



Welcome to Worship Sunday, January 29, 2023 9:00am & 11:00am Worship "The challenge is this: how will we use our power? Will we use it constructively and caringly? Or will our influence be characterized by selfish, shortsighted greed?

That's the question we have to answer, and God can't answer it for us."

- Fletcher Harper, *Green Faith*: *Mobilizing God's People to Save the Earth* 

□ PRELUDE

(9:00) "Oceans Will Part" by Ben Fielding New Day Ensemble; Ben Welch, leading (11:00) "Moderato" from Fantasie in d, op. 176 by Gustav A. Merkel Doug McNeel, organist

**WELCOME** 

Charlie Berthoud

**MUSIC** 

(9:00) #713 "Touch the Earth Lightly" (v. 1, 3, 4) (11:00) #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (v. 1-3)

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Jo Wiersema

Prayer of Confession

Almighty, powerful, creator God, so often we think we know best. We have tried to master creation rather than care for it. We have abused the sea, the land and the air. We have polluted, we have taken more than we needed and we have not trusted in your abundant provision. As we have known your creation more fully, we have found less need to know you, and we have considered ourselves and our needs above the needs of others. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us hearts to love you and to love others as we seek to care for this world and for each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#611 "Joyful, Joyful" (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

Nick and Brooke Von Bergen

After Children's Time (9:00 only), children 3 years old through  $2^{nd}$  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.

# | f| LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 1:24-26 Sermon: "Taking Charge"

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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) "Great are You, Lord" by Ingram/Jordan/Leonard, arr. Welch (11:00) "In Meeting We Are Blessed" by Troy Robertson Covenant Chancel Choir



(9:00) "Help Us Be Your Hands" by Jacob Nault, arr. Welch (11:00) #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (v. 1, 2, 4)

BLESSING

**MUSIC** 

POSTLUDE (9:00) "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. John Carter Ben Welch, pianist

(11:00) "Allegro" from Fantasie in d, op. 176 by Gustav A. Merkel



## Thank you for joining us!

If you are a visitor today, please visit our Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary in the gathering area. 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

New Day Worship (9:00am)

A more casual piano-led service

### Traditional Worship (11:00am)

A more traditional organ-led service frequently with choir

Worship services are offered in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch.

## Fellowship Hour 10:00-10:45am

Come join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in Bradfield Hall. Note: Refreshments will be available until 10:45am only.

## **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, February 5, 2023

Heifer Sunday | Holy Communion Preaching: Charlie Berthoud | Sermon: "All God's Critters" Text: Job 12:7-10



## **Sunday Flowers**

*Interested in donating flowers? Flower sign-up is located just outside the sanctuary.* 

#### **General Announcements**

### Creation Care: Milestones and Exciting News

This sermon series ties in so deeply to our mission here at Covenant... We are approaching the 5-year anniversary of installing our solar panels (which you will see as you leave the sanctuary right outside the gathering space windows), and conversations are being had in order to install electric car charging stations in our parking lot, as well as a BCycle station being installed on our street corner in the more distant future. More information to come on all of this!

## **Staffing News**

Jo Wiersema has been a blessing to our church, working with children's ministry, and more recently youth ministry and mission work. Sadly for us and happily for her, she is growing in her sense of God's call and wants to explore being a student pastor at a nearby small congregation, getting to preach regularly among other opportunities. Please thank Jo as you get the chance (see Upcoming Events for such an opportunity!). On the other end of this transition, we're excited to say that we have an Interim Children's Ministries Coordinator set to start on Sunday, February 5. Kathy Mohs grew up at Covenant and is very excited to be joining us. See more information in the February Caravan.

## **Clementines for Glenn Stephens**

We are collecting clementines in February! The Mission Committee collects fresh fruit for Glenn Stephens Elementary School so every student has a healthy snack. If you would like to join in this fruit collection, please bring a bag (or two) of clementines to the gathering space at church **on Sunday, February 5.** Thank you!

## **Emergency Preparedness Training**

In our efforts to keep our staff, members, children, and visitors safe at Covenant, we are having the Madison City Sheriff come to properly equip the staff (and any

church volunteers that would benefit) with emergency preparedness training. Because of this, the office will be closed **Tuesday**, **January 31 from 9am-noon**. Thank you for your understanding and contact us if you have any questions about this training.

