



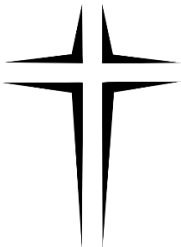
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# **FAITH**

**“Making Space for  
God – Together”**



**Seminarian Sermon Series | August 2025**



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcome to Worship*

August 17, 2025

9:30am

PRELUDE

Megan Angriawan, pianist

WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

MUSIC

#697 "Take My Life and Let It Be (v. 1-3)

**1:** Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**2:** Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

**3.** Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jess Scholten

One: Merciful and holy God, you dwell among us with grace and justice.

**All: Yet we confess that we ignore the stirrings of our hearts and miss the work you are calling us to do and the life you are calling us to live.**

One: You have placed gifts in our hands for the good of you people.

**All: We neglect to offer them, telling ourselves that someone else will do it.**

One: You call us to build a place where you dwell.

**All: Too often, we do not listen for your voice, and we make excuses about our time, resources, and abilities.**

One: We have failed to love you with our whole hearts.

**All: We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

One: Forgive us, Lord, and stir our spirits again.

**All: Grant us courage and wisdom, that together we may offer what we can to create a place where you dwell. Amen.**

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#701 "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

Passing of the Peace

*Please greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ. Also, please sign and pass the black friendship pad.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Nick Von Bergen

*All children are invited to join us on the chancel steps. After Children's Time, 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.**

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Carrie Sanders, Seminarian

Scripture: Exodus 35:20-29; 1 Corinthians 3:9

Sermon: "Making Space for God – Together"

### MUSIC

#700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (v. 1, 3)

**1: I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

### APOSTLES' CREED (on screen)

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

*Offerings can be put in the lectern outside the office as you exit. You can also give online, by contacting the office, or by scanning the QR code on the back cover.*

## JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

### MUSIC

#740 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

**Refrain:** Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

**Verse:** I am weak and I need  
your strength and power  
to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness  
your face to see.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

### BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

### Sunday Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by John & Polly Guequierre  
in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!



# 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](mailto: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 (9:00 & 11:00am) on September 7.

Livestream available here: [youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch](https://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 24, 2025 | 9:30am**

**“Living Our Faith” Seminarian Sermon Series**

Preaching: Tom Popp



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## General Announcements

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**FRIENDSHIP: A Bible Study & Fellowship – Sundays, August 17, 24, 31, 10:45am**  
In a time of increasing disconnection and loneliness, we’re gathering to see what the Bible says about friendship and to share discussion together. We’ll reflect on Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathan, Jesus and the disciples, and more. Pastor Charlie will lead these three sessions. Each session stands alone, so come to one, two, or all three as you’re available. If you’ve never been to a Bible study before, this is a great place to start. **Grab a cup of coffee and join us today in room A101 after worship!**

**“Living Our Faith” Seminarian Sermon Series – August 10-31**

Join us for a four-week sermon series called “Living Our Faith,” where Covenant’s seminarians will explore how even a small kernel of faith can be enough for God to work miracles in our lives and in our community. Together, we will consider what it means to be a church that lives, nurtures, and grows in faith.

**Sanctuary Lighting Project**

The Building & Grounds Committee continues the conversion of church lighting from incandescent, halogen, and fluorescent bulbs to LED bulbs. The 2025 project will convert the Sanctuary pendant lights, dimming system, and upgrade the chancel lighting. Besides reducing our carbon footprint, we will also improve sanctuary illumination for attendees and for video streaming services. Changes are expected to be completed August 11-25 before we return to two services per week in the fall. If you have any questions, contact Mark Soderberg, Kurt Brink, or Rhonda Rohn.

**Glenn Stephens Elementary School Supply Drive – August 3-24**

As part of our ongoing partnership with Glenn Stephens School, the Mission Committee is holding a school supply drive from August 3 to August 24. School supplies have become increasingly expensive and are difficult for many families to purchase. If you would like to help with this effort, please bring school supplies to the gathering space in the narthex. Look for the wagon!



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## Children's Ministries

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

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## Youth Connection

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**Extended Hands Food Pantry Back to School Event:** August 23, 12:00-3:00pm

**Pokémon Go at Henry Vilas Zoo:** August 30, 2:00-3:00pm (meet at the tortoise!)

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## Upcoming Events

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### Glenn Stephens Elementary Teacher Helper Day – Wednesday, August 20, 9:00am

Let's give some love in action to our partner school, Glenn Stephens Elementary! Sign up through [collaborationproject.us/love-dane](https://collaborationproject.us/love-dane).

### Spiritual Stroll – Sunday, August 24, 2:00pm

Our August Spiritual Stroll will be at Festge County Park in Cross Plains. These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

### RAF Book Study: *Reckoning with History* – Thursdays 7:00pm, Sept. 4 – Oct. 2

Racists Anonymous Fellowship has a new five-week book study beginning Thursday, September 4 via Zoom on the book *Reckoning with History* by William Yoo. This thoughtful book provides a deep look into the history of American Christianity, where we have been, and where we need to go. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Morgan with any questions or to be added to the email list.

### FOUNDATIONS Small Groups – September & October

Feeling like you don't know as many people around you? Wondering where God is present in the midst of challenges? Or simply wanting to make a few new friends? Our Fall Small Groups are kicking off the **first week in September**, and they are a great way to feel better connected. Please sign up on the clipboards outside the church office or via QR code!



## Covenant Staff and Officers

<p><b>Charlie Berthoud</b>, Pastor/Head of Staff</p> <p><b>Megan Berry</b>, Pastor for Children, Youth &amp; Families</p> <p><b>Jess Scholten</b>, Pastor for Mission, Spiritual Growth &amp; Care</p> <p><b>Melissa Hinz</b>, Minister of Music &amp; Pastoral Care</p> <p><b>Megan Angriawan</b>, Assistant Music Coordinator</p> <p><b>Arlene Kennedy</b>, Children's Music Director</p> <p><b>Doug McNeel</b>, Organist</p> <p><b>Bailey Green</b>, Church Administrator</p> <p><b>Janet Cresson</b>, Financial Coordinator</p> <p><b>Ann Perry</b>, Administrative Assistant</p> <p><b>Vicki Alexander</b>, Nursery Supervisor</p> <p><b>Eileen Durand, Anne Lawrence</b>, Nursery Assistants</p> <p><b>Jay Petrie</b>, Livestream Operator</p> <p><b>Mary Kieta</b>, Sunday Host</p> <p><b>Rodrigo Morales</b>, Custodian</p> <p><b>Rick Bartz</b>, Maintenance Assistant</p>	<p><b>DEACONS</b></p> <p><i>Class of 2025</i></p> <p>Bob Cole Sherry Hershberger Mary Kieta Lynn Vande Sande</p> <p><i>Class of 2026</i></p> <p>Ann Larget Cara Cavin Randy Holveck Chan Sommers</p> <p><i>Class of 2027</i></p> <p>Jane Bertram Melissa Hardy Cornelia Hempe Art Kanitz</p>	<p><b>ELDERS/SESSION</b></p> <p><i>Class of 2025</i></p> <p>Christine Barden John Guequierre Marilyn Krichko</p> <p><i>Class of 2026</i></p> <p>Barb Eikenberry Skye Doney Jane Kolakowski</p> <p><i>Class of 2027</i></p> <p>Tom Hershberger Rhonda Rohn JR Schmidt</p> <p><i>Clerk of Session</i></p> <p>Laurie Jones</p>
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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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