

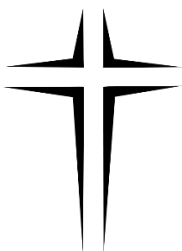
Reclaiming our **FAITH** hearing God through the prophets

When God Changes God's Mind

A SERMON ON THE BOOK OF JONAH

Pastor Jess Scholten

C O V E N A N T P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

October 18, 2026
9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE

(9:00) Improvisations on "How Great is Our God"

Megan Angriawan, Pianist

(11:00) Larghetto and Allegro (*from Sonata in F Major, HWV 369*) — G. F. Handel

Ken Sosinski, organist

WELCOME

Pastor Jess Scholten

THE STORY OF JONAH

Compiled by the Rev. Kelly Boubel Shriver

Act 1, Scene 1: The Story of a Call from God

HYMN

#720 Jesus Calls Us (vs 1,2,4)

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Pastor Megan Berry

Act 2: A Song of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#609 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

(9:00) Annie Rayzor

(11:00) Addison Lanphear

Act 3, Scene 1: Nineva Hears God and Listens

All children are invited to join us in the front area near the chancel steps. After Children's Time during 9am worship, 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

Sermon: "When God Changes God's Mind"

HYMN

(11:00) #435 There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

Act 3, Scene 2: Jonah Talks Back to God

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

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 (9:00) "Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness Surely Mercy)" by Shane Barnard
New Day Ensemble

(11:00) "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" arr Bradley Ellingboe
Covenant Chancel Choir

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

Act 3, Scene 3: Jonah Learns that All Good Things Come from God

HYMN

(9:00) #767 Together We Serve (vs 1-3)

(11:00) #307 God of Grace and God of Glory (vs 1-3)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(9:00) "Gratitude" by Brandon Lake

(11:00) Allegro (from Sonata in F Major) — G. F. Handel

All are invited to Bradfield Hall after worship at both services today to celebrate the milestone ordination anniversaries of Pastor Charlie (35), Pastor Jess (25), and Pastor Megan (5) with fellowship and cake! Please take this opportunity to offer your congratulations!

Sunday Flowers

*This week's flowers are given by Colleen Gullickson
to celebrate Heather Marley's October birthday.*



Welcome!

LEARNING GOD'S LOVE
LIVING GOD'S LOVE

Thank you for being here!

If you are a visitor today, please stop by our Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary in the gathering space where you can pick up more information about Covenant and chat with a member.

*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/@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 younger.
Follow the frogs from the Welcome Center to the nursery located in room C101.

Next Sunday

October 25, 2026 | 9:00 & 11:00am

Preaching: Charlie Berthoud | "Roots and Fruits"

Text: Jeremiah 17:7-8



Announcements

General Announcements

Inquirer's Class – Part One of Three Meets at 10am in the Lounge

If you want to learn more about Covenant and the possibility of membership, come to the Inquirer's Classes today in the Lounge. Parts two and three will be offered on the next two Sundays, October 25 and November 1. Contact Ann in the church office at aperry@covenantmadison.org if you have questions.

TODAY - Soul Card on the Theme of HOPE Reflective Art Event, 2:00-4:00pm

Join in a spiritually creative experience that brings creativity and intuition together: an opportunity to be with Spirit organically through Collaging with your Soul. No need to be an artist. This hands-on experience leads you through the process. This is an open-hearted, imaginative two-hour workshop which often offers peace, surprise, and personal insight. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign-up in the narthex or with QR code above.



Psalms Devotional Writers Needed

You are invited to sign-up to be a contributing writer to the Covenant January Devotional on the Book of Psalms. Each contributor is asked to write a short devotional based on one of 31 preselected Psalms. Learn more and/or sign up by clicking or scanning QR code to the right. Email Pastor Jess if you have any questions or need guidance.



We Are Hiring a Part-Time Kitchen Manager

Covenant is seeking a Part-Time Kitchen Manager to help facilitate fellowship and connection, by helping to plan and coordinate Bradfield Café and special events with food. Send resumes and inquiries to covprespersonnel@gmail.com. If you know a good candidate, please talk with Personnel Committee Chair Barb Eikenberry or Pastor Charlie.

Adult Education

Today at 10:00am in Bradfield South

Mission Grant Recipient Panel. This morning we will hear from the six organizations receiving grant money from Covenant this fall for their exciting work and initiatives to further reduce food insecurity in the local community.

Upcoming Topics:

October 25: Covenant Parking Lot Project Wrap and Review with Project Team

Faithful Next Steps: What Do We Do Now? Sunday, October 25, 12:15-1:15pm

Join this one-hour conversation on the six steps outlined in the book, "Strange Worship" by theologian Drew Strait. Books are available for \$5 in the church office but are not required reading to join the conversation.

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids - 9:00am

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches 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 1st grade.

Sunday School - 10:00-10:50am - Begins in Children's Choir Room

Children who are **3 years old through 8th grade** are invited to be a part of Sunday School classes each week. *Parents: if your child(ren) are 3 years old through 3rd grade, please plan to pick them up from their classrooms at 10:50am.*

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!

Family Communion Class, Saturday October 31, 9-10:30am

Does your kiddo have questions about communion? Do you want a behind the scenes look at what goes into setting up communion once a month? Come join us in the sanctuary from 9-10:30am where we will have a hands-on on what communion is and why we celebrate each month and then we will help set up for communion the next day!

Youth Ministries

Youth Connection meets **Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30pm**. Come for fun and fellowship! *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

Youth Lock-In – October 24-25!

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

Upcoming Events

Donations Now Being Accepted from Crafters, Artists, Bakers & Makers for 2026

Guatemala Marketplace on November 8. Donations for the Guatemala Marketplace will be accepted starting today and continuing for the next two Sundays. We are accepting new items, homemade delectables, handcrafted items, & unique experiences such as event tickets, lessons, & custom services.



Volunteer sign-up is also open and very needed. If you want to help with this *very important* “fun” draiser, scan the QR code to provide us with your availability.

Monthly Spiritual Stroll Sunday, October 25, 2:00pm

Our October Spiritual Stroll will be at The Prairies at Vermont Lutheran Church located at 9886 Vermont Church Road, Black Earth. These strolls are part of CONNECT, a program of deacon-sponsored events with the intention of fostering connection between Covenant and the community.

UW Men's Soccer Tailgate & Game, Friday, October 30, 5:30/7:00pm

Join us as UW Mens Soccer takes on Michigan! At 5:30pm, we'll tailgate in Lot 60. Hot dogs will be provided, but bring snacks to share and a beverage. The game is at 7:00pm. This is a CONNECT event. Admission to game is FREE!

All Saints' Sunday Necrology Reading – Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Sunday is November 1, 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. **Note: If your loved one has been listed on prayer lists/The Caravan in 2026, they will automatically be included.**

Columbarium Prayer Service, Sunday, November 1 at 12:15pm

We will gather to give thanks to God for the saints whose ashes are interred in our columbarium. We'll read their names, share scripture and prayer. Please RSVP to the church office.

Covenant Staff and Officers

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 Youth & Families
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Jay Petrie, Livestream Operator
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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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