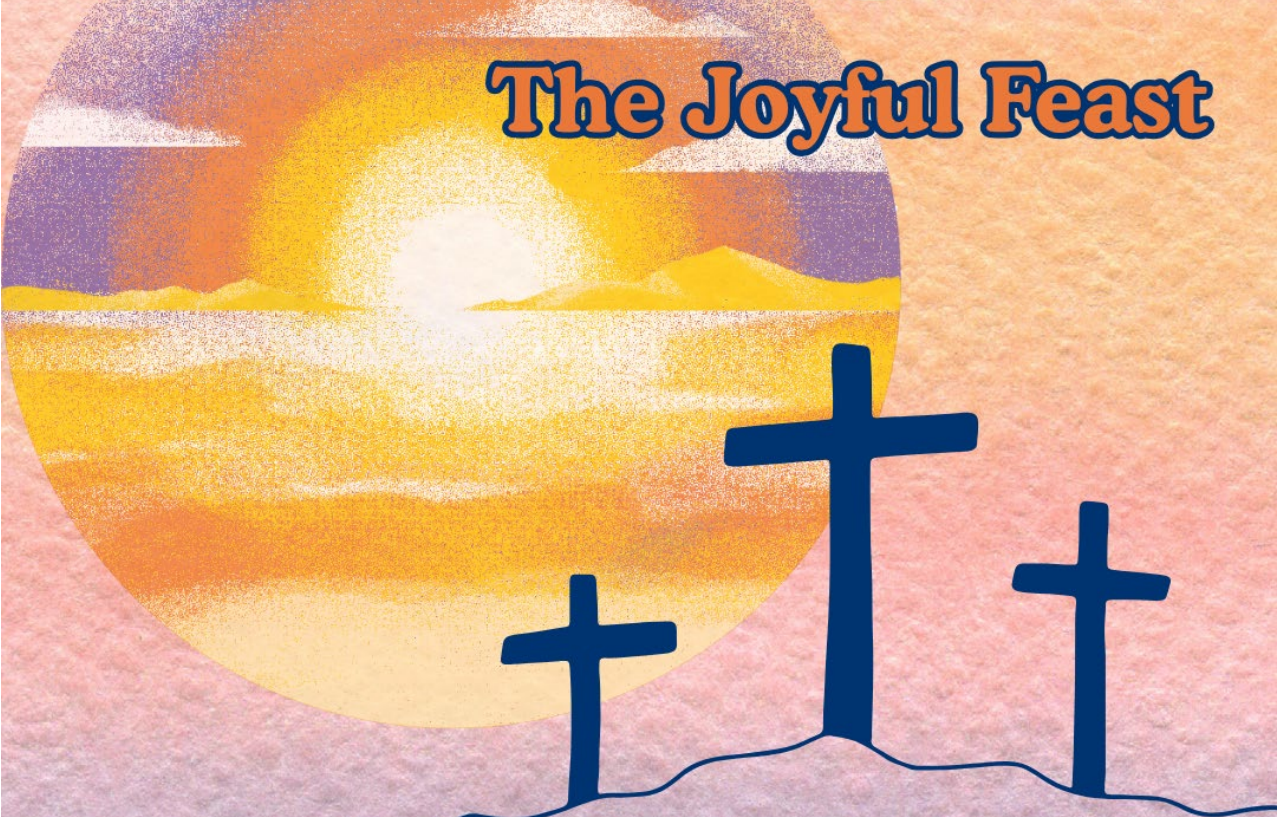
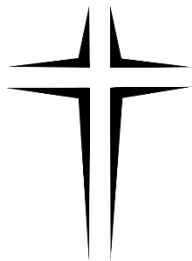


# **HAPPY EASTER!**

## **The Joyful Feast**



**“Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:9**



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**Easter Sunday**

April 5, 2026

9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE

(9:00) “Resurrection Hymn”

