

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!

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
in memory of Henry and Marion Moody,
parents of Beth Moody and Christy Davis.

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*Covenant
Presbyterian
Church*

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

JANUARY 19, 2025

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.....Hopson
Sing Praise to God

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....The Covenant Ringers
Valse Gracieux — Michael Mazzatenta

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 36)

Leader: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens!

People: God's righteousness soars above the clouds!

Leader: The Lord saves humans and animals alike!

People: How precious is God's steadfast love for all of creation!

*HYMN No. 26.....Brokering
Earth and All Stars!



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, all good gifts come from you. We confess that too often we take them for granted and use them for selfish purposes. We are reluctant to share our time and talents unless we benefit. We hoard our treasures. We fail to see the needs of our neighbors or hear their pleas for help. We dare to judge others while self-righteously excusing our self-serving actions and inaction. Merciful God, forgive us. Inspire us to do better, to share our gifts generously, to appreciate the gifts of others, and to serve you by serving the common good of all your children. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 449,
Alt. Tune: Old Hundredth

***Show us, O Lord, your steadfast love,
and let your saving grace be near;
when we return with open hearts
the Lord speaks peace and we will hear.***

ANTHEM.....The Covenant Ringers

Inception — Jason Krug

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. 211 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

SECOND READING.....Pg. 5 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Matthew 5:14-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

“A COMMON GOOD”

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. 644.....ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

Give Thanks, O Christian People

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....Diane Harrington, oboe

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy - Schwoebel

Commissioned for John Peterson’s 10th Anniversary at Covenant

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 700.....African American Spiritual

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Harling

Amen

POSTLUDE.....McDonald

This Little Light of Mine

(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. 26
Earth and All Stars!

*Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Engines and steel!
Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!*

HYMN No. 644
Give Thanks, O Christian People

*Give thanks, O Christian people,
for workers of our day
who heed the call to service
and make it their life's way
to go to feed the hungry,
to tend to those in need,
to work for equal justice,
till all God's folk are freed.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people,
for leaders of our years
who live to share with others
our joy when Christ appears,
to teach the ones who seek light,
to guide the faltering feet,
to lead the followers forward
our living Lord to meet.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people,
for all who love the Lord,
who live each day believing
in God's eternal Word:
to share Christ's love in living,
to witness with each deed,
to use the talents given
to plant the gospel seed.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people,
for life in fellowship
with all who trust our Savior
their serving to equip:
to ease another's burdens,
to cope in joy and stress,
to magnify God's message
and Christ's great love confess.*

HYMN No. 700
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*