

# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



**Grace and Gratitude Sunday**

November 22, 2020

# LOVING GOD, LOVING PEOPLE, MAKING DISCIPLES

## Worship

*\*-Please stand in body or in spirit*

### \*-Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

**Prelude** . . . . . “Variations on Kremser (We Gather Together)” . . . . . Michael Graham

**Sparkling Hospitality, Discipleship, and Gratitude** . . . . . Dr. Kyle Allen

**Introit** . . . . . “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” . . . . . C.H. Bateman/Gordon Young  
*Sanctuary Choir Ensemble*

### \*-Call to Worship

Leader: Today, with glad and generous hearts,

**All: let us sing our songs of praise to God.**

Leader: With open and receptive minds,

**All: let us hear and embrace God’s word of redeeming grace.**

Leader: With joyous and loving spirits,

**All: let us offer our never-ending thanks to God,  
and renew our daily devotion to serving God faithfully!**

\*-Hymn of Praise for God’s Amazing Grace, *Glory to God #37 (see insert)* . . . . . “Let All Things Now Living”

*(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along as the choir sings.)*

\*-Call to Confession . . . . . Anne Currin

Leader: It is God who made us,

**All: and God who guides us all our days.**

Leader: Knowing we stray from the path set before us,

**All: let us confess our sins.**

\*-Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**Generous God, you have given us so much. Even in these Covid-19 days, your gracious gifts remain abundant. But with our limited vision, we either do not see them or, regrettably, take them for granted. O God, forgive us. Open our eyes to see and celebrate your good gifts in the created world around us and in the care of loving friends and family. Turn our hearts and minds to you again and again, that we might learn anew to trust in you always and to live as your generous people. Remind us daily that it is your life-sustaining grace that leads us in time of trouble, that provides our daily bread, and that calls us to share what we have with the world. Spark our lives of discipleship, and work through our servant witness, so that others may see their way to you, and be warmed by the glow of your unconditional love in Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.**

\*-Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News.

**All: See the Light shining in the darkness.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ,

**All: we are forgiven.**

Leader: Ignited by that spark of grace,

**All: may we live each day as God’s thankful and generous people!**

\*-Response, *Glory to God #240 (refrain, verse 4, refrain)* . . . . . “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along as the choir sings.)*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

## Teach

**Time with Our Children** ..... Mandy Culley, Children’s Music Director

**Prayer for Illumination** ..... Gene Collier

**Old Testament Reading** ..... Psalm 100

**New Testament Reading** ..... 2 Corinthians 9:11-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** ..... “*Rhythms of Grace and Gratitude*” ..... Dr. Jennifer Powell

**\*-Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA Book of Confessions*) ..... Karl Ford

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

**Anthem** ..... “God So Loved the World” ..... arr. Benjamin Harlan  
*Sanctuary Choir Ensemble*

## Nurture

### Invitation to Offering

**Offertory** ..... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ..... Diane Bish  
*(Please take this time during the offertory for personal prayer and meditation.)*

**Litany of Thanksgiving** (*see insert*)

## Reach

**\*-Hymn of Gratitude for God’s Good Gifts, *Glory to God* #643** (verses 1-3) ..... “Now Thank We All Our God”  
*(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along as the choir sings.)*

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

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**\*-Charge and Benediction**

**\*-Response, Glory to God #37** ..... “Let All Things Now Living”  
(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along as the choir sings.)

Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise.

**Postlude** ..... “St. George’s Windsor (Come, Ye Thankful People Come)” ..... Allan Bullard  
(Please remain seated during the postlude.)

**Ushers will dismiss the congregation by sections, exiting from the back pews forward.**



**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](http://covenantroanoke.org). Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.

**Leaders in Worship**

Dr. Kyle Allen, Pastor  
Dr. Jennifer Powell, Director of Faith Formation  
Richard Rudolph, Director of Music  
Mandy Culley, Children’s Music Director

Ronn Lowe, Organist/Accompanist  
Roger Dickenson, Audio  
Pranav Singh, Video



The chancel flowers are given by the Discipleship Team  
to the glory of God and in the generous spirit of Thanksgiving.

**Special thanks** to our Discipleship Team representatives for assisting in worship today!

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