Megan Angriawan, pianist

Ben Johnson, vocalist

(11:00) “Finale” from Sonate Nr. 1 by Alexandre Guilmant

Doug McNeel, organist

WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

SCRIPTURE

Pastor Jess Scholten

Matthew 28:1-10

MUSIC

#232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (v. 1, 2, 4)

Emerson Janes, trumpeter; Adam Nissenbaum, trombonist

CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON, TEN COMMANDMENTS & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Megan Berry

**All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shatter the power of sin and death, opening new life and new possibilities. Forgive us for remaining stuck in the old life – captive to doubt and fear, mired in old grudges and bad habits, resisting your love and your call to love neighbors and enemies. Redeem us, we pray. Restore us, we pray. Resurrect us, we pray. Fill us with resurrection joy to live as new people, this day and every day. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Ten Commandments

Hymn of Praise

#233 “The Day of Resurrection” (v. 1, 3)

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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids (9:00 only) 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: Isaiah 25:6-9

Sermon: "The Joyful Feast"

## 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) "Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed" by Getty and Cash  
New Day Ensemble

(11:00) "Christ Is Risen" by Wayne Bisbee  
Covenant Chancel Choir

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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) Laurie Jones, Brad Brown, Skye Doney  
(11:00) Jane Kolakowski, Barb Eikenberry, Betsy Erickson

Special Music (9:00) "Come People of the Risen King" by Townend and Getty  
(11:00) "Easter Carillon" by Robert Powell

Prayer

MUSIC

#248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosana!"

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(9:00) "Easter Carillon" by Robert Powell  
(11:00) "Finale" from Symphonie Nr. 5 by Charles-Marie Widor



# WELCOME

LEARNING GOD'S LOVE  
LIVING GOD'S LOVE

*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](mailto: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](https://youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch).

## Fellowship

**10:00-10:45am Easter Brunch**

Come join us for a continental breakfast 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**

**April 12, 2026**

***Practicing Joy Sermon Series Begins!***

Pastor Charlie Berthoud | "Practicing Joy in Hard Times"

Text: Philippians 1:27-30



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## General Announcements

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### **Happy Easter!**

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

### **Easter Brunch – TODAY at 10:00am**

Join us between services today for a continental breakfast in Bradfield Hall. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### ***Practicing Joy Spring Sermon Series – “Rejoice in the Lord always.” – Philippians 4:4***

Joy is not the same as happiness. Happiness depends on circumstances. Joy is a choice we make, sometimes despite the circumstances, to remember God’s steadfast love and to be people of faith, hope, and love. This spring, we’ll focus on “Practicing Joy” with guidance from Paul’s letter to the church at Philippi. Join us for Sunday sermons and small groups in April and May to encourage each other in the practice of joy. As the psalmist says: “This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

### ***Practicing Joy Spring Small Groups***

Want to experience joy even in challenging circumstances? This seven-week series beginning after Easter will delve into Paul’s joy-filled letter to the Philippians written from prison, a witness for living joyfully even in difficulty. You can sign-up on the clipboards in the narthex or by scanning the QR code.



### **Please Help Stock our 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!

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## Adult Education

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**There is no Adult Education today. Please join us for our Easter Brunch in Bradfield Hall at 10:00am!**

### Upcoming Classes:

**Sunday, April 12** -Parking Lot Update & Congregational Meeting (*in the Sanctuary*)

**Sunday, April 19** - Climate Change in Wisconsin Forests with Brad Hutnik

Visit [covenantmadison.org/adult](http://covenantmadison.org/adult) for more info on Adult Ed at Covenant.

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## Children's Ministries

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### **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 1<sup>st</sup> grade.*

### **Sunday School - No Classes Today**

Sunday School will resume next Sunday from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://covenantmadison.org/children) for more info on Children's Ministries or contact Pastor Megan Berry at [mberry@covenantmadison.org](mailto:mberry@covenantmadison.org) with questions.

