Covenant
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



Psalm 78 (Timothy R. Botts)

November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

All the People of Covenant	
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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 "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant (Kuortane)"
Robert A. Hobby

Welcome and Covenant Life

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

Gathering Praise **"**Christians, We Have Met to Worship"
Mary McDonald

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, let us listen to the stories of faith
and remember the things God has done among us.
All: We will remember God's faithfulness
and share the stories of God's love with generations to come.
One: God has been our guide through every season,
our strength in times of struggle,
and our hope for the days ahead.
All: We gather to remember, to learn, and to grow in faith.
One: Let us tell of God's goodness so that those who come after us
may know God's faithfulness.
All: Let us worship the God whose love has been
from generation to generation!

***Hymn #385** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

You are invited to come forward with your monthly
Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have given us stories of faith to remember and promises of hope to hold close. Yet we confess that we do not always live as people shaped by your promises. We forget your faithfulness, keep our stories to ourselves, and sometimes allow fear and sorrow to overshadow hope. We allow the distractions of the present to overshadow the lessons of the past, and we fail to consider the faith we are passing on to future generations. Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts to remember your goodness, strengthen our commitment to live faithfully, and help us share the stories of your love through both our words and our actions. May our lives point others toward you. We pray in the name of Christ. 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.

Hymn #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Prayer for Illumination David Brand

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Pew Bible, NT p. 181)

Old Testament Reading Psalm 78:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT pp. 500-501)

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

Sermon "Faithful Storytelling" Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

Response of Praise "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Stan Pethel

***Affirmation of Faith** (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession with the Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Giving+

Moment for Stewardship

Offertory "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (Kingsfold)" Jacob B. Weber

***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**

The Word

***Hymn #757** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals" Diane Bish, Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 Terri Ponton and Laura Turner for hosting today!**

We extend our sympathy and prayers to…

…the family and friends of our member, Mary Jane Fisher, who passed away on October 29, 2026. A private service will be held at a later date.

…Ron Lundy and family on the passing of his beloved wife, Judith Lundy, on Friday, October 30, 2026. A service will be held on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Oakey's South Chapel in Roanoke.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by John and Meg Munton, to the glory of God and to honor all veterans for their service, with special mentions to our sons, David Allen Munton (retired Tech. Sgt., USAF) and Major Michael Munton (USAF Reserves), and in memory of our fathers Harold Munton (WWII) and David Tuckwiller (WWII) and dear friend, David Eels (WWII).

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, Courtney Hoge, Frances Marcum, Peggy Phillips, Jeff Thomas, Hensley Woods, Jr.
Family & Friends: Heather Ford, Tina Harris (the Hyltons' neighbor), Angela Helms, Joe Platenkamp

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe: This morning's prelude is a beautiful hymn reflecting our desire to follow God's light and the hope of eternal life with Christ. The hymn tune, "Kuortane," is also known as "Nyland." Our offertory, "Kingsfold," is one of my favorite hymn tunes. Look in the *Glory to God* hymnal's Alphabetical Index of Tunes, and you'll find four hymns using this beautiful melody! Today we sing #757. We conclude with the joyous postlude, "Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals," by Sigfrid Karg-Elert. As we celebrate God's countless gifts, may we respond with gratitude and generosity.

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