

**Welcome!**

*Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at [covenantpresstaunton.org](http://covenantpresstaunton.org) to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today!*

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*Covenant  
 Presbyterian  
 Church*

Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:  
 Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

JULY 14, 2024

10:00 AM

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.  
 This service is live streamed on Facebook.*

**STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE.....Raney  
*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN SING

**WORSHIPING WITH JOY**

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 24)

Leader: The earth, seas, and skies are the Lord's!

**People: The world and all who live in it belong to God!**

Leader: The Lord, strong and mighty, is the King of Glory  
 who reigns over all!

**People: The Lord of hosts is our salvation! Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN No. 2088.....Founds

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*



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\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we confess that you are a mystery to us. We declare you to be our God and claim to be your people, yet we readily disobey you and rebel against you. We ignore your commands and act selfishly instead of generously, sinfully instead of faithfully. We live with too little grace and too much judgment, too much fear and too little love. Lord, forgive us. By your Spirit, stir in us faith in you and inspire in us faithfulness to follow your Son, our risen Lord. In your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen**

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 605

***Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son.  
Praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.  
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Praise to God Almighty, praise to the Holy One.***

**GROWING IN FAITH**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 49 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Mark 6:14-16*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 240 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Philippians 2:1-11*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON**

**“I BELIEVE: THE NICENE CREED”**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — From The Heidelberg Catechism

Q: What is true faith?

**A: *True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which we hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in us by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ’s merit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen***

\*HYMN No. 133.....ADESTE FIDELES

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**SERVING IN LOVE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (...“sins”)

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY .....Jeff Ryman & Seth Ward

*How Can I Keep From Singing - ENDLESS SONG*

PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 2033.....MACHU-PICHU

*Glory to God*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 80

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.***

POSTLUDE.....Hayes

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.  
Children’s worship folders are available in the Narthex.  
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.*

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HYMN No. 2088

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

*Lord, I lift you name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

HYMN No. 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him,  
born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!*

*True God from true God,  
Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!*

HYMN No. 2033

*Glory to God*

*Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!  
To God be glory forever!  
To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Alleluia, Amen!*

*Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to Christ Jesus!  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to Christ Jesus!  
To God be glory forever!  
To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia, Amen!  
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Alleluia, Amen!*

*Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit!  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit!  
To God be glory forever!  
To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia, Amen!  
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