



**November 3, 2024**  
**All Saints' Sunday/Commitment Sunday**

**Ministers**  
**Pastor**  
**Provisional Pastor**  
**Director of Faith Formation Ministries**  
**Director of Music**  
**Organist/Accompanist**  
**Director of Preschool**  
**Maintenance Superintendent**  
**Administrator/Recording Treasurer**

**All the People of Covenant**  
**Dr. Kyle Allen**  
**Rev. Rachel H. Vogado**  
**Jewel Aagaard**  
**Richard Rudolph**  
**Ronn Lowe**  
**Anne Craig**  
**Mark Overacker**  
**Gail Schuler**

**1831 Deyerle Road SW, Roanoke, VA 24018**  
**540-989-3314 • [office@covroanoke.org](mailto:office@covroanoke.org)**  
**[covenantroanoke.org](http://covenantroanoke.org)**

# Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

## Gathering

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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

**Prelude**

"Solid Rock"  
Craig Phillips

**Welcome and Covenant Life**

Dr. Kyle Allen

*During our morning announcements,  
please take time to pass and sign the friendship pads.*

### Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

**Introit**

"Ye Servants of God"  
arr. Mark Hayes

### \*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

One: God's goodness and mercy is abundant;  
all of creation sings God's praise!

**All: We come to offer thanks; we respond with song and prayer.**

One: Gathered for worship, we come to this time set apart,

**All: a time to remember those we love,  
and time to remember the holy promises of God.**

One: We come together to this table of remembrance and joy,

**All: the table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.**

One: In gratitude and with hope, let us worship God.

### \*Hymn of Praise, #326

"For All the Saints"

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession<sup>2</sup> (*unison prayer*)

**Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. We confess that at times we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. Forgetting your abundance, we live as if we do not have enough. In your mercy forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

**Response, Hymn #634** (verse 1)

"To God be the Glory"

*Children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

### Time with Our Children

#### \*Passing of the Peace (*Greet one another, "Peace be with you."*)

*Children ages 4 – 11 may leave for Children's Worship  
and will return during the last hymn.*

## Teaching

**Prayer for Illumination**

Bruce Johnson

**First Reading**

2 Corinthians 9:8 (Pew Bible, NT p. 162)

**Second Reading** Hebrews 12:1-2 (Pew Bible, NT p. 200)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "A Cloudy Forecast" Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

**Anthem** "Count Your Blessings"  
arr. Mark Hayes

### **Nurturing**

**A Harvest of Blessings**

**\*Hymn of Dedication, #69** "Here I Am, Lord"

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Table Blessing**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Communion Meditation** "Come, O Creator Spirit, Come"  
Josquin Des Prez

*John McMillen, Mary Jane McMillen,  
Jennifer Mundorff, Mark Overacker*

**All Saints' Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (see insert)

**Celebration of Giving+**

**Offertory** "Jesus Loves Me"  
arr. John McMillen

*John McMillen, Mary Jane McMillen,  
Jennifer Mundorff, Mark Overacker*

### **Reaching**

**\*Hymn of Devotion** (see insert) "Every Day Begins with You"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response, #648** "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

**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** Fugato on "Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)"  
Richard Proulx

**Music Notes from Ronn Lowe:** "Solid Rock" is an amazing arrangement for organ by composer Craig Phillips. The beginning sounds in the pedal are followed by melody and fanfare, and then the middle section is very quiet, building yet again to fanfares and full organ at the end! I love this powerful statement: "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand, on Other Ground is Sinking Sand." "For All the Saints" is a traditional Christian hymn that describes the common life of all the saints celebrating their communion in heaven and on earth. Fugato means fugue: a contrapuntal compositional technique in two or more voices, built on a subject (theme) that is introduced at the beginning in imitation (repetition at different pitches) and recurs frequently in the course of the composition. You will hear the opening theme repeated in right hand, left hand, and the pedals.

**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). You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to begin this journey together.

**Greetings, Parents!** Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger. Please ask an usher for assistance. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary, with a changing table and rocking chairs.

**Children's bulletins and activity bags are available** on the table in Heritage Hall. **We offer Children's Worship** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

***The flowers in the chancel today are given by Johanna Colston  
to the glory of God and in honor of  
Kyle, Beth, and Elizabeth Allen.***

**Elder of the Month:** Carol Merritt

**Deacon of the Month:** Ellen Jones

**Assistant Deacon of the Month:** Kevin Aagaard



**In Our Prayers ...**

**Congregation:** Audrey Bashlor, Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, Mary Jane Fisher, Dick Frahm, Lynnmarie Hancock, Jay Hylton, Jerry Lawson, Mike Miller, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Jo Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families

**Family & Friends:** Greg Adcox, Rob Ahlers, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Andrew Craig, Jackie Rose, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Maria Dreiling, Cesia Enriquez, Heather Ford, Jim Haugen, Jo Jones, Pauline Mudrick, Kathy Roberts, Bob & Betty Sizemore, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Joe Wallace, Daniel Woodbury, Religious violence against Christians in northeast India, Mission co-workers Tyler & Rochelle Holm and the people of Malawi, Jim McGill (Niger)

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from a prayer written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog *Hold Fast to What Is Good*; used with permission

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*

Music: All rights reserved. Reprinted/Recorded with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-736186. "Solid Rock" Craig Phillips ©2016 Oxford University Press; "Ye Servants of God" Mark Hayes ©2017 Lorenz Publishing Corp.; "For All the Saints" William How, Ralph Vaughan Williams/Public Domain; "To God be the Glory" Fanny Jane Crosby, William Howard Doane/Public Domain; "Count Your Blessings" Mark Hayes ©2009 Lorenz Publishing Corp.; "Here I Am, Lord" Dan Schutte ©1981 OCP; "Come, O Creator Spirit, Come" Josquin Des Prez/Public Domain; "Jesus Loves Me" William Bradbury/Public Domain; "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (Austrian Hymn)" Franz Joseph Haydn, John Newton/Public Domain; "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" John W. Arthur, Ronald A. Nelson ©1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress Publishers; Fugato on "Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)" Richard Proulx ©1991 MorningStar Music-Birnamwood Publications. ©1998 Hope Pub./ONE LICENSE; "Siyahamba/I'll Fly Away" Shores; used with permission.

**+Online Giving:** Give online at [covenantroanoke.org](http://covenantroanoke.org) (click "Donate Now") or scan this QR code with your smartphone to go directly to the donation page:

