



"In Christ alone my hope is found...  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground..."  
*(Stuart Townend, "In Christ Alone")*

**January 22, 2023**  
**Officer Ordination & Installation Sunday**

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**Director of Faith Formation Ministries**  
**Director of Music**  
**Organist/Accompanist**  
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# Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

## Worship

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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

**Prelude** "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"  
John Behnke

**Welcome and Covenant Life** Jewel Agaard  
Director of Faith Formation Ministries

**Introit** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"  
arr. Joel Raney

### \*Call to Worship

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let the church of Jesus Christ rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: This is the time to celebrate,

**All: giving God our thanks and praise!**

One: This is the time to worship.

**All: Come, let us sing, pray, and rejoice in God's word!**

\***Hymn Praise**, #442 (verses 1-2, 4) "The Church's One Foundation"

### Call to Confession

One: As our lives ebb and flow,

**All: we turn and return to God in prayer.**

One: Thanking God, and seeking God's tender mercy,

**All: let us pray:**

### Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**God of grace and Lord of love, we thank you for your creative genius displayed throughout the universe, and for the days that make up the entirety of our lives. We thank you for Jesus Christ, the solid foundation upon which we stand as a church. We thank you for your Spirit, and for the ways you continue to guide our mission and ministry together. We confess, O God, we have not pleased you in all things. Forgive us what we have done, and left undone, that have dishonored your name, and set within us a new and right spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness and \*Passing of the Peace

One: If God held our sins against us,

**All: who among us could bear the weight of that?**

One: Friends, declare with me the good news,

then pass the peace:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*(Greet one another, "Peace be with you,"  
which may be followed by a personal greeting.)*

\***Response**, Hymn #443 (verse 1) "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

**O Christ, the great foundation On which Your people stand**

**To preach Your true salvation In every age and land:**

**Pour out Your Holy Spirit To make us strong and pure,**

**To keep the faith unbroken As long as words endure.**

*(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

## Teach

### Time with Our Children

*(Children ages 4 – 11 may leave with Jewel for Children's Worship in the Green Room and will return during the last hymn.)*

### Prayer for Illumination

Lee Cutright

### Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:19-22 (Pew Bible, NT. p. 170)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*"Foundational"*

Dr. Kyle Allen

### Special Music

*"Valsentino"*

Thomas Reilly

*Dr. George Miklas, harmonica; Ronn Lowe, piano*

## Nurture

### Invitation to Generosity

#### Offertory

*"Pavane"*

Maurice Ravel

*Dr. George Miklas, harmonica; Ronn Lowe, piano*

\* **Doxology**, Hymn #441 (verses 1-3)

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Service of Officer Ordination and Installation

The Offices of Elder and Deacon

The Constitutional Questions to the Officers Elect

The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Meg Munton

The Laying on of Hands

and the Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Declaration of Ordination and/or Installation

The Welcoming of the New Officers

## Reach

\***Hymn of Commitment**, #525

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

#### \*Charge and Benediction

\***Response**, Hymn #525 (refrain)

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

***Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord?***

***I have heard You calling in the night.***

***I will go, Lord, if You lead me.***

***I will hold Your people in my heart.***

#### \*Trinity Chimes

*Our Trinity Chimes played before the postlude provide the opportunity to sit and enjoy the end of our service with music, or to exit quietly as our Livestream continues for this part of worship.*

### Postlude

*"Praise to the Lord"*

Emma Lou Diemer

**Welcome!** We are blessed to have you join our worship today, and we hope to keep seeing you! More information about Covenant is available on our website at [covenantroanoke.org](http://covenantroanoke.org) and you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.

**Greetings, Parents!** Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a nursery staffed by volunteers is available for children ages 3 and under 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 also offer Children's Worship** for the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

**We are pleased to welcome guest musician Dr. George Miklas.** An adjunct music professor at the University of Lynchburg (UofL), he teaches the chromatic harmonica and the tuba. Dr. Miklas fell in love with the harmonica at 10 years old, influenced by his father who was an avid harmonica player. After his freshman year in music school, he joined world-famous harmonica trio the Harmonicats. Dr. Miklas has been featured as harmonica soloist with the UofL Wind Symphony, the UofL Jazz Band and the Virginia Christmas Spectacular. He has earned degrees in Music Education, Music Performance, and Special Education.

**Cake and lemonade await you!** After worship, all are welcome to gather in Heritage Hall to enjoy refreshments, visit with friends, and make new ones. *Special thanks to Jean Martin and Lisa Martin for hosting this morning – with Jean's special carrot cake and red velvet cake!*

*The flowers in the chancel today are given by Jean Martin and Family  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Martin  
in honor of his birthday on January 21.*

**Leaders in Worship:** Elle Cheatham, Acolyte; Lee Cutright, Liturgist; Roger Dickenson, Audio; Gene Collier, Pranav Singh: Video

**Ushers:** Christopher Bircher, Jonathan Fiedler, Seth Kepley, Kathryn Overacker



**In Our Prayers . . . Church Members:** Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, John Fedison, Mary Jane Fisher, Susan Foard, Lynnmarie Hancock, Tricia McMahon, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Amy Ridenour, Carol Ryan, Jaswant Singh, June and Forrest Smith, Colette Strother, Roger Tims, Jo Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families. **Family & Friends:** Kenneth Benner, Martha Brumfield, Rosanna Crist, Patrick Dooley, Dickie Hinchee, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, Erik Johnson, Jay Johnson, the people of Malawi, Rich Moreau, Mike Overacker, Cordell Parvin, Phil Peters, Mair Rubin, Jeffrey Scaggs, Joseph "Joe" Wallace, Mary Whitehead, Daniel Woodbury.

