

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Ode to Joy*

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Today's liturgist is Marita Dillery. Coffee hour is hosted by the Culp-Okpalas. 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. A diaper changing station is in the room labeled "Teen Lounge" just past the bathrooms

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs. 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.

To reach Rev. Caitlin, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com or reach out to her at 937-570-8218.

Welcome to Worship

Reformation Sunday



October 26, 2025

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

"The neighborhood church with a big mission"

Pastor: Rev. Caitlin Culp

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

October 26, 2025 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost 11:00 am

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE *The Promise of Tomorrow* by Kevin Olson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT OF PREPARATION Rev. Caitlin Culp

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Disciples of Christ, we are invited into the ministry of God.
People: We accept the invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Leader: Disciples of Christ, we have gathered to celebrate the ministry of God.
People: We accept the commission to proclaim the good news.
Leader: Disciples of Christ, let us offer our thanksgiving!
People: Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving, for the ministry of God!

***OPENING HYMN #275** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) *adapted from Howard Thurman*

Lord, open unto us – courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, tenderness for our toughness, love for our hates, forgiveness for our sins. Open unto us thy Self for ourself. Lord, Lord, open unto us. *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 *Sanctus* by Sonja Poorman Covenant Choir

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 65:1-5 (*pg. 449*) Marita Dillery

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-14 (*pg. 825*)

SERMON Caitlin Culp

***HYMN #66** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *The Scots Confession, 3.01*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God’s inscrutable providence for such end as God’s eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God’s own glory.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

You’re invited to share your prayer requests aloud.

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.

EUCCHARIST

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Worship Team

PRAYER LIST

Almighty God, we pray for our world and our church.

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Lea, who has moved into assisted living.

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For all those who are in the midst of moves and transitions.

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