

Covenant Call – February 2026

A Letter from Caitlin

Dear Covenant Family,

As we step into February, a month "rooted in love," and prepare for Lent (our Lenten worship theme is "Lookin' for Love"), I've been thinking a lot about love.

When we're rooted in love, we're invited to sink our hearts deeper into the unshakable love of Christ. Paul prays in Ephesians 3:17-19 that "Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

What a beautiful reminder — God's love isn't seasonal or sentimental; it's the steady root that grounds us through every season. This month we're leaning into that truth together. Join me as we pray for our community to experience Christ's deep, wide love. Let's ask God to root us so firmly in God's love that the love flows out into the world as we seek to make our world a more loving and merciful place.

Blessings of love,
Caitlin

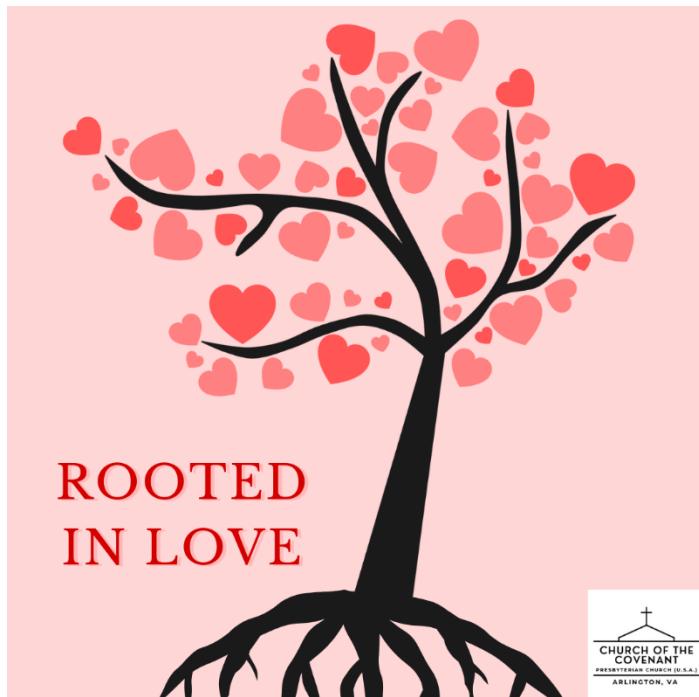


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Souper Bowl of Caring and Scout Sunday



Both the Souper Bowl of Caring and Scout Sunday are on Sunday, February 8th this year.

For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. The movement has created over \$170 million worth of support that stays completely local, with \$25 million in dollars and food donations in the last three years alone. Please bring your donations of canned soup to worship on February 8. All donations go to Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

We will recognize and feature Covenant's own Scout Troop 647 during our February 8th worship service. Members of the troop will help lead various aspects of our worship. Be sure to say hello and be a welcoming presence!



Pivotal Moments in Isaiah, Chapters 10-26

In February, the Isaiah study will continue with pivotal moments in the prophecies of First Isaiah, as God's messenger advises the King of Judah on being faithful and trusting in the Lord to protect the people from the encroaching Assyrian Empire. On February 10, we'll begin with chapter 10, completing a series of Judgment-Promise patterns that culminates in chapter 11's promise of a "shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow from its roots." (Isaiah 11:1) If you are unable to meet at 10 am on Tuesday mornings, the sessions are being recorded and stored on a Google drive for up to 2 weeks. For the Zoom link or for Google drive access, contact Susan Tarr at starr4321@aol.com. [Note: There will be no class meeting on February 3.]



Lent Begins on February 18th!



Our Lenten theme this year is “Lookin’ for Love in All the Right Places.” Lent is traditionally a time to revisit our priorities. Each Sunday we will visit a model of love based on the stories of Jesus’ life and ministry, death and resurrection. And each week we consider the opposites that show up, often valued in our culture, in those things that are distracting us: fame, money, control, possessions, power, certainty, unhealthy relationships, or addictions. When we look to these things for the love we crave, we are sorely disappointed. And yet, as another song goes, “what the world needs now is love.”

-Worship Design Studio

Check further in this issue of Covenant Call for Covenant’s 2026 Lenten Calendar.



Easter Lilies



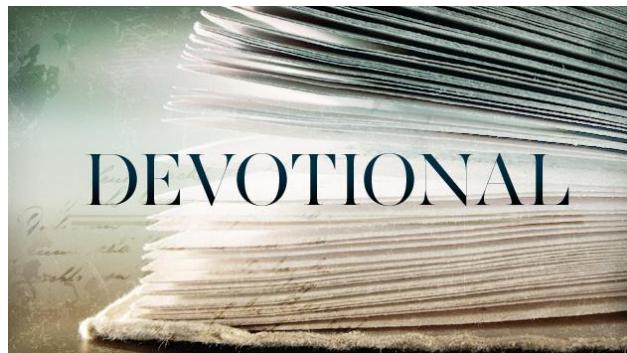
Church of the Covenant will be decorating the sanctuary with Easter Lilies on Easter. Price is TBA. If you would like to purchase one or more lilies, please let Gloria Hurdle know by Palm Sunday, March 29. Gloria.hurdle@gmail.com or 703-509-8666.

Make a check payable to **Church of the Covenant** and write **Easter Lilies** on the memo line and give the check to Hille or place it in the offering plate.

Thank you for your donation to the Easter celebration.



Thursday Zoom Devotionals



Join us on Thursdays at noon on Zoom for a brief 15-minute devotional. It's an opportunity to join with other Covenant members to slow down, pray, reflect, and share on whatever subject is offered for that day. The Zoom link is sent out via email each Thursday morning before the devotional. Find it in your Inbox and join us for a time set apart.



Save the Date: Spring Fest

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 25th, when Church of the Covenant will be putting on a Spring Fest. The event will feature booths from our mission partners, live music from EIPC's worship band, fun activities for children, offerings from our CWP preschool, and more! More information will be announced in the upcoming issues of Covenant Call. Stay tuned...





Lent 2026 at Church of the Covenant:

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 18th

7:30-8:30am Ashes to Go: Ballston Metro Station
12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
6:00-7:00pm Ashes Come and Go: Sanctuary

Children & Youth Bowling Event: Sunday, February 22nd

1:00pm Bowl America Falls Church

Lenten Lecture: Sunday, March 15th

1:00pm Fellowship Hall

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

1:00pm 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

Good Friday with EIPC: Friday, April 3rd

Time TBA

Easter Sunday Worship & Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 5th

11:00am: Sanctuary/Zoom/Front Lawn

