

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 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

OCTOBER 20, 2024

10:30 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.....Hayes

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....THE COVENANT RINGERS

Fantasy on Hyfrydol - Hal Hopson

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 91)

Leader: The Lord is our fortress and our refuge!

People: The Lord is our God in whom we trust!

Leader: The Lord hears our prayers and answers us!

People: The Lord is with us! The Lord is our salvation!

*HYMN No. 2022.....Smith

Great Is the Lord



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you are great; and you call us to be great too:
great in service to others,
great in love of our neighbors,
great in forgiving those who wronged us,
great in faith and in faithfulness.

Forgive us for falling so far short of greatness:

for serving ourselves,
for loving wrongly,
for holding grudges and withholding forgiveness,
for wavering in faith and in faithfulness.

Inspire us to do better, to be better disciples by being better
servants, following the example of your Son, our risen Lord.
Merciful God, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 425, Stanza 3

**Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us;
gather us within your arms, Jesus, on this day.**

ANTHEM.....The Covenant Ringers

Simplicity - Matthew Compton

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Those who prefer their child(ren) not be
on camera are welcome to have their child(ren) continue sitting
with them during this time. *(Following the Children's Message,
children ages 3-1st grade are invited to exit the sanctuary for
Covenant Kids.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING..... Pg. 707 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible
Psalm 134*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 57 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible
Mark 10:35-45*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....**CINDY BOWMAN, DAN DRUMHELLER, CHRIS EARHART
"GREATNESS IN FAITH AND FAITHFULNESS"**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and
earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*HYMN No. 727.....Gillard

The Servant Song

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....John Rutter

The Lord Is My Shepherd

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 761.....BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....SCHUMANN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

POSTLUDE.....Young

God Is My Strong Salvation

*(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. 2022

Great Is the Lord

Refrain:

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
by his mercy he proves he is love.**

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!
Refrain**

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

**Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!**

HYMN No. 727

The Servant Song

**Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

HYMN No. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

**Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.**