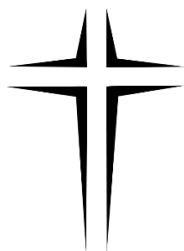




# FOUNDATIONS of Faith

## "We Belong"

FALL 2025 SERMON SERIES  
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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*Welcome to Worship*

October 26, 2025

9:00 & 11:00am

## PRELUDE

Improvisations on *As the Deer*  
Megan Angriawan, pianist

## WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

(11:00) New Members Welcome

Henry & Jean Kranendonk, Susan & Don Lauffer, Reid Exley, Kris Lee, Winnie Boyer, and Paula Swansonrasanen

## MUSIC

#361 “O Christ, the Great Foundation” (v. 1, 2)  
Ben Johnson, vocalist

## CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jess Scholten

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We ignore the teaching of Jesus: We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us and reform us, we pray. Help us remember that we belong to you, and that because we belong to you, we can live as new people. Amen.**

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#582 “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me” (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.*

## (11:00) BAPTISM OF SLOANE KATHRYN SCHWARTZ

*Daughter of Andrew & Lily Schwartz | Born on: June 19, 2025*

Scripture: Matthew 28

Carrie Sanders

Vows and Prayer

Baptism and Welcome

Musical Response

#482 “Baptized in Water” (v. 3)

## CHILDREN’S TIME

Nick Von Bergen & Guy

*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

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Scripture: Romans 14:8

Sermon: "We Belong"

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ... Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Steve & Jenn Sauer

*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

"Meditation" from *Thais* by Massenet  
Adam Nissenbaum, trombonist

## JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

## MUSIC

#275 "A Mighty Fortress" (v. 1, 3, 4)

## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

### Sunday Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by Greg & Melissa Hinz in celebration of the wedding of their daughter Emma Hinz & Sean O'Dowd at Covenant on October 25, 2025.

**This week's white roses commemorate the lives of:**

**Jeri Erikson**, Covenant member

**William Miller**, uncle of Janice Walden



*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**

#### **9:00am 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**

**November 2, 2025 | 9:00 & 11:00am**

**All Saints' Sunday | Holy Communion**

Preaching: Megan Berry | "Remembering & Rituals" | Text: Ephesians 1:11-19

# Announcements

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## General Announcements

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### Today is Generosity Sunday!

Covenant's Generosity Campaign asks people to support Covenant's ministry with their time, talents, and treasures. Please place your Intention Cards in the offering lectern located in the sanctuary's vestibule as you exit. If you have not received a generosity packet, please contact the office. To learn more, and to fill out your forms online, visit [covenantmadison.org/generosity](https://covenantmadison.org/generosity). Thank you!

### Spiritual Stroll - TODAY at 2:00pm

Today's Spiritual Stroll will be on the Lake Shore Nature Preserve Path along Lake Mendota. We will meet at UW parking lot #34. These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

### Devotion Writers Needed!

Happy New Year! Okay, not quite yet, but you can sign up today to write a devotional for our January study of Matthew by scanning this QR code. **All submissions are needed by November 10.** Please email Pastor Jess at [jscholten@covenantmadison.org](mailto:jscholten@covenantmadison.org) with any questions.



### Guatemala Marketplace - Donations & Volunteers Needed!

Shop unique items, experiences, and handcrafted Guatemalan goods at the Guatemala Marketplace on **Sunday, November 16**. Donations of new or pristine items (valued at \$10+) are welcome in the narthex **November 2 & 9** or in the church office during the week. All proceeds support Covenant's mission initiatives in Guatemala. If you would like to volunteer for this event, we would love to have you! Just scan the QR code.



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## Children's Ministries

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### Kaleidoscope Kids - TODAY at 9:00am

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches our 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 – TODAY at 10:00am**

Sunday School meets weekly from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8<sup>th</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!

Visit [covenantmadison.org/children](https://covenantmadison.org/children) for more info on Children's Ministries at Covenant.

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## **Adult Education**

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### **"Immigration in America" – TODAY at 10:00am**

Join us for a class led by Mandy Gennerman, an immigration lawyer with 20 years of experience. She will share insights on the changing needs and challenges in her field over the past year, as well as speak about community efforts to support the migrant population and how we can contribute as a church.

### **Upcoming Classes:**

**Sunday, November 2 – "Memorial Planning" with Jess Scholten and Deb Morris**

**Sunday, November 9 – "Creating Communities That Care" with Michael Whitley**

Visit [covenantmadison.org/adult](https://covenantmadison.org/adult) for more info on Adult Ed at Covenant.

