

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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Silver Chalice from the Byzantine period,
Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD

Stewardship Sunday

November 9, 2025, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Worship Leader: Ann Morrison

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

Musician: Lars Morrison

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

CHORAL INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord ~ Cleveland

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God on top of the mountains. Praise God both day and night.

Praise God down in the low valleys. Praise God because it's all right.

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & TIME OF CENTERING

Siciliana ~ Pergolesi

LARS MORRISON

**CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The Lord is just and kind, near to all who call.

People: **Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader The Lord has made known his victory; do not to be quickly shaken or alarmed.

People: **Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader: Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught.

People: **Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader: And may God who loves us and, through grace, give us eternal comfort and good hope strengthen our hearts in every good work and word.

People: **Take courage, all you people, for the Lord is with us – Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER CONFESSION ☩

We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering, 'what if?' or 'suppose?' we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well—touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears—heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings—speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON ☩

Pastor: The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

People: **With kindness, and justice, God makes us new people in Christ our Lord. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God, and greatly to be praised! