



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

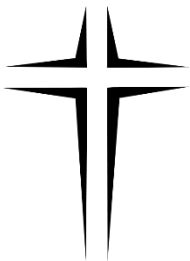
Bread of Life

First Sunday in Lent



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LENTEN SERIES 2025



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Welcome to Worship
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March 9, 2025
9:00 & 11:00am

“The relentless pursuit of pleasure (and avoidance of pain) leads to pain.”

- Dr. Anna Lembke, author of *Dopamine Nation: Finding Balance in an Age of Indulgence*

 PRELUDE

(9:00) Improvisations on “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Megan Angriawan, pianist
(11:00) Doug McNeel, organist

 WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Call to Worship

One: Let us gather together, hungry and thirsty. Come, all who long to be filled with good things.

All: The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

One: Let us open our hands to receive from God’s son, our brother and friend.

All: The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

One: Let us quiet our minds and awaken our hearts to be transformed by God’s Spirit, who redeems us.

All: The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

 OPENING PRAYER

 MUSIC

(9:00) #507 Come to the Table of Grace (v. 1-3)

(11:00) #537 When At this Table (v. 1, 4, 5)

 CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jess Scholten

One: Because we live in a world with both hunger and unnecessary waste, let us confess our sins and seek a new path of righteousness.

All: Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus, live his way, and share in the bread of life, we confess we have overlooked the hungry in our midst. We confess it is easier to avoid people and places that demand our attention and resources, and we go about our days turning our eyes from those in need. But Jesus shows us a different way - a way of sharing, a way of justice. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from those who are hungry and their needs for food, clothing, friendship, or anything else. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors and our community. Help us to be faithful to this calling. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Praise

#65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (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

Pastor Megan Berry

All children are invited to join us on the chancel steps. After Children's Time, children 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids (9:00 only) in C208. See page 6 for more info.

The Lord's Prayer

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Scripture: John 6:25-40

Sermon: "Bread of Life"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life. Born to live among us, suffering every human frailty, even unto death. Empowered not to rule with force but by invitation; not with a sword, but by sacrifice. Filled with compassion, always caring about the physical needs of the people. Rejecting earthly fortune, meeting daily needs, turning no one away. Jesus turned bread lines into feasts, welcoming everyone to the table. Jesus gave freely to all in need, even when they gave nothing in return. We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life. Amen.

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings or Commitment Cards can be put in the lectern located in the sanctuary's vestibule as you exit. You can also give online, by contacting the office, or by scanning the QR code on the back cover.

Special Music (9:00) "Jesus at the Center" by Ranney, Houghton, & Massey

New Day Ensemble

(11:00) "Jesus, Bread of Life" by GF Handel

Covenant Chancel Choir

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

One: ... Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

MUSIC

(9:00 & 11:00) #522 I Am the Bread of Life (v. 1, 2)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(9:00) "The Bread and the Wine Are Here"

Ben Lewandowski, vocalist



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.

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

Worship

9:00 am Piano-Led

A piano-led service frequently with the New Day Ensemble

11:00 am Organ-Led

An organ-led service frequently with choir or handbells

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

Fellowship

10:00-10:45am Bradfield Café

Come join us for donuts, coffee, and fellowship!

Nursery

Hours: 8:45 am-12:15 pm

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

March 16, 2025

“Bread of Life” Sermon Series | Second Sunday in Lent

Youth-led Worship Service | *“Youth & Mustard Seeds”*

Text: Luke 13:18-21



Announcements

General Announcements

Inquirer's Class - TODAY AT 10:00am

If you want to learn more about Covenant and about the possibility of membership, come join the Inquirer's Class in the Lounge today at 10:00am! We will meet again for two more classes on March 16 and 23 at 10:00am. Contact Pastor Charlie at charlie@covenantmadison.org if you are interested.

Soul Sisters - TODAY at 12:00pm

All women of Covenant are invited to join the Soul Sisters gathering at church today at 12:00pm in Room A106. Please bring your own lunch, and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. To learn more about Soul Sisters, please contact Barb Eikenberry at barb.eikenberry@gmail.com.

"Bread of Life" Sermon Series - March 5-April 16

This year for the season of Lent, we will focus on the "Bread of Life," looking at how Jesus not only fed people's bodies, but also their minds and souls. This will be the theme for Sunday worship services, Wednesday Lenten Suppers and worship services, and Sunday School classes. Throughout this sermon series, we will see how Jesus shared bread with others and how we are called to do the same.

Chancel Flowers - an Easy Way to Support Covenant!

Want a simple way to support Covenant all while enhancing worship? Sign up to donate chancel flowers! Head to the Welcome Center for more information and to sign up. Each arrangement is \$50, and you can "dedicate" your flowers ("in honor/memory/celebration of..."), which we will put in the bulletin. Thank you!

