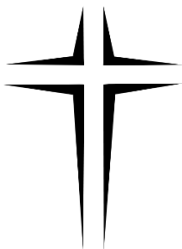




the dirt on discipleship

Bailey Green

“As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” – Matthew 13:22-23



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

July 19, 2026

9:30am

PRELUDE

Preludio con Fuga in d by Johann Walther
Doug McNeel, organist

WELCOME

Pastor Megan Berry

MUSIC

#395 “Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you scatter the seed of your Word with generous love, yet we confess that we are not always ready to receive it. Our hearts can become hard, our faith can be shallow, and the worries of this world often crowd out your promises. Forgive us. Soften our hearts, deepen our faith, and clear away all that keeps us from bearing the fruit you desire. In your mercy, continue to sow your grace among us until our lives reflect your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#643 “Now Thank We All Our God” (v. 1, 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

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.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:1-11

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Bailey Green

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: "The Dirt on Discipleship"

MUSIC

#171 "A Sower Came from Ancient Hills" (*choir sings verse 3*)

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.

Music

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" by Handt Hanson
Covenant Pickup Choir

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

MUSIC

#320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" (vs. 1-3, 5)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Concerto in C (Albinoni) by Johann Walther

Sunday Flowers

This week's flowers are given by Mark Soderberg in remembrance of Dolores B. Soderberg, Mark's mother, for her birthday.



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.*

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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

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

July 26, 2026 | 9:30am

Preaching: Mission Trip Youth Reflections

Text: Mark 4:30-32



Announcements

General Announcements

STAFF UPDATE: Thank You, Good-Bye, and Hello!

Bailey Green is offering the sermon this morning. After worship, we'll have cake, and you'll have a chance to say thank you to Bailey and wish her well as she joins her new church community!

Bailey has been our Church Administrator for four years. She has been a blessing to the office and the church. Over the past three years, she's been taking classes through Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. In August, she will start her culminating internship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her last day in the office will be Thursday, July 23.

Our new Church Administrator started last week on Wednesday, July 15. Her name is Joanna Mahnke, and she has extensive church and office experience. Jo and Bailey will have several days of overlap. Please welcome Jo and introduce (and maybe reintroduce) yourself as she gets to know Covenant and the Covenant family.

Girls Rock Camp!

We are excited to be hosting Girls Rock Camp here this summer! Youth ages 8-18 will be learning and practicing music at Covenant during the week and playing a concert at High Noon Saloon on Saturday, July 25 at noon. Girls Rock's mission is: "to support a culture of positive self-esteem and collaboration among girls, transgender and gender non-conforming youth while building community through music."

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. Thank you!

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!

Register for VBC!

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. To register, scan the QR code! 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

Capitol City Band Concert – Thursday, July 23, 6:30pm

Join us at Rennebohm Park for a summer band concert. Concert starts at 7pm. All are welcome. Come early to get a seat. Bring a chair and your own snacks and beverages. There is a playground for younger attendees and lots of open space to toss a frisbee or kick a ball around.

July Spiritual Stroll – Sunday, July 26, 2:00pm

Mark your calendar! The July Stroll will be at McKee Farms Park in Fitchburg. These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

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 join us for 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.

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.

Thank you!



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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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