

40 Days of Prayer

Draw near. Trust. Abide.

September 20th - October 29th



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 18th, 2026

21st Sunday After Pentecost/Proper 24

11:00 am

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

****We'll sing the responses continually as the Spirit moves.****

PRELUDE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Caitlin Culp

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In reverence, in wonder,

All: And in hope, we gather.

One: With unsettled questions in our hearts,

All: With the mystery of God surrounding us,

One: Acknowledging God's Spirit working in us,

All: We worship God.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

One: May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

SUNG RESPONSE #204

Stay with Me

Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.

PSALM READING

Psalm 99

Eugene Godwin

SUNG RESPONSE #635

Laudate Dominum

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, alleluia!

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GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-25

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SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION (3 minutes)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Covenant's Kids

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

SUNG OFFERTORY #204 *Stay with Me*

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING RESPONSE #227** *Jesus Remember Me*

***Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Jesus Remember Me*

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Today's Usher is Mary Gibson. The liturgist is Eugene Godwin. Coffee Hour is hosted by the Tarrs. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website. The Call to Worship is adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.'

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.

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 Sunday School Room, which is off the front of the sanctuary. 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.



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PRAYER LIST

Marriage of Nathalie, niece of Barbara Jim, recovering from a fall
Rachel, recovering from mumps Godwins on their 50th anniversary
Saudi Arabia Victims of shootings & executions Diane
Becky, sister-in-law of Kristen & aunt of Nora Dick Dolores
Heather, friend of Kristen & Nora's
Victims of hurricanes & other disasters Othow and his ministry in South Sudan
Gathoni and family on the death of her mother, Alice
Annette Darla Lola Our country's leaders.
Those impacted by health crises. Those in the midst of transitions.
Peace in the Middle East; for cessation of hostilities between Israel, Iran, & USA.

**If you have prayer requests you'd like added to this list, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com.
Prayers remain on this list for two weeks unless we hear otherwise.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesdays, 10:00am - **Bible Study on the Wisdom of Solomon**, via Zoom

Wednesdays, 10:30am - **Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

Thursdays, 12:00pm - **Devotional Time**, via Zoom

Sunday, October 25th

8:00am - **Early Bird Fellowship**, Potomac Overlook Park

10:00am & 11:00am - **Children's Sunday School & Worship to conclude 40 Days of Prayer**

12:30pm - **Playground, Pizza, and Pumpkins**, Potomac Overlook Park

Thursday, October 29th, 12:00pm - **40 Days of Prayer Reflection**, Covenant Library

Come for devotional & stay for reflection & fellowship. Bring your lunch if you'd like!

Sundays, Nov. 1st & 8th, 12:15pm - **The Last Supper: Planning for the End of Life**, Fellowship Hall

Join Covenant & neighbors for a 2-part workshop. Lunch provided.