey to the Cross*

Good Friday - April 18, 12pm | *A Service of the Word Remembering Jesus' Crucifixion*

Easter Sunday - April 20, 9am & 11am | *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Easter Brunch - Sunday, April 20, 10:00am

Join us between services on Easter Sunday for a continental breakfast in Bradfield Hall. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Spiritual Stroll - Sunday, April 27, 2:00pm

The April Stroll will be at Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park in Madison. We will meet at the Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Area East Trailhead (5720 River Rd, Waunakee). A small parking area is on the right (south) side of the road. Parking in the lot is limited, so carpooling is recommended. These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

Stories That Shape Us Sermon Series - April 27-May 25

Some of our earliest memories are favorite stories that were read or told to us as children. Jesus was a curious storyteller, as well, weaving surprise endings and ironic twists into his parables. The word "parable" in Ancient Greek means "to cast alongside" - Jesus places stories of grace, abundance, and love alongside ordinary first-century settings like farming fishing, or relationships to help shape faith in us. We'll take a closer look at six parables in April and May through sermons, small groups, and our Youth Musical.

Stories That Shape Us - Spring Small Groups

Looking for more meaningful connections? This six-week series beginning after Easter will delve into scripture, our own stories, and the ways these connect for living out of faith in today's context. You can sign-up on the clipboards in the narthex or by scanning the QR code.



Apples for Glenn Stephens - Sunday, May 4

We will be collecting apples in May for Glenn Stephens students as part of our Healthy Snack Program. If you'd like to help, please bring a bag (or two) of apples to the narthex on **Sunday, May 4. Look for the red wagon!**

Covenant Staff and Officers

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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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