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## Youth Connection

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### **Youth Connection - No Meeting Today**

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 12. *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

Visit [covenantmadison.org/youth](http://covenantmadison.org/youth) for more info on Youth Connection or contact Pastor Megan Berry at [mberry@covenantmadison.org](mailto:mberry@covenantmadison.org) with questions.

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## Upcoming Events

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### **Apples for Glenn Stephens Elementary - Sunday, April 12**

We will be collecting **apples** in April for Glenn Stephens students as part of our Healthy Snack Program. If you'd like to help, please bring a bag (or two) of apples to the narthex on Sunday, April 12. **Look for the wagons!**

### **Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 12, 10:00am**

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 12 at 10:00am in the sanctuary to vote on approving a loan for our upcoming parking lot project, with construction to begin this summer. Please plan to attend if you are able!

### **Soul Sisters – Sunday, April 12, 12:00pm**

All women of Covenant are invited to join the Soul Sisters gathering on Sunday, April 12 at noon in Room A106. Please bring your own lunch, and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. **Our discussion for this gathering will be based on Adam Hamilton's book "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today," with Janice Walden leading us.** If you'd like to learn more about Soul Sisters, contact Barb Eikenberry at [barb.eikenberry@gmail.com](mailto:barb.eikenberry@gmail.com).

### **Families with Young Kids Potluck– Sunday, April 12, 4:00 – 6:00pm**

Families with young kids, come join us for our final meeting before the summer as we gather in Bradfield Hall for fellowship. Childcare will be provided from 4:00-5:00pm, and then we'll all have a potluck at 5:00pm. Please bring a dish to share!

### **Awaken Covenant – Sunday, April 19, 12:00 – 2:00pm**

You're invited to Awaken Covenant, the first gathering in a new series focused on building meaningful neighborhood connections, on Sunday, April 19 from noon to 2:00pm in Bradfield Hall (lunch included!). Connection matters – it supports our health, strengthens our community, and helps ensure we have relationships in place when challenges arise. And at the heart of it all, we are called to love our neighbors. To RSVP, sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary or scan the QR code. Contact Pastor Jess at [jscholten@covenantmadison.org](mailto:jscholten@covenantmadison.org) for childcare or with questions!



### **Puzzling Contest 2.0 – Sunday, April 19, 2:00 – 4:00pm**

Covenant's second puzzling contest will be on Sunday, April 19 from 2:00 to 4:00pm in Bradfield Hall! Each team of up to 3 members will have an identical puzzle and race against the clock to complete it. RSVPs are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code. All ages are encouraged to sign up! If you prefer to just work on a puzzle and not compete, puzzles will be available. There will also be snacks! This is a CONNECT event seeking to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.



## Covenant Staff and Officers

<p><b>Charlie Berthoud</b>, Pastor/Head of Staff  <b>Megan Berry</b>, Pastor for Children,          Youth &amp; Families  <b>Jess Scholten</b>, Pastor for Mission,          Spiritual Growth &amp; Care  <b>Melissa Hinz</b>, Minister of Music &amp;          Pastoral Care  <b>Megan Angriawan</b>, Assistant Music          Coordinator  <b>Arlene Kennedy</b>, Children’s Music          Director  <b>Doug McNeel</b>, Organist  <b>Bailey Green</b>, Church Administrator  <b>Janet Cresson</b>, Financial Coordinator  <b>Ann Perry</b>, Administrative Assistant  <b>Vicki Alexander</b>, Nursery Supervisor  <b>Eileen Durand, Anne Lawrence</b>,          Nursery Assistants  <b>Jay Petrie</b>, Livestream Operator  <b>Mary Kieta</b>, Sunday Host  <b>Rodrigo Morales</b>, Custodian  <b>James McGregor</b>, Maintenance Assistance</p>	<p><b>DEACONS</b></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><b>ELDERS/SESSION</b></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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