

POSTLUDE.....D. Wagner

Gigue (Psalm 149:3)

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

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*Bringing forward the communion elements this morning are
Adelyde and Lila Driver.*

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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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:
Worshipping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

MARCH 2, 2025
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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..... Wood
Blessed Assurance
JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
INTROIT..... BUNESSAN
Morning Has Broken

WORSHIPPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 66)
Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
People: Sing glory to God in praise!
Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your works!"
People: We stand in awe of God!
Leader: Come, let us share the stories of God's goodness!
People: Let us praise the Lord together!

*HYMN..... TRADITIONAL
I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, sometimes we mess up. We hurt others because we are angry or sad. We waste your gifts and refuse to share. We don't take care of the earth and waste its resources. We fear those who are strangers to us and leave them out. We lose heart and turn away from you. Forgive us. Teach us to be faithful. Help us to be kind and thoughtful so others will see your love through us. Lord, hear our prayer. . . (silent confession) . . . Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 437

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM.....GO TELL IT

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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. 273 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Hebrews 11:1-12, 20-24*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 274 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....COVENANT YOUTH

"TELL ME THE OLD, OLD STORY"

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. 462.....HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....Stainer

God So Loved the World

PRAYER

HYMN No. 515 (stanzas 1 & 2)DOVE OF PEACE

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Sanctus is Hymn No. 559)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 839.....ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance

*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.

(order of worship continued on back page)

HYMN

I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing

*I'm gonna sing, sing, sing.
I'm gonna shout, shout, shout.
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout,
"Praise the Lord!"
When those gates swing open wide,
I'm gonna sit by Jesus' side.
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout,
"Praise the Lord!"*

*I'm gonna clap, clap, clap.
I'm gonna snap, snap, snap.
I'm gonna clap, I'm gonna snap,
"Praise the Lord!"
When those gates swing open wide,
I'm gonna sit by Jesus' side.
I'm gonna clap, I'm gonna snap,
"Praise the Lord!"*

*I'm gonna zoom, zoom, zoom into
the room, room, room.
I'm gonna zoom into the room,
"Praise the Lord!"
When those gates swing open wide,
I'm gonna sit by Jesus' side.
I'm gonna zoom into the room,
"Praise the Lord!"*

*I'm gonna read, read, read.
I'm gonna pray, pray, pray.
I'm gonna read, I'm gonna pray,
"Praise the Lord!"
When those gates swing open wide,
I'm gonna sit by Jesus' side.
I'm gonna read, I'm gonna pray,
"Praise the Lord!"*

HYMN No. 462

I Love to Tell the Story

*I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.*

*Refrain:
I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)*

*I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. (Refrain)*

HYMN No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*REFRAIN:
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
REFRAIN*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
REFRAIN*