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## Covenant Life

**Today we are pleased to ordain and/or install these new officers for the Class of 2025: Elders** – Christopher Bircher, Jeff Cutright, Jonathan Fiedler, Sandra Ryals, and Pranav Singh. **Deacons** – Joyce Frahm, Robert (Bob) Merritt, Teri Ponton, and Scott Ramsburg. **Class of 2023, Deacon:** Tomi Nave.

**To our outgoing officers, we thank you for serving our congregation: Elders** – Anne Currin, Will Dibling Matt Miller, and Laura Jane Ramsburg. **Deacons** – Susan Foard, Patricia Muller, and Barbara Robertson.

**The Session has approved the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 following the worship service** for the purpose of 1) presenting Covenant's membership information for 2022; 2) receiving as information the Session approved 2023 Covenant Church Operating Budget; 3) acting on changes in the pastor's Terms of Call for 2023; and 4) receiving the report and acting on a motion of the Congregational Nominating Committee to elect two Deacons to complete the Class of 2024.



**Valentine's Day Care Packages for our College Students – Your Help Is Needed!** This year we are **inviting our congregation to support our project** to send Valentine's Day Care packages to our college students. We need your help to provide items for the packages and to assemble the packages. Any surplus items

collected will be donated to the Pathways for Youth program at the Presbyterian Community Center in SE Roanoke. Details about what items are needed have been distributed by email. There are also a few printed copies of items needed on the table in Heritage Hall where the donation box is located. **All donated items are needed by Sunday, February 5th.** Contact Teresa Wulff with questions. This project is sponsored by the Missions Team



**Holy Hunch Brunch & Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM** in the Blue Room. Come join us for coffee, scripture discussions, and a light brunch! Led by Kyle Allen and Jewel Aagaard. All are welcome!

◆ **The Women's Bible Study** will meet on Monday, January 23rd at 10:30 AM in the Blue Room. Contact Sharon Nanz for more information.



**Adult Sunday School** is studying the Enneagram in the month of January. **In February and March, the class will study *How to Eat Bread: 21 Nourishing Ways to Read the Bible*** by Anglican vicar

Miranda Threlfall-Holmes. This book provides 3 different ways to "eat bread": **From the Larder** – ways that scripture itself uses other parts of scripture, or models and demonstrates different ways of reading; **Grandma's Recipe Book** – historical methods of biblical interpretation; and **Molecular Gastronomy** – the insights and methods of modern theological hermeneutics. Jewel Aagaard will have a few copies available to read, reserve one with her if you are interested! You don't have to read the book to enjoy the study. We'll give an overview and practice the methods of bread eating (or bible reading) that the book highlights. **Please join us in this interesting study, starting February 5th!**



**Wednesday Night Dinners are coming back, starting February 8th at 5:30 PM** – with baked ziti and games/trivia with Jewel! Mark your calendars now! For most of this spring we'll be providing meals for free with optional donation. If you have any questions, or requests for programs you would love to see, talk to Jewel or email her at [jaagaard@covroanoke.org](mailto:jaagaard@covroanoke.org).



**Thank you to all who helped with our Red Cross Blood Drive last week!** Save the date for our **next Blood Drive on March 23rd**, from 12 PM to 4 PM. Schedule your appointment now at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). *Give Blood – Save Lives!*



**Church Library News:** What could the library possibly do with “Two Men and a Truck?” Read our blurb in the February Newsletter to learn about our exciting new venture!

**What do we recommend for you to read now?**

**Anything!!!** There is nothing like a good book to weather through the gloom of cold winter months and those snowy days when curling up with a good book are so good for mind and spirit. Our Covenant Library has any book on any religious topic you can imagine, but we also have a wonderful and large collection of non-religious books in our Adult General Reading, Juvenile and Easy book sections that are all great reads. And unlike the public library system, there is no return due date! Just return the books when you have finished them. Need help navigating our library system? It is actually very easy – just grab Kathy Barnhill, Ruth Johnson, or Debbie Snead when you see us at church to get you started or email us at [LibraryGuild@covroanoke.org](mailto:LibraryGuild@covroanoke.org).



**The Altar Flower calendar for 2023 is available in Heritage Hall, on the wall near the television.** Sign up to honor or remember family members, friends, and special occasions! The cost is \$45, payable to Covenant Presbyterian. After church, take the flowers home to enjoy or make someone's day by sharing them!

Please contact the church office with any questions.

### **This Week at Covenant**

#### **Sunday, January 22 – Officer Ordination & Installation**

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

#### **Monday, January 23**

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Blue Room)

1:00 PM Preschool Soccer (Fellowship Hall)

4:00 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

7:00 PM Finance Team (Blue Room)

#### **Tuesday, January 24**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Red Room)

10:30 AM Holy Hunch Brunch & Bible Study (Blue Room)

4:30 PM Ad Hoc Team (Blue Room)

#### **Wednesday, January 25**

12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements deadline

7:00 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

#### **Thursday, January 26**

9:30 AM The Glen HOA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM Personnel & Policy Team (Zoom)

#### **Saturday, January 28**

11:00 AM Piano Recital (Sanctuary)

#### **Sunday, January 29**

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship; Congregational Meeting

6:30 PM Session meets (Blue Room/Zoom)

