

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

(Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God...Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* arr. David Berry

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. The Usher is Paul Vogel. Today's coffee hour is a celebration of Covenant folks whose birthdays are in January and February. Happy Birthday! 🎉🍰

The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website. Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs in the foyer. A diaper changing station is in the "Teen Lounge," which is past the bathrooms, through the double doors, on the left past the library. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.



LOOKING FOR THE RESISTER

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Rev. Caitlin Culp, **Pastor**
Kent Hamaker, **Director of Christian Formation and Outreach**
Melissa McMahan, **Music Director**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 22, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

11:00 am

(*) *You're invited to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Wendy Stevens

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT OF PREPARATION

THRESHOLD SONG *Show Us How to Love*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 99)

One: We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.

All: We pray to God in times of distress, knowing that we are freed from sin and preserved from trouble.

One: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

All: We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

***OPENING HYMN #166** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance, and for security. We diminish others in order to gain for ourselves. We yearn for lives that matter. We desire relationships that thrive. We want less regret. At times we fail to see that you've already given us your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better. In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living. *Silent prayer...*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul Vogel

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32

Paul Vogel

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Caitlin Culp

***HYMN #783**

When We Are Tested

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *from Confession of 1967*
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

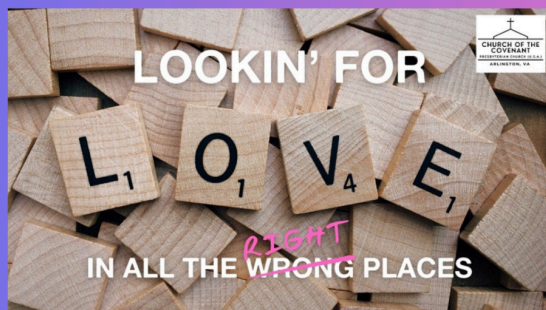
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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord's Table is open to all. The elements are bread & juice.



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12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

6:00-7:00pm Ashes Come and Go: Sanctuary

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12:00pm Lunch at Covenant

1:00pm Bowl America Falls Church

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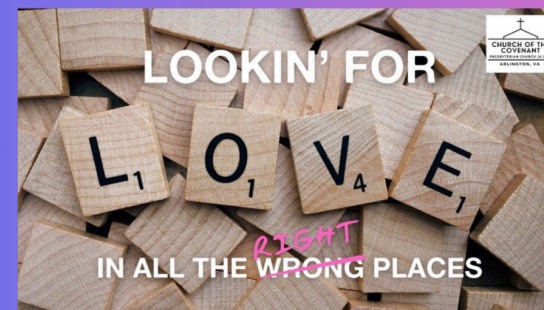
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