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## **Youth Connection**

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**Youth Connection meets tonight from 5:00-6:30pm.** Join us for some fun and fellowship! *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

### **Youth Lock-In – November 8-9**

Mark your calendars for our first youth lock-in of the year from November 8-9! We'll start at 6:00pm on Saturday and end at 8:30am on Sunday. This will be a great time of fellowship, games, and even a mission project. Join us!

Visit [covenantmadison.org/youth](https://covenantmadison.org/youth) for more info on Youth Connection at Covenant.

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## **Generosity & Capital Campaigns**

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**Today is Generosity Sunday!** The Generosity Campaign asks people to support Covenant's ministry with their time, talents, and treasures. We are also running a Capital Campaign to raise funds for our Parking Lot Project from 2026 to 2028. Our theme this year is "FOUNDATIONS for the Future." If you have not received a packet, please contact the office. To learn more or fill out your forms online visit [covenantmadison.org/generosity](https://covenantmadison.org/generosity) or [covenantmadison.org/capital](https://covenantmadison.org/capital).

*Jesus said, "Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock." -Matthew 7:24*

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## Upcoming Events

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### **All Saints' Sunday Necrology Reading – Sunday, November 2**

All Saints' Sunday is November 2, when we remember those in our congregation and community that have died. If you have lost a loved one in the last year and would like them memorialized by having their name read aloud during worship, contact the office at [info@covenantmadison.org](mailto:info@covenantmadison.org). **Note: If your loved one has been listed on prayer lists/The Caravan in 2025, they will automatically be included.**

### **All Saints' Sunday Concert – Sunday, November 2, 2:00pm**

The chancel choirs of Westminster and Covenant Presbyterian Churches will join together to offer a concert of remembrance in honor of All Saints' Sunday. The concert will be held at Covenant, and it is free to attend. Please feel free to invite a friend to this special concert event.

### **First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, November 5, 12:00pm**

Feel free to bring a friend as we enjoy a time of good food and warm fellowship! Cook something at home or pick up something at your favorite restaurant to share. Mark Lee will share his experiences in quilt design, piecing, and quilting. He will bring several of his quilts to display. Mark is a retired educator and school librarian, and is married to Kris Lee, a recent new member of Covenant.

### **Fruit for Glenn Stephens Elementary – Sunday, November 9**

We will be collecting apples for our next fruit delivery to students and staff at Glenn Stephens Elementary on Sunday, November 9. Look for the wagons in the Narthex. **Note: this month's collection is on the SECOND Sunday of the month.** Our first fruit delivery of the year was met with cheers from one classroom of students. Please know that your generosity is much appreciated!

### **Soul Sisters – Sunday, November 9, 12:00pm**

All women of Covenant are invited to join the Soul Sisters gathering on Sunday, November 9 at noon in Room A106. Please bring your own lunch, and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. Our discussion for this gathering will be led by Janice Walden on the Rob Fuquay series "The God We Can Know"- Exploring The 'Am' Sayings of Jesus." If you want to find out more or would like to join Soul Sisters, please contact coordinator Barb Eikenberry at [barb.eikenberry@gmail.com](mailto:barb.eikenberry@gmail.com).

### **Covenant Book Talk: *James* by Percival Everett – Sunday, November 9, 12:15pm**

Join us on Sunday, November 9, for a one-hour book discussion on *James* by Percival Everett. This award-winning, action-packed re-imagining of *Huckleberry Finn* is the University of Wisconsin's "Go Big Read" book for 2025-2026. Pastor Charlie will lead this discussion in Bradfield North starting at 12:15pm. Please join us!

## 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  
**Bailey Green**, Church Administrator  
**Janet Cresson**, Financial Coordinator  
**Ann Perry**, Administrative Assistant  
**Vicki Alexander**, Nursery Supervisor  
**Eileen Durand, Anne Lawrence**,  
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**Jay Petrie**, Livestream Operator  
**Mary Kieta**, Sunday Host  
**Rodrigo Morales**, Custodian  
**Rick Bartz**, Maintenance Assistant

### DEACONS

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 Bob Cole  
 Sherry Hershberger  
 Mary Kieta  
 Lynn Vande Sande

*Class of 2026*  
 Ann Larget  
 Cara Cavin  
 Randy Holveck  
 Chan Sommers

*Class of 2027*  
 Jane Bertram  
 Melissa Hardy  
 Cornelia Hempe  
 Art Kanitz

### ELDERS/SESSION

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 John Guequierre  
 Marilyn Krichko

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 Barb Eikenberry  
 Skye Doney  
 Jane Kolakowski

*Class of 2027*  
 Tom Hershberger  
 Rhonda Rohn  
 JR Schmidt

*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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