## **Covenant's Little Food Pantry**

In addition to our Little Free Pantry outside, we added a small indoor pantry just outside the office. Will you help us stock it? Specific requests include: peanut butter, cereal, and similar non-perishable food items.

#### Join Covenant's Music Ministry!

Come join us and make a joyful noise! New Day Ensemble meets Wednesdays at 6pm, and Covenant Chancel Choir at 7pm. Our Handbell Choir meets on select Sundays from 9-10am. Vocal or instrumental soloists providing special music are welcome as well. Please contact Melissa Hinz at <a href="mailto:mhinz@covenantmadison.org">mhinz@covenantmadison.org</a> if you are interested or if you have questions!

#### **Adult Education**

Join us **today at 10:00am** for the class "Matthew 25: Part 2," led by Monica Mark. Not long ago, Covenant became a Matthew 25 church. Join us for part 2 of this Bible study (from the Fall) in which we will read and reflect on the Gospel of Matthew (chapter 25), which is the inspiration for the PC(USA) Matthew 25 vision. With that scriptural grounding, we will also consider and discuss what it means for Covenant to be a Matthew 25 church.

All Adult Education classes take place in Bradfield Hall and are available at us02web.zoom.us/j/89540028471. Please visit covenantmadison.org/adult for more info.

## Children's Ministries

**Sunday School** meets **today from 10:00-10:55am!** 3 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade children meet in C207, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade children meet in B105, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Middle School Room.

**Kaleidoscope Kids** (3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) meets **today during worship** immediately following Children's Time (9:00 only). Children follow teachers to room C208 at this time. Kaleidoscope is a worship education class for children that teaches them about the parts of a worship service.

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 Jo Wiersema at jwiersema@covenantmadison.org with questions.

#### **Youth Connection**

**Middle School Youth Connection** (MSYC) meets **today from 4:30-5:30pm.** Come join us for some fun and fellowship!

Visit covenantmadison.org/youth for more info on Youth Connection. Questions? Contact Jo at jwiersema@covenantmadison.org or Bailey at bgreen@covenantmadison.org.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Heifer Sunday - Sunday, February 5, 10:00am

Join us for our annual Heifer Celebration at Covenant Presbyterian Church! Help the children of Covenant raise money for Heifer International by gathering spare change around the house, write a check, or give online at <a href="mailto:covenantmadison.org/give">covenantmadison.org/give</a>. There will also be treats and games!

### Soul Sisters - Sunday, February 12, 7:00pm

Soul Sisters is a group for women, members, and nonmembers, to share fellowship and faith. To find out more or to join, please send your email and phone number to Barb Eikenberry at barb.eikenberry@gmail.com or (608) 333-9746.

#### Celebration for Jo Wiersema - Sunday, February 12, 10:00am

Save the date for this celebration, when you can offer best wishes to Jo Wiersema in Bradfield Hall and have a piece of cake! She has been a huge blessing in her time at Covenant as Children's Ministries Coordinator (and now Ministry Associate for Children, Family & Youth), and we will miss her. She will remain a member of Covenant, under care of John Knox Presbytery in the process leading to ordination.

#### Save the Dates:

Winter Blood Drive – Thursday, February 16, 12:00-5:00pm Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 19, 10:00am CONNECT: Sledding Party – Sunday, February 19, 1:30-3:00pm

These are just events coming up in the next couple of weeks. For a full schedule of events, visit covenantmadison.org.

#### **Covenant Staff and Officers**

Charlie Berthoud, Senior Pastor Clara Thompson, Parish Associate Melissa Hinz, Minister of Music & Pastoral Care Jo Wiersema, Ministry Associate for Children, Youth & Mission 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

Jacob Larget and Ben Tan,

Livestream Operators

Mary Kieta, Sunday Host

#### **DEACONS**

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

Class of 2024 Margie Coons **Emily Lanphear Jess Salmonowicz** Steve Resan Chris Turner

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

#### **ELDERS/SESSION**

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 SAFETY

Masks are recommended when in the building. Please continue to sing softly to minimize germ spread. Socially distanced seating sections (the left side of the sanctuary and the balcony), hand sanitizer, and masks are available. Visit our website for more information.

#### **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



