



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



Graduate Sunday
5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

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Worship

**-Please stand in body or in spirit*

*-Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude “Allegretto/Andantino” Georg Bohm/Orlando Gibbons

Welcome and Covenant Life

Introit “Rejoice in God” arr. Nancy Grundahl
Sanctuary Choir; Margaret Courtney, treble recorder; Ronn Lowe, organ

*-Call to Worship

One: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
All: no one can fathom God’s greatness.
One: One generation commends your works to another;
All: they tell of your mighty acts.
One: They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty –
All: and tell of the power of your works.
One: They celebrate your abundant goodness
All: and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
One: We join the chorus of praise today,
All: and celebrate your loving, wise, and wondrous ways!

*-Hymn of Praise, #430 (verses 1-3) “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

*-Call to Confession Dr. Jennifer Powell

One: God’s patience with us is remarkable.
All: **God’s love abides eternally.**
One: Confident in these promises, yet fully aware of our sin,
All: **let us pray:**

*-Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we know we have disappointed you. We know we have broken your heart, and the hearts of others, by what we have done and failed to do. We know ours is a world in turmoil and chaos, and we come this Lord’s Day seeking your peace and guidance, and making amends. Lord, forgive our past, direct our present, and guide us with grace into the future. Give us the wisdom we need to be patient with you and each other. Lead us in this day of Sabbath rest to find our way back to you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*-Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
All: **The love of God is deeper than any well known to humankind.**
One: Friends, rejoice and give thanks! We are forgiven!
All: **In that joyful Spirit, let us pass the peace, saying:**
“Christ’s peace be with you!

*-Response of Praise, #430 (verse 4) “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

(All children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

Teach

Time with Our Children

Presentation of Bibles to Second and Third Graders

Honoring Our 2022 Graduates

“Pomp and Circumstance” Edward Elgar

Prayer for Illumination Sara Farthing

Wisdom Readings Proverbs 9:10, 15:33
Psalm 111:10

A Reading from the Fourth Gospel John 8:12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Wisdom” Dr. Kyle Allen

Anthem “Clap Your Hands” Alfred A. Fedak
Sanctuary Choir; Ronn Lowe, organ

Nurture

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Sonata No. 5 in Bb Major” George F. Handel
Margaret Courtney, treble recorder; Ronn Lowe, organ

*-Doxology, #591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore, praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*-Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Reach

*-Hymn of Devotion, #339 (verses 1, 3) “Be Thou My Vision”

*-Charge and Blessing

*-Congregational Response, *Glory to God* #726 (verse 5) “The Summons”
*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Postlude “Canzona” Girolamo Frescobaldi

“Canzona” is an instrumental musical form of the 16th and 17th centuries which follows in line with today’s musical offerings. Today’s introit “Rejoice in God” is a paraphrase of Psalm 150 by German composer Heinrich Schultz (1585-1672), arranged by Nancy Grundahl. This anthem was arranged for choir plus flute or recorder and is a delightful piece that was typical of Renaissance music.

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

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

We welcome Margaret Courtney to our worship today. Margaret is a music educator from Botetourt County and has a long history of early music performance and education on recorder. She has previously joined us at Covenant as a participant in our Madrigal dinners.

Following worship, all are invited to join us in honoring our 2022 graduates with cupcakes and punch in Heritage Hall.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of our dear member, Alice Garrett, who passed away on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 19 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Oakey's South Chapel in Roanoke.

Leaders in Worship:

Dr. Kyle Allen, Pastor
Dr. Jennifer Powell, Associate Pastor
Richard Rudolph, Director of Music
Ronn Lowe, Organist/Accompanist
Margaret Courtney, Guest Musician

Covenant Sanctuary Choir
Devon Ramsburg, Acolyte
Sara Farthing, Liturgist
Roger Dickenson, Audio
Gene Collier, Pranav Singh; Video/Livestream

Ushers: Covenant Youth

Faith Formation

“God who holds tomorrow is the One who holds our hands.” ~ Helen Steiner Rice

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