



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

LOVING GOD, LOVING PEOPLE, MAKING DISCIPLES

Worship

**-Please stand in body or in spirit
(For the safety of all, please wear your mask while singing.)*

*-Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude“Presto Movement from Concerto in G Major” Georg P. Telemann
Cathy Fisher, viola; Ronn Lowe, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission Woman to Woman “Under the Stars” Anne Hoge

Introit“Children of God”..... arr. Benjamin Harlan

*-Call to Worship

One: Children of God: welcome!
All: Welcome to this place of love and grace.
One: welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:
All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God!

*-**Hymn of Praise**, #416 (verses 1-2, 4) “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
(You are invited to come forward with your monthly Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn.)

*-Call to Confession

One: When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation,
All: which begins with our reconciling with God.
One: Trusting in our Partner in grace,
All: let us make our confession.

*-Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

God of Grace, you call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. Renew our spirits to declare your good news to the world in word and deed. In the name of Jesus, amen.

*-Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear this Good News:
All: the love of God is beyond measure,
One: and we are included in that love.
All: In Christ, we are forgiven, indeed! Alleluia!

*-**Response**, Hymn #485 (verse 1) “To God Be the Glory”
(All children are invited forward for the children’s sermon during the singing of this hymn.)

*To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He has done!*

Teach

Time with Our Children

Prayer for Illumination Gene Collier

Gospel Reading Ephesians 2:19-22 (*The Message* translation)

That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all – irrespective of how we got here – in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day – a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily “Welcome to the Family of God” Dr. Jennifer Powell

Anthem “One Step He Leads” Pepper Choplin

Impact Story: Covenant Connection Debbie Snead

Nurture

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory “Vocalize” Sergei Rachmaninoff
Cathy Fisher, viola; Ronn Lowe, organ

***-Doxology** *Glory to God #609*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***-Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Reach

***-Hymn of Devotion**, *Sing the Faith #2223* (verses 1-3) “They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

***-Charge and Benediction**

***-Congregational Response**, *Glory to God #399* “God Welcomes All”

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.(2x)

Postlude “Trumpet Tune in D Major” David N. Johnson

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us in worship today, and we hope you will join us again. More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org. Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. Please speak with one of our pastors if you would like to learn more about becoming a member of our congregation.

Greetings, Parents! We want all of God's children to feel comfortable in our sanctuary, and children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children under 3 years old in our Eden Nursery (Room 4) downstairs. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

Special children's bulletins and activity bags are available on the table in Heritage Hall.

We are pleased to welcome back Cathy Fisher as guest choir director and viola soloist.

Leaders in Worship:

Dr. Jennifer Powell, Associate Pastor
Richard Rudolph, Director of Music
Ronn Lowe, Organist/Accompanist
Cathy Fisher, Guest Music Director/Viola
Covenant Sanctuary Choir

Debbie Snead, Elder
Gene Collier, Liturgist/Video
Roger Dickenson, Audio
Pranav Singh, Video

Ushers: Jerry Barnes, John Munton, Carl Nave, Charlie Simmons, Paul Weary

Faith Formation

“In the household of God we are not owners but stewards, people entrusted to do good with whatever we have, especially to those strangers who are most in need.” ~ Paul J. Wadell, Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University

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Announcements

October 10, 2021

Per CDC guidelines, masks are recommended for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons while indoors. The wing section of the sanctuary is designated for those who wish to be seated socially distanced. For the safety of all, please wear your mask while singing.



Hunger Offering Today: We invite you to bring your special hunger offering this morning during the first hymn. These funds will assist the Presbyterian Community Center Food Pantry as well as hunger initiatives supported by the Presbytery of the Peaks. Contributions may be also made online at covenantroanoke.org/donation-page (select “Hunger Fund”). Thank you for your generosity!



Youth Zoom continues this Wednesday at 7 PM! Watch your email for the login details. **Save the Date** – Our 21st year of **Trick or Treat So Others May Eat** kicks off on Sunday, October 24th! Let’s help fill the shelves at the PCC food pantry. Stay tuned for more details.



... to Sunday School each week at 9:15 AM! This fall we will focus on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to join us as we *Follow Jesus* in September, with the practice of Christian Hospitality. Classes will take place in person, with an option to Zoom-in as well! Watch for the Zoom link in your Friday email.



You’re invited to “Be Our Guest” at the “World’s Largest Table” following worship next Sunday, October 17th! Join us for an outdoor lunch celebrating our commitment and connection to Covenant Presbyterian Church. Check your email (and your mailbox!) and **RSVP by Wednesday, October 13th!**



The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant will be on Thursday, October 21 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Schedule your appointment now at redcrossblood.org. Give Blood – Save Lives!



Coming Soon! The Woman to Woman dinner event is just around the corner! Please invite your women friends and register for “*Under the Stars.*” **The deadline to register is next Sunday, October 17th.** Pick up your registration form in Heritage Hall or register online at www.covenantroanoke.org. Dress casually and warmly for our first outdoor gathering. Chef Jim Eaton is preparing a festive boxed dinner for us. Our social time will be leisurely (we have a lot to catch up on)! We will close the evening with an entertaining and inspiring short video. All this and firelight with no cooking or clean-up! **Join us on Monday, October 25th at 6 PM.** Ticket price is \$12.00.



Earth Care Inspiration: Autumn is here along with “leaf-fall” – and what am I going to do with all those leaves? Let’s make leaf mold . . . it’s great for the soil and **it’s free!** The Earth Care team will be handing out leaf mold-making bags along with simple instructions after worship today. For more information go to www.thespruce.com.



Keep recycling your soft plastic!!! Covenant’s family & friends have been recycling soft plastic for exactly one year now. In that year **we have saved 2,250 pounds of soft plastic from going to the landfill!** Instead we are sending it to TREX to be recycled into sustainable, attractive outdoor furniture! **1st goal: Reduce** use of soft plastic (keep using your reusable shopping bags!). **2nd goal: Recycle** what you do receive. Keep up the good work of reducing, reusing, and recycling to do our part to help our planet!!!!



Covenant’s Nominating Committee is seeking officer nominations for the Class of 2024! Please prayerfully consider active church members who would be willing to serve Covenant as a deacon or an elder for the Class of 2024, with a three-year term beginning in January 2022. All active members of Covenant may make nominations. Nominees must be active members of the congregation, and self-nominations are welcome! **Nominations may be submitted to the church office** via email to office@covroanoke.org or regular mail to the attention of Gail Schuler. All nominations will be forwarded to the Chair of the Nominating Committee for consideration by the Committee.

Information from the Finance Team: General fund receipts year to date are \$33,000 LESS than last year, and total \$387,000 (budgeted at \$450,000). Through the end of August our expenses exceeded revenues by \$15,000. Your continued support is vital to Covenant supporting its mission of Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples.

In the interest of safety, serving of lemonade and cookies after worship has been temporarily suspended. We hope to resume this special time of fellowship soon. Thank you for your understanding.

Upper Room (\$1.25) and Today devotionals for September/October are available in Heritage Hall on the table outside the sanctuary. Large print Upper Room devotionals are also available (\$1.50). If you would like a devotional mailed to you, please contact the church office (Phone: 989-3314; Email: office@covroanoke.org).



Altar Flowers to honor or remember special family members and friends – and help beautify our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings! The Flower Calendar is in Heritage Hall, on the wall near the television. (The cost is \$45; please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian). After the church service, take your flowers home to enjoy during the week or make someone's day by sharing them! Please contact the church office with any questions.

★★★ **Help the Military Family Support Center “Fill the Pantry” for local military families and wounded warriors!**
☆☆☆ A collection box is in the vestibule, with lists of the items needed. What better way to thank our military veterans
☆☆☆ and families for the sacrifices they have made to protect our way of life. – *Your Missions Team*



Please continue to save your aluminum can pull tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House! Place your tabs in the brightly decorated paper house by the coat closets in Heritage Hall. They receive 49¢ per pound for the tabs and it all adds up to help this wonderful mission. Thank you for your help!



Recycle your used eyeglasses! Please bring your unneeded prescription eyeglasses and readers or magnifiers for donation to the Lions Club Recycling Program based here in Roanoke. **Glasses may be placed in the Lions Box below the Missions bulletin board in Heritage Hall.** Thank you!

Let Us Pray . . .



Church Members: Christine Beck, Cindy Eades (Maggie Moen), Mary Jane Fisher, Alice Garrett, Lynnemarie Hancock, Suellen Hodges, the Munton Family, Lindsey Nanz, the Ramsburg Family, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Lois Stein, Jo and Wayne Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families.

Family and Friends: Salma Bashir (friend of Lindsay Nanz), Lowell Bashlor, Jr. (Audrey Bashlor's son), Kenneth Benner (Lynnemarie Hancock's brother), Ethan Carter (Cheryl Floyd's nephew), Patrick Dooley (Lynnemarie Hancock's friend), Terry Dowdy (Mary Glenn Aydlett's friend), Merle Falk (Slack family friend), Larry Ford (Sherry Moran's brother), Dickie Hinchee (Leigh Singh's grandmother), Tricia Jones (John McMillen's sister), Rob Kidder's brother, Doug Massie (Ed Mahler's cousin), Ralph Meador (Gloria Christen's cousin), Bill Miller (Mike's brother), Mike Overacker (Mark's brother), Tyler and Rochelle Holm; Jim and Jodi McGill (PCUSA Mission Workers), Phil Peters (Pranav Singh's friend), Denise Pillow (Presbytery of the Peaks), Laura Robinson (Carol Merritt's sister), Sheldon Ross (Slack family friend), Mair Rubin (Pranav Singh's friend), the Slate Family, Geraldine Webb (Mandy Culley's mother), Norma Webb (Jeff's mother), David Wiley (Mary Glenn Aydlett's nephew), Daniel Woodbury (Lynnemarie Hancock's cousin).

Special Prayers: People of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast; People of Haiti; People of Afghanistan; the Earth and Environment; Our hospital staffs and families, hospital patients and families, residents of assisted living facilities and those in nursing home care.

Please send requests for the prayer list to gails@covroanoke.org or call the church office. Requests will be shared with the pastors and the Congregational Care Team. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, unless otherwise requested.

This Week at Covenant

Sunday, October 10	9:15 AM	Sunday School for all ages <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Children's Class – Green Room/Zoom○ Youth Class – Youth Room/Zoom○ Adult Class – Blue Room/Zoom
	10:30 AM	Worship *Hunger Offering
	10:30 AM	Youth Worship Outdoors, then leave for Explore Park
	4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Covenant Kids Connection (Outdoors *weather permitting)
	6:00 PM	Called Session Meeting (Blue Room & Zoom)
Monday, October 11		Preschool closed
	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Blue Room)
	7:00 PM	Faith Formation Team (Zoom)
Tuesday, October 12	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Blue Room)
	7:00 PM	Circle of Friends (Parlor)
	7:00 PM	Long-Range Planning Team (Blue Room)
Wednesday, October 13	9:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
	10:00 AM	Holy Hunch Bible Study (Zoom)
	12:00 PM	Bulletin Announcement deadline
	4:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Zoom)
	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Fall Fellowship Dinner-To-Go
	7:00 PM	CovYoGro meets on Zoom
7:30 PM	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	
Thursday, October 14	9:30 AM	POP Committee on Ministry (Zoom)
	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer (home)
	7:00 PM	Earth Care Team (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Personnel & Policy Team (Zoom)
Saturday, October 16	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
Sunday, October 17	8:15 AM	Diaconate meets (Blue Room)
	9:15 AM	Sunday School for all ages <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Children's Class – Green Room/Zoom○ Youth Class – Youth Room/Zoom○ Adult Class – Blue Room/Zoom
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Outdoor Luncheon at the World's Largest Table

Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

***You are always welcome to stop by the church office!
As the staff's hours and schedules vary, please call or email ahead
to make sure the person you want to see is available.***



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All the People of Covenant ----- Ministers
 Dr. Kyle Allen ----- Pastor
 Dr. Jennifer Powell ----- Associate Pastor
 Richard C. Rudolph ----- Director of Music
 Ronn Lowe ----- Organist/Piano Accompanist
 Anne Craig ----- Preschool Director
 Cindi DiFrancesco, CPA ----- Financial Manager
 Mark E. Overacker ----- Maintenance Superintendent
 Gail Schuler ----- Office Administrator/Recording Treasurer
 Mary E. Blackwell, Devin Bledsoe ----- Sextons

The Session

Dr. Kyle Allen, Moderator
 Meg Munton, Clerk

Class of 2021

David Brand
 Ron Cronise
 Roger Dickenson
 John Fedison
 Kathryn Overacker

Class of 2022

Anne Currin
 Will Dibling
 Matt Miller
 Laura Jane Ramsburg
 Pranav Singh

Class of 2023

Gene Collier
 Bob Foard
 Bruce Johnson
 Carol Merritt
 Paul Weary

The Diaconate

John Burr, Chair
 Donna Jones, Secretary

Class of 2021

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 Karl Ford
 Donna Jones
 Walter Jones
 Sandra Ryals

Class of 2022

Susan Foard
 Robert Merritt
 Patricia Muller
 Barbara Robertson
 Jinx Weary

Class of 2023

Lisa Farthing
 Clarke Grasty
 Ellen Jones
 Jean Martin
 Ray Martin

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