

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 19
9:00 AM • 11:00 AM

Story Bearers



Covenant
Presbyterian
Church

Welcome to Worship
Sunday, November 19, 2023
9:00am & 11:00am Worship

"All the stories in the Earth's mind are connected." -Joy Harjo

 PRELUDE (9:00) "Come Thou Font, Come Thou King" arr. Dan Galbraith
Natalie Handley, pianist/vocalist; Derek Handley, cellist/guitarist/vocalist
(11:00) "Psalm 122" by Allen Gibbs
Doug McNeel, organist

 WELCOME Pastor Megan Berry
New Members (11:00) Louise & George Douma, Cornelia Hempe, David McCann,
Stacy & Matt Reid, Everett Reid, Maddie Reid, Marty Slager

 MUSIC (9:00) "Oh How Good It Is" by Keith & Kristyn Getty
(11:00) #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (v. 1, 2, 4)

 CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE Pastor Megan Berry

Prayer of Confession (from *A Child Laughs: Prayers of Justice and Hope*)

Holy God, we confess that we have been complicit in an evil system. Our complicity has allowed those in power to turn a blind eye to injustice and ignore the pleas of the suffering. Our complicity has harmed fellow human beings. With our eyes to the grindstone and our heads in dreams of self-gratification, we have not seen the plight of others. We have been blinded by lies and allowed ourselves to believe delusions fed to us by a system that seeks to keep us distracted and silent.

Holy God, we repent and turn ourselves to you. Take us, O God, as we are, and receive our humble willingness to be transformed by the truths we face into the people you would have us be.

The Good News of the Gospel

One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we have new life. In that new life,
God calls us to be disciples.

ALL: We are learning and living God's love together!

Hymn of Praise (9:00) #608 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
(11:00) #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

Kaleidoscope Kids (9:00 only): After Children's Time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids class in C208. See page 6 for more information.

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

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25, Matthew 5:23-24

Sermon: "Story Bearers"

(9:00) Katie Herringa

Pastor Kerri Parker

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings can be dropped in the offering lectern located in the sanctuary's vestibule as you exit. You can also give on our website, by contacting the church office, or our QR code on back cover of bulletin.

Special Music

(9:00) "By Our Love" by Christy Nockels

(11:00) "A Native American Prayer" by Nolan Schmit

Covenant Chancel Choir; Melissa Hinz, director

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

MUSIC

(9:00) "We Will Feast in the House of Zion" by Sandra McCracken

(11:00) #644 "Give Thanks, O Christian People" (v. 1, 3, 4)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(9:00) "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. David Crowder

(11:00) "Psalm 117" by Allen Gibbs



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. You can pick up more information about the church and chat with a member. If you have questions, please contact the church office!

Email: info@covenantmadison.org | Phone: (608) 233-6297

Worship

9:00am New Day Worship

A more casual piano-led service

11:00am Traditional Worship

A more traditional organ-led service frequently with choir

Livestream available here: [youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch).

Fellowship Hour

Bradfield Café: 10:00-10:45am

Join us for coffee, donuts, 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 A106.

Next Sunday's Worship

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Megan Berry

Text: Matthew 25:31-46 | Music: *New Day Ensemble* (Ben Welch, leading) (9:00);
Doug McNeel (organ), *Covenant Chancel Choir* (Melissa Hinz, director) (11:00)

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are provided by Betsy Erickson in celebration of Barbara McCall's birthday.
Today's white rose commemorates the life of Carol Gagnon, mother of Lori Conley.*

Announcements

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

General Announcements

Our Guest Preacher

Rev. Kerri Parker (she/her) has been Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches since 2017. During her tenure, the Council has become known nationwide for its leadership in faith-based COVID-19 response, fresh ecumenical vision, and collaborations for racial equity. In 2023, she was honored by the United Church of Christ with its *Avery D. Post Ecumenical Award*. She has served as a local church pastor in McFarland, WI and YWCA executive in Rock County, WI. Rev. Parker has been a panelist and keynote speaker for presentations on pandemic ministry, ecumenism and church vitality, and biblical justice, and preaches widely around Wisconsin. In addition to editing and co-authoring study-action guides on Faith & Gun Violence, Jesus & Justice in Public, and Immigration: Becoming Welcoming Communities, she contributed to the book *There's a Woman in the Pulpit*. Rev. Parker earned her MDiv from Chicago Theological Seminary and BA from Smith College. She is pursuing a DMin in Prophetic Leadership at Iliff School of Theology and is a member of Orchard Ridge UCC in Madison, WI.

Guatemala Auction - Now Accepting Donations!



Covenant's Guatemala Auction takes place on **Sunday, December 3** this year. **We are accepting donations November 5-22**. Donations can be dropped off in the gathering space (on Sundays), or in the office (during the week). The Guatemala Auction Committee is in the gathering space today to answer any questions or visit covenantmadison.org/guatemala-auction for more information. You can give financial gifts by scanning the QR code.

We're Hiring: Nursery Assistant

Love working with infants/toddlers? We have a position open for a Nursery Assistant, 4-6 hours/week, two Sunday mornings per month. Visit covenantmadison.org/employment for more info, and help spread the word!

Thanksgiving Office Hours

The church office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 22, and all day on November 23 & 24. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, November 27.

Adult Education

“Land Acknowledgements Done Better” - TODAY at 10AM

Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches will lead our Adult Ed class today, offering a guide to crafting meaningful land acknowledgments. She will suggest homework regarding the land on which you reside, peoples in the area, and church history. The style of land acknowledgment includes invitations to and ideas for action steps in response to what you learn.

All Adult Ed classes meet in person and **are now available on YouTube:**

youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch. Visit covenantmadison.org/adult for more info.

Generosity Campaign

The Generosity Campaign asks people to support Covenant’s ministry with their time, talents, and treasures. Here is a snapshot of where we stand for commitments:

Week of	2024 campaign	# pledges	Week of	2023 campaign	# pledges
11/15/2023	\$734,472.96	151	11/15/2022	\$771,710.90	158

Please return commitment cards as soon as you can or fill out forms online at covenantmadison.org/generosity. Thank you for your commitment!

Children’s Ministries

Sunday School classes meet **today from 10:00-10:50am**. We will meet in B103 for Children’s Choir first before going to classrooms. **Note: there is no Sunday School next Sunday (November 26).**

Kaleidoscope Kids (3 years old through 2nd grade) meets during worship (**9:00 only**) following Children’s Time! Children may follow teachers to room C208 at this time. Kaleidoscope meets every Sunday **except 1st Sundays** and teaches our children about worship and helps prepare them to know what’s happening in the sanctuary.

Families! Be sure to grab the **Family Worship Bags** and a **Children’s Bible** from the gathering space before heading into worship.

Visit covenantmadison.org/children for more info on Children’s Ministries or contact Megan Berry

at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Youth Connection

Youth Connection will meet at the usual time **today from 6:00-7:30pm**. Meet us in Bradfield Hall first for games and fellowship before breaking off into small groups. **Next Sunday (November 26)** is our **“Friendsgiving Potluck!”** More info to come.

Visit covenantmadison.org/youth for more info on Youth Connection or contact Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Upcoming Events

RAF Book Study – Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm (November 16-December 14)

Racists Anonymous Fellowship is holding a study on “Dixie’s Daughters” by Karen L. Cox. If you want to learn how and why structural racism exists, this study is for you. **We will not meet on Thanksgiving (Nov. 23)**. For more info, visit covenantmadison.org/events or read The Caravan!

Festival of Gratitude – Wednesday, November 22, 6:30pm @ Bethany

Save the date for this ecumenical Thanksgiving service at Bethany United Methodist Church. There will be a pie reception afterward. Also, if you would like to sing with the combined choir, join us at 6:00pm for rehearsal!

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

Our November Spiritual Stroll will be held at Owen Conservation Park! This is a *CONNECT* event. *CONNECT* is a program of deacon-sponsored events with the intention of fostering connection between Covenant and the community. We visit a different green space every month.

Advent Event – Sunday, December 3, 10:00am

Join us for our annual Advent Event. There will be snacks, crafts, music, and even ornament-making! Note that there will not be Adult Education this Sunday.

First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, December 6, 12:00pm

Cook something at home, pick up something at your favorite grocery store, or favorite restaurant for a carry-out dish to share. Beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided. These potlucks take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Blue Christmas Prayer & Fellowship – Sunday, December 10, 2:00pm

You are invited to come to a special worship service, when we acknowledge the pain in our lives and give thanks for the support we have from each other and in Jesus Christ. Light refreshments will follow. All are welcome!

Covenant Staff and Officers

Charlie Berthoud, Senior Pastor
Megan Berry, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth & Families
Melissa Hinz, Minister of Music & Pastoral Care
Donna Monson, Pastoral Associate
Ben Welch, Contemporary Music Coordinator
Arlene Kennedy, Children’s Music Director
Doug McNeel, Organist
Bailey Green, Church Administrator
Janet Cresson, Financial Coordinator
Derek Handley, Communications & Technology Coordinator
Vicki Alexander, Nursery Supervisor
Eileen Durand, Nursery Assistant
Jay Petrie, Livestream Operator
Mary Kieta, Sunday Host
Ken Corbett, Maintenance Assistant
Rodrigo Morales, Custodian

DEACONS

Class of 2023
 Katie Herringa
 Kim Huff
 Judy Von Bergen
 Ginny Yuska

Class of 2024
 Margie Coons
 Emily Lanphear
 Steve Resan
 Chris Turner

Class of 2025
 Bob Cole
 Sherry Hershberger
 Mary Kieta
 Lynn Vande Sande

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Class of 2023
 Eric Girard
 Amy Poland
 Faith Windsor-Leonard

Class of 2024
 Monica Mark
 Jennifer Morgan
 Mark Soderberg

Class of 2025
 Steve Fulton
 John Guequierre
 Marilyn Krichko

Clerk of Session
 Laurie Jones

COVID POLICY

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.

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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Hours: M-TH 9:00-4:00, F 9:00-12:00

