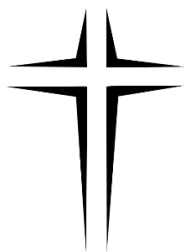


Finding Another Road

MATTHEW 2:1-12

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW SERMON SERIES

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Welcome to Worship!

January 4, 2026

9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE

Doug McNeel, organist

WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

MUSIC

#152 “What Star Is This With Beams So Bright”

(9:00) Ben Johnson, vocalist

(11:00) Jenn Sauer, vocalist

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, TEN COMMANDMENTS & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Megan Berry

God of all people, in Jesus Christ, you come as the Light of the world, the Word made flesh, and the Way of life. Forgive us for hiding in the dark, for ignoring what you plainly teach, and for going our own ways. [A time of silent prayer.] In your mercy, help us to be your faithful people this day, this month, this year, and always. Amen.

Good News of the Gospel

Ten Commandments

Hymn of Praise

#159 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” (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

Kate Sargent

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 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

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: “Finding Another Road”

MUSIC (11:00) #150 “As With Gladness Men of Old” (1-3)

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) “I Wonder As I Wander” by John Jacob Niles

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

For communion, we invite you to come forward to receive communion by intinction, dipping a gluten-free cracker in juice. Individual cups are available, if desired. If you would rather be served in your seat, just raise your hand. Children of all ages are welcome to take communion.

Joys, Concerns, and Invitation
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(9:00) Ann Larget
(11:00) Barb Eikenberry, Cara Cavin

Prayer

MUSIC #151 “We Three Kings” (v. 1, 5)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE



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

9:00am 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/c/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 below.

Follow the frogs from the Welcome Center to the nursery located in room C101.

Next Sunday

January 11, 2026 | 9:00 & 11:00am

Preaching: Megan Berry | "Baptism & Discipleship" | Text: Matthew 3:13-17



Announcements

General Announcements

Epiphany Stars - TODAY!

Each year, we celebrate Epiphany with Epiphany Stars, which we hand out to adults and children alike. There is a word on each star that hopefully will help guide each of us in 2026. Don't forget to pick up your star today!

Matthew Devotional - Subscribe!

We have a new devotional to ring in the New Year on the Gospel of Matthew. Subscribe for daily emails using the QR code or contact the church office at info@covenantmadison.org. Hard copies of the devotional are available at the Welcome Center.



Hat & Mitten Trees

Today is the final day to drop off your donations of hats and mittens, but also snow pants, winter jackets, and snow boots! These items will be donated to The River for our friends in need of warm clothes during the colder months. Thank you for your support!

Stock Our Food Pantries

Please consider helping restock either the outdoor Little Free Pantry or indoor Little Food Pantry with non-perishable items. There are donation lists available with suggested items on top of the indoor Little Food Pantry. Thank you!

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 9:00am 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 weekly 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!

Visit covenantmadison.org/children for more info on Children's Ministries at Covenant.

Adult Education

"Talking About Our Stars" - TODAY at 10:00am

Pastor Jess Scholten and Covenant members will share experiences focused on the words on their Epiphany Stars, showing how our faith continues to grow as we learn and live God's love.

Upcoming Classes:

Sunday, January 11 - "The Gospel of Matthew" with Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Sunday, January 18 - "Addressing Food Insecurity" with Monica Mark

Sunday, January 25 - "Ask the Executive Presbyter" with Rev. Devon Reynolds

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

Youth Connection

Youth Connection meets tonight from 5:00-6:30pm. Join us for some fun and fellowship! *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

Visit covenantmadison.org/youth for more info on Youth Connection at Covenant.

Generosity & Capital Campaigns

The Generosity Campaign asks people to support Covenant's ministry with their time, talents, and treasures. We are also running a Capital Campaign to raise funds for our Parking Lot Project from 2026 to 2028. Please return commitment cards ASAP. You may place them in the offering lectern by the sanctuary entrance. To learn more or to fill out forms online, visit covenantmadison.org/give.

Generosity Campaign: So far, we have received **187** pledges totaling **\$988,001.95**.

Capital Campaign: So far, we have received **150** pledges totaling **\$651,640 (not including the \$150,000 matching anonymous donation)**.

Jesus said, "Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock." -Matthew 7:24

Upcoming Events

Glenn Stephens - No Fruit Collection in January

There will be no fruit collection for Glenn Stephens Elementary School in January due to the school calendar. The next fruit collection will be on Sunday, February 1.

First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, January 7, 12:00pm

On the first Wednesday of the month, we hold a potluck with a guest speaker. Feel free to bring a friend as we enjoy a time of good food and warm fellowship! Cook a dish at home or pick up a favorite restaurant dish to share. **This month's speaker will be Ukrainian photographer Maryna Gumenyuk.** All are welcome!

Soul Sisters – Sunday, January 11, 12:00pm

All women of Covenant are invited to join the Soul Sisters gathering at church on Sunday, January 11 at noon in Room A106. Please bring your own lunch! This month's discussion, led by Covenant member Sally Lorenz, will be based on the series "The God We Can Know"- Exploring The 'I Am' Sayings of Jesus". Soul Sisters meets the second Sunday of each month for fellowship and Bible study. To learn more or to join, please contact Barb Eikenberry at barb.eikenberry@gmail.com.

Families w/ Young Kids Potluck - Sunday, January 11, 4:00-6:00pm

Join us for our Families with Young Kids Fellowship and Potluck on Sunday, January 11. Childcare is offered from 4:00-5:00pm with dinner starting at 5:00pm. Please bring a dish to share. We hope to see you there!

Reclaiming the Good News: Book Discussion - Sunday, January 18, 12:15-1:15pm

Join Pastor Charlie Berthoud on January 18 for a conversation on Christian nationalism, guided by the new book *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America*. Copies are available in the narthex for a suggested \$5.00 donation. The book is only 130 pages and very accessible – pick one up and invite a friend to join the discussion!

Covenant Goes to the Planetarium – Thursday, January 22, 7:00pm

Join us at the MMSD Planetarium at Vel Phillips Memorial High School for an evening under the stars! Feel free to join us at Mod Pizza for dinner across the street before the show at 6:00pm! The show costs \$5.00 (dinner not included). Cash or checks can be placed in the lectern in the vestibule or sent to the Main Office. **Please RSVP on the Volunteer HQ bulletin board outside the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code by January 9.**



Young Professionals Axe Throwing – Saturday, January 24, 6:00pm

Covenant's Young Professionals are going axe throwing! Join us on Saturday, January 24 at 6:00pm at Madison Axe on Stoughton Road. We will plan to have dinner together either before or after the event. To sign up, scan the QR code or email Pastor Jess at jscholten@covenantmadison.org.



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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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