Sunday Flowers

This week's white rose commemorates the life of Roseanne Jacks, mother of Lisa Cantrell.

This week's red rose celebrates the birth of Emilia Ivana Becerra Songolo, daughter of Toshia Becerra Songolo & Rogelio Becerra Songolo, sister of Nova Imani, and granddaughter of Emilie & Aiko Songolo.

Adult Education

I'm Gonna Let It Shine - TODAY at 10:00am

Join us this morning for Adult Ed, where a group of Covenant members will speak about how they articulate their faith and let their light shine by sharing their experiences with service to and participation in a myriad of organizations that aim to improve opportunities and establish community connection.

Upcoming Classes:

Sunday, March 16 – The Gospel of Thomas, Part I

Sunday, March 23 – The Gospel of Thomas, Part II

Sunday, March 30 – Lent as the “Bread of Life”

Sunday, April 6 – Bread of Life: Spiritual Practices

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

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids - TODAY at 9:00am

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches our children about parts of the worship service and meets every Sunday during 9:00 worship immediately following Children's Time. *Kaleidoscope Kids is for children 3 years old through 1st grade.*

Sunday School - TODAY at 10:00am

Sunday School meets today from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8th 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!

Visit covenantmadison.org/children for more info on Children's Ministries or contact Pastor Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Youth Connection

Youth Connection - TODAY, 5:00-6:30pm

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and snacks! *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

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

Upcoming Events

Midweek Lenten Suppers – Wednesdays, March 12-April 9

This Lent, come join us for supper, fellowship, and worship in Bradfield Hall. Supper and fellowship time will start at **5:30pm** and at **6:15pm**, we'll move into a time of intergenerational and casual worship together. All are welcome to attend dinner and/or worship. **Please RSVP on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.** RSVPs are helpful but not required. For supper we're asking for \$5 per person, \$15 max per family, or it's **FREE** if you are a first-time attendee.

Covenant Goes to the Planetarium – Thursday, March 13, 7:00pm



Join us at the MMSD Planetarium at Vel Phillips Memorial High School for a full dome show called "Mayan Archaeoastronomy: Observers of the Universe." The show is geared toward those in 6th grade or older.

Please RSVP on the Volunteer HQ bulletin board outside the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code by March 9. Feel free to join us at Mod Pizza for dinner across the street before the show at 6:00pm! The show is free to attend, but dinner is not included.

Pi Day at Covenant – Sunday, March 16, 10:00am

Join us for fellowship, fun, and fabulous slices of pie to celebrate 3.14159 – the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter – otherwise known as π pi! If you would like to bring a pie, please sign up on the Volunteer HQ bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Families with Young Kids Potluck– Sunday, March 16, 4:00-6:00pm

Families with young kids, come join us as we gather in Bradfield Hall for fellowship. Childcare will be provided from 4:00-5:00, and then we'll all have a potluck at 5:00. Main dish will be provided. Bring a dish to share!

Spiritual Stroll – Sunday, March 23, 2:00pm

The March Stroll will be at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

Covenant Puzzling Contest – Sunday, April 6, 2:00-4:00pm

Covenant's first Puzzling Contest will be on Sunday, April 6 from 2:00-4:00pm in Bradfield Hall! Each team of 3 members will have an identical puzzle and race against the clock to complete it. You can sign up on the Volunteer HQ bulletin board or by scanning the QR code.



Covenant Staff and Officers

<p>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 Megan Angriawan, Assistant Music Coordinator Arlene Kennedy, Children’s Music Director Doug McNeel, Organist Bailey Green, Church Administrator Janet Cresson, Financial Coordinator Ann Perry, Administrative Assistant Vicki Alexander, Nursery Supervisor Eileen Durand, Anne Lawrence, Nursery Assistants Jay Petrie, Livestream Operator Mary Kieta, Sunday Host Rodrigo Morales, Custodian James McGregor, Maintenance Assistance</p>	<p>DEACONS</p> <p><i>Class of 2025</i> Bob Cole Sherry Hershberger Mary Kieta Lynn Vande Sande</p> <p><i>Class of 2026</i> Ann Larget Cara Cavin Randy Holveck Chan Sommers</p> <p><i>Class of 2027</i> Jane Bertram Melissa Hardy Cornelia Hempe Art Kanitz</p>	<p>ELDERS/SESSION</p> <p><i>Class of 2025</i> Christine Barden John Guequierre Marilyn Krichko</p> <p><i>Class of 2026</i> Barb Eikenberry Skye Doney Jane Kolakowski</p> <p><i>Class of 2027</i> Tom Hershberger Rhonda Rohn JR Schmidt</p> <p><i>Clerk of Session</i> Laurie Jones</p>
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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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