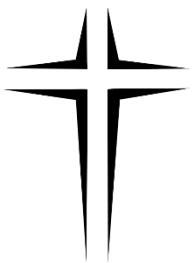


easter



practicing resurrection



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Worship
Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31, 2024
9:00am & 11:00am Worship

God, we need your courage to keep practicing. Help us stay the course when we want to give up. Stir our hearts, move our feet, rock our world. We're ready, we're willing, we're open. Help us to keep changing ourselves so we can change the world.

*Kathy Escobar (in *Practicing: Changing Yourself to Change the World*)*

 PRELUDE

(9:00) "God's Love Endures Forever"
by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

New Day Ensemble; Ben Welch, leader

(11:00) "Toccatà" by Théodore Dubois
Doug McNeel, organist

 WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

 THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER

Scripture: Mark 16:1-7

Pastor Jess Scholten, Pastor Megan Berry

 MUSIC

#232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (v. 1, 2, 4)
Adam Niessenbaum and Colin Dugan, trombones
Greg Hinz, timpani

 CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death, yet we remain captive to doubt and fear, resistant to growing in faith or hope or love. We look away from people who are poor or hungry. We ignore realities of racism and violence. We take our loved ones for granted. We sleep-walk through life. Forgive us, we pray, and by your resurrection power and the guidance of the Spirit, wake us up to the joy of living and change our lives so that we can be living witnesses to your love. For the sake of your Reign, we pray. Amen.

The Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#245 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" (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.

 SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00)

“Jesus Shall Reign” arr. David Lasky

 CHILDREN’S TIME

Cindy Lovell

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

 LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: “Practicing Resurrection”

 MUSIC

(9:00) #250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”
(11:00) #233 “The Day of Resurrection” (v. 1, 3)

 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) “Sång Till Lotta” by Jan Sandström
(11:00) “Christ the Lord is Risen” by Anna Laura Page
Covenant Chancel Choir; Melissa Hinz, leader

 JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

 MUSIC

(9:00) #248 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”
(11:00) #238 “Thine Is the Glory,” arr. Robert J. Powell (v. 1, 3)

 BLESSING

 POSTLUDE

(9:00) “My Redeemer Lives” by Reuben Morgan
(11:00) “Finale from Symphonie Nr. 5” by Charles-Marie Widor



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: | 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 or handbells

Livestream available here: youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch.

Easter Brunch

10:00-10:45am in Bradfield Hall

Come join us for an Easter Brunch in between services!

There will be fruit and other assorted sweet treats.

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

April 7, 2024

“Acts: Transformative Community” Sermon Series begins

“A Transformative Community is Formed”

Preaching: Jess Scholten | Text: Acts 2:37-47

Music (9:00) *New Day Ensemble* (Ben Welch, leading) | Music (11:00) *Covenant Chancel Choir* (Melissa Hinz, directing); Doug McNeel, organist



Announcements

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

General Announcements

Happy Easter!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! On Easter, we celebrate what seemed impossible after Good Friday – Jesus rising from the dead, the Resurrection. Join us as we celebrate and continue to live in hope from what Christ has done. Happy Easter!

Easter Brunch – TODAY at 10AM!

Join us between services for our annual Easter Brunch in Bradfield Hall! There will be fruit and assorted sweet treats.

Office Closed – Monday, April 1

The Covenant Office will be closed on Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter and to give staff a well-needed rest after a busy Holy Week!

One Great Hour of Sharing

We are still collecting donations for one of the PC(USA)'s special offerings, *One Great Hour of Sharing*. This offering supports those affected by natural disasters and poverty. Visit covenantmadison.org/pcusaoffering to learn more or donate.

Pastor Charlie's Sabbatical

On Friday, April 5, Pastor Charlie Berthoud will begin a five-week sabbatical – a time for rest and renewal. His sabbatical will end on Friday, May 10, though Charlie will be attending a preaching conference in Pittsburgh after that. He will return to Covenant on Sunday, May 19. From Charlie: *"I will continue to pray for Covenant during this time, and I ask that you pray for me, for a time of rest and renewal. And please encourage and support Jess, Megan, Melissa, and the rest of the staff during my time away."*

Adult Education

There is no Adult Education today.

Join us **next Sunday (April 7) at 10:00am** for "Book of ACTS: Part 1," led by John Strikwerda and Melissa Hardy as we begin a church-wide effort to delve into the book of Acts in the Bible.

Visit covenantmadison.org/adult for more info on Adult Education at Covenant.

Children's Ministries

There is no Sunday School today. On a typical Sunday, Sunday School meets from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8th grade.*

Kaleidoscope Kids meets today during 9:00 worship immediately following Children's Time. Children can follow teachers to room C208. Kaleidoscope meets every Sunday **except 1st Sundays** and prepares children for what happens in the sanctuary. *Kaleidoscope Kids is for children 3 years old through 2nd grade.*

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 Pastor Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Youth Connection

There is no Youth Connection or Confirmation today. Youth Connection typically meets on Sundays **from 6:00-7:30pm** for snacks, games, and fellowship. Join us sometime! **Next week, we are meeting at Pres House at 3:45pm to help set up for dinner before worshipping with the Pres House community.** Pres House is a campus ministry in Madison. Email Megan for more information about carpooling.

Another Video Game Day! Don't forget that we'll be getting together to play Mario Kart and/or Super Smash Bros **this Saturday, April 6 from 3:00-5:00pm.**

We have a **Lock-In planned for April 20-21 starting at 6:00pm** with dinner included. Pick-up will be between 8:30 & 8:45pm. Watch your email for more information.

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

Upcoming Events

First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, April 3, 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 grocery store or restaurant to share. Beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided. Gary Bertram will be our guest speaker and will talk about fly fishing.

20s & 30s Young Adult Trivia Night - Wednesday, April 3, 6:30pm @ Brass Ring
Anyone in their 20s or 30s are welcome to meet up at the Brass Ring at 6:30 for trivia at 7:00! Contact Pastor Jess with questions (not trivia questions - just questions about details) at jscholten@covenantmadison.org.

RAF Book Study - Thursdays at 7:00pm (April 4-25)

On April 4, RAF will begin a 4-week study of John Lewis' *Across That Bridge - A Vision for Change and the Future of America!* In this book, the late U.S. Congressman and civil rights leader provides lessons that give us a ray of hope in the ongoing struggle for civil rights. Visit covenantmadison.org/raf for more information. Contact Jennifer Morgan at jbmorgan@me.com for Zoom link.

"Transformative Community" Series and Reading Acts - April 7-May 12

The Book of Acts comes after the gospels in the New Testament, and it describes how, in a time of uncertainty, the disciples grew stronger in faith and began a community movement (the church). We present a challenge to you for April - read a chapter a day of the book of Acts (28 chapters). Join us in this challenge and for the sermon/small group series.

Small Groups: Read the book of Acts and connect with others this Spring by joining a small group for 6 weeks! Discussion guides are available on Sundays and in the church office. A \$5.00 donation is suggested. Learn more at covenantmadison.org/smallgroups. Join a group via the QR code.



Monthly Book Club - Sunday, April 7, 12:00pm

Join us as we read and discuss *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. Every 1st Sunday, we discuss an essay from this book. In April, we will look at the third essay. Questions? Contact Melissa Hinz at mhinz@covenantmadison.org.

Soul Sisters - Sunday, April 14, 12:30pm

Women of Covenant are invited to Soul Sisters! Please bring your own lunch and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. Wendy Weber will lead our discussion on the topic "Celebrating the Sabbath." Soul Sisters is a group of women who gather on the 2nd Sunday monthly (Sept-May) for interesting discussion and Bible study. For more info, contact Barb Eikenberry at barbeikenberry@gmail.com.

Fruit for Glenn Stephens- NO Collection in April

Due to Spring Break, we will not be collecting fruit for Glenn Stephens Elementary School in April. Our next collection date will be on **Sunday, May 5.**

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
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
 Coordinator
Vicki Alexander, Nursery Supervisor
Eileen Durand, Anne Lawrence,
 Nursery Assistants
Jay Petrie, Livestream Operator
Mary Kieta, Sunday Host
Ken Corbett, Maintenance Assistant
Rodrigo Morales, Custodian

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 Margie Coons
 Emily Lanphear
 Steve Resan
 Chris Turner

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

Class of 2026
 Ann Larget
 Cara Cavin
 Randy Holveck
 Chan Sommers

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Class of 2024
 Monica Mark
 Jennifer Morgan
 Mark Soderberg

Class of 2025
 Steve Fulton
 John Guequierre
 Marilyn Krichko

Class of 2026
 Barb Eikenberry
 Skye Doney
 Jane Kolakowski

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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