Covenant
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



Telling the Story

November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Dedication Sunday

All the People of Covenant	
Pastor	**Rev. Rachel H. Vogado**
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Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

As the prelude begins, we invite you to enter a time of reflection.
Let the music settle your spirit, set aside the distractions of the week,
and prepare your heart to encounter God.

Prelude "How Firm A Foundation"
Robert A. Hobby

Welcome and Covenant Life

During our morning announcements,
please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship pads.

Gathering Praise "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
arr. Jay Althouse

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather as people who are part of God's unfolding story.
All: A story of grace, faithfulness, and love
that stretches across generations.
One: God has given each of us gifts to share and a purpose to live.
All: We bring our prayers, our gifts,
our hopes, and our dreams before God.
One: Together, we are called to be the church,
sharing Christ's love with the world.
All: May our lives and our generosity tell the story of God's goodness.
Let us worship God!

***Hymn #301** "Let Us Build a House"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, you have entrusted us with so much, yet we confess that we do not always live with open hands and generous hearts. We become focused on what we have, what we lack, and what we fear losing. We sometimes forget that all we have is a gift from you. We sometimes allow fear and uncertainty to shape our decisions instead of trusting in your provision. We hesitate to imagine what is possible, hold tightly to what is familiar, and overlook the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us when our fears are greater than our faith and our priorities do not reflect your love. Renew our hearts, strengthen our trust, and help us become a people whose lives reflect your abundant grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Passing of the Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Children are invited to come forward.

The Word

Time with Our Children Jewel Aagaard, Director of Faith Formation

Children ages 4 – 7 may leave for Children's Worship
and will return during the last hymn.

Prayer for Illumination Kevin Aagaard

Old Testament Reading Psalm 65 (Pew Bible, OT pp. 490-491)

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 (Pew Bible, NT pp. 161-162)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"**Our Piece of the Story" Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

Response of Praise "Count Your Blessings"
arr. Mark Hayes

Responding

Telling Our Story

Hymn of Dedication #711 **"**Lord of All Good"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession with the Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory "For the Fruit of All Creation"
Ronald A. Nelsen

***Doxology, #607** "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**

Sending

***Hymn #733** "We All Are One in Mission"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "Basse de Trompette"
Louis Marchand

Welcome! We are blessed to have you join our worship today and we hope to see you again soon! More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. 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! We want all of God's children to feel comfortable in our sanctuary, and **children are always welcome in our worship services.** If you choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available downstairs for children ages 3 and younger. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

We also have a Parents Room just outside the Sanctuary with a changing table, rocking chairs, and toys. **You will find children's bulletins and activity bags** on the table in Heritage Hall. **Children's Worship is offered** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 7**.**

You are invited to share your Joys and Concerns by writing them in the book on the stand outside the sanctuary. If you have a concern of a personal nature, please speak with the pastor or contact the office.

The Elder of the Month will stand with the pastor as she greets attendees following the worship service. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information about Session or Covenant, please reach out to the Elder of the Month or any of the active serving Elders.

Join us for Mingle and Munch! After worship all are invited to gather in Heritage Hall to visit with church members and guests while enjoying light refreshments. **Special thanks to Kevin Aagaard and Ray Zubler for hosting today!**

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cheryl Floyd's birthday last Wednesday, November 11, with gratitude for the joy and fellowship she brings to our church family.

Elder of the Month: David Brand
Deacon of the Month: Kevin Aagaard
Assistant Deacon of the Month: Mike Whitehead



In Our Prayers…
Congregation: Christopher Bircher, Will Dibling, Joe Gentry, Frances Marcum, Peggy Phillips, Jeff Thomas, Hensley Woods, Jr.
Family & Friends: Heather Ford, Tina Harris, Angela Helms, Molly Murden (the Hoge's great-granddaughter), Joe Platenkamp

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe: As we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, consider the many ways we give back to the church, and prepare for Thanksgiving, today's music reflects this season of gratitude. The choir will sing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," a powerful message of thanks for all of the blessings we have received. Our prelude, "How Firm a Foundation," is a wonderful arrangement by Robert A. Hobby, a favorite musician and friend of mine. This arrangement highlights some particularly beautiful stops on Covenant's organ, so listen carefully for their distinctive sounds. Light and joyful, the music reminds us of the church as a firm foundation, built upon the solid rock of our faith. The postlude, "Basse de Trompette," by Louis Marchand, features the organ's magnificent trumpet stop – this time in the bass range, giving it an entirely different character! Interestingly, this piece uses no pedals, only the keyboards, which organists call *manuals*. You may notice that *Trompette* is the French word for trumpet, a name often found on organ stops. The powerful trumpet stop on our instrument is called the *Tromba*. It's one of my favorites, and you often hear it used as a solo stop, carrying the melody. As we celebrate this season of gratitude, I am very thankful and blessed to be your organist.

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