

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.

EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #606** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #43** *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Carried Away by Jason Sifford*

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us at Church of the Covenant. Today's liturgist is Paul Vogel.

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. She looks forward to getting to know you and offering support through joy and struggle.

Welcome to Worship



We're glad you could come!

September 28, 2025

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

"The neighborhood church with a big mission"

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

September 28, 2025 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost 11:00 am

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* arr. Sharon Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT OF PREPARATION Rev. Caitlin Culp

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 105:1-11, adapted*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on God’s name.
People: Our Lord remembers God’s covenant - faithful to a thousand generations.
Leader: Sing God’s praises; tell of God’s marvelous works.
People: We remember God’s covenant - faithful to a thousand generations.
Leader: Search for God’s presence; let all who seek the Lord rejoice.
People: God’s covenant is faithful to a thousand generations. Hallelujah!

*OPENING HYMN #475 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Eternal God, your covenant with us is never broken. But we forget this and fail to live out the covenant in our lives. Everlasting God, you established a covenant with all living creatures. We believe this and yet, we abuse your creation with our greed and power. God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. You show us signs of your faithfulness. Yet we fall short as we sit idly, not seeking justice for all of your creation. God of pathways, you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another. We think we’re the center of the universe. We wander from your paths of truth into paths of pride. Steadfast God, forgive us. Reconcile us to you by the power of the Holy Spirit. Encourage us to reconcile with others. Lead us back into the arms of your love. Through Jesus Christ we pray. *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 *As the Deer* arr. Douglas E. Wagner Covenant Choir

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Paul Vogel

FIRST SCRIPTURE Exodus 19:1-8

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE Exodus 24:3-8

SERMON Caitlin Culp

*HYMN #50 *Deep in the Shadows of the Past*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *The PCUSA Book of Order, F-1.01*

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God’s kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord’s favor upon all creation. The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God’s mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God’s love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God’s mission.

PRAYER LIST

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

Lea Stec is at Cherrydale Rehab.

Gloria Hurdle's sister, Judy, in her ongoing struggle with stage 4 cancer; Gloria's brother, Glenn, who's halfway through treatment for prostate cancer.

Susan Tarr's sister, Sally, who's suffering from Parkinson's and for Susan who's traveling to visit her.

Barbara Washburn and the family of her cousin, Bill Craine, who passed away in August.

Two friends of Ursula Banzhaf: Daisy, whose husband is under hospice care in their home; and Mary, who is suffering from cancer of the brain.

Brian Kelleher, son-in-law of Mary Margaret Whipple and husband of Margie, who is recovering from partially-successful heart surgery and will be undergoing a second surgery.

The family of Allison Lynn Bode, niece of JoAnne Perry, who died by suicide on September 10th.

Othow Okoti and his ministry in South Sudan.

Meredith, daughter-in-law of Diane Gardner Quinn, who is battling pneumonia.

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	7:00pm	Worship Team Meeting: Zoom
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