

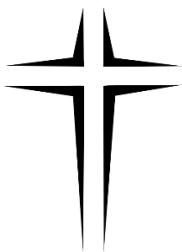
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

be the
Leaves

Melissa Schmidt

Rooted deep beside the river, see the ancient tree of life:
leaves of hope from God the giver for the healing of our strife.

~ David Gambrell



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Welcome to Worship!

August 16, 2026

9:30am

PRELUDE

Megan Angriawan, Pianist

WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

MUSIC

#375 "Shall We Gather at the River"
(v. 1, new verses on the screen)
Ben Johnson, vocalist

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Pastor Jess Scholten

Prayer of Confession

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nick Von Bergen

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

Melissa Schmidt

Scripture: Revelation 21:10, 21:22 - 22:5

Sermon: "Be the Leaves"

MUSIC

"Leaves of the Tree" (words on screen)

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Jess Scholten

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

“Shine on Me” by Rollo Dilworth

Covenant Pick-Up Choir, directed by Melissa Hinz

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

MUSIC

#741 “Guide My Feet” (vs. 1-3)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sunday Flowers

This week’s flowers are given by Polly & John Guequierre in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary on August 17th.



Welcome!

LEARNING GOD'S LOVE
LIVING GOD'S LOVE

Thank you for being here!

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.*

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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

Enjoy donuts, coffee, and fellowship.

Nursery Hours: 9:15-10:45am

Our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 3 years old and younger. Follow the frogs from the Welcome Center to the nursery located in room C101.

Next Sunday

August 16, 2026 | 9:30am

Preaching: Marilyn Krichko | "The Gift of Grace"

Text: Matthew 16:13-20, Romans 12:1-8



Announcements

General Announcements

Church Picnic, Parking Lot Blessing, & Photo - Next Sunday

Come for worship and stay for food and fellowship! Brats, hot dogs, beans, mac-n-cheese, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dessert (last names A-L) or side dish (last names M-Z) to share! As we do every year, we'll gather on the front steps to take an all-church picture after worship. Be sure to wear your Covenant Tee!

Covenant T-Shirt Sale Today

Covenant T-shirts will be on sale for \$10 each today 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.

Annual Glenn Stephens Elementary School Supply Drive

As part of our ongoing partnership with Glenn Stephens School, our annual school supply drive is well underway and continues through August 23. Please bring school supplies to the wagon in the gathering space outside the sanctuary.

Most needed supplies include:

Pencils (sharpened preferred)	Colored pencils
Pencil boxes	Glue sticks
1 subject spiral notebooks, wide ruled	4 oz. Elmer's glue bottles
Composition books	Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
Folders plain plastic 2-pocket no prongs	Sharpie black fine tip markers
Crayons	Dry erase markers (Expo preferred)
Crayola washable markers (classic)	Backpacks big enough to fit a folder
Monetary donations to help get ready for the school year are also accepted.	

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids - 9:30am

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches 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.*

Parents and children check out the **Family Worship Bags** and **Children's Bibles** from the narthex.

Wiggles & Giggles: Our Lounge is connected to our sanctuary and is available to let you or your young one's wiggles and giggles out while still participating in worship. Take advantage if you would like to.

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 project status can change from day to day. Please be aware that there may be a limited number of parking spots near the church building. **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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Regular Worship Schedule and Sunday School Resumes - Sunday, September 13

On Sunday, September 13, Covenant will resume two worship services on Sunday mornings, a 9:00am piano-led and 11:00am organ-led worship service along with the kick-off of the Sunday School program year at 10:00am.

Love Dane 2026 A week-long opportunity to collaboratively love and serve our neighbors with **Covenant leading a volunteer opportunity at Glenn Stephens Elementary on Thursday, August 20.** Follow the QR code to sign up for this or other opportunities throughout the week."



Spiritual Stroll- Sunday, August 23 at 2:00pm

Today's Spiritual Stroll will be at Picnic Point in Madison. Meet at Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 30 during 9:30am Worship

Bring your backpack or workbag to worship on August 30th and receive blessings and prayers for a wonderful school year. Each participant will also receive a special tag for their bag as a reminder of the blessings and prayers they received.

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

Come for a conversation around Angela Denker's book, *Red State Christians: A Journey into White Christian Nationalism and the Wreckage It Leaves Behind*. We'll discuss Denker's book before she comes as our guest speaker on September 13. Copies of the book *may be* available for purchase in the church office for \$13 but as of Thursday, August 13, only three copies remain. *Participants, if you can't get the full book read, pick a chapter or two to focus on for our conversation.*

Fall Small Group Sign-Ups Coming Soon! *Small groups this fall will explore "Faith Seeking Understanding – the Prophets Still Speak" for six weeks beginning the week of September 13. A variety of group sizes and meeting times will be offered – stay tuned.*

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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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