

***CLOSING HYMN #137** *He Came Down*

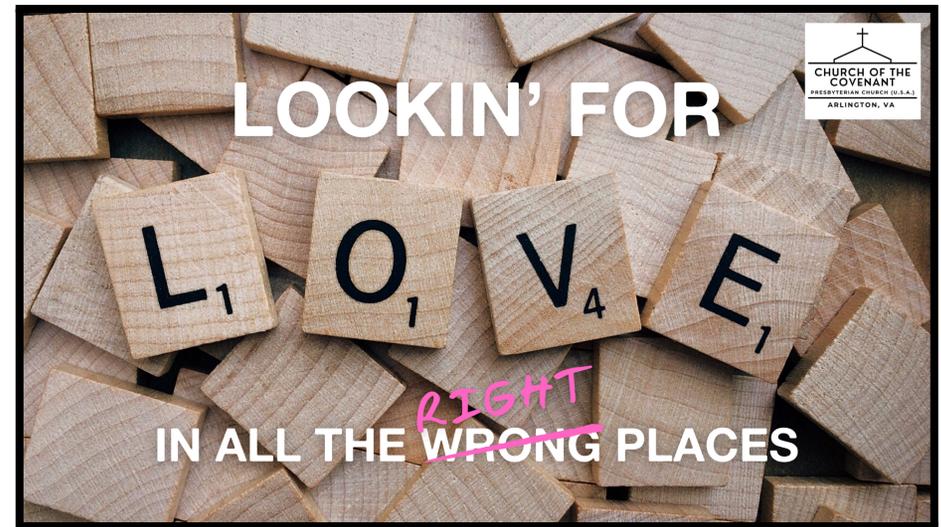
***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *I Come With Joy arr. Dorothy VanAndel Frisch*

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. The Usher is Eugene Godwin. 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 HELPER

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Rev. Caitlin Culp, **Pastor**
Kent Hamaker, **Director of Christian Formation and Outreach**
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

As the Deer by David Nevue

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT OF PREPARATION

THRESHOLD SONG

Show Us How to Love

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord God keeps, saves, & protects us in times of trouble.

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God.

All: We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand. We lift our voices in thanks and praise.

***OPENING HYMN #37**

Let All Things Now Living

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

Give Me Jesus arr. Michael Ware

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eugene Godwin

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121

Eugene Godwin

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-17

SERMON

Rev. Caitlin Culp

***HYMN #330**

Our Help Is in the Name of God the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer requests are on the insert of the bulletin.
You're invited to share additional prayer requests aloud.

EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #607**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**



Lent 2026 at Church of the Covenant:

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12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

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

Children & Youth Bowling Event: Sunday, February 22nd

12:00pm Lunch at Covenant

1:00pm Bowl America Falls Church

Lenten Lecture: Sunday, March 15th

12:30pm Fellowship Hall

Board Games and Lunch for All: Sunday, March 22nd

12:30pm Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 29th

11:00am: Sanctuary/Zoom

Maundy Thursday with EIPC: Thursday, April 2nd

6:00pm Dinner: Fellowship Hall

6:45pm Worship: Sanctuary/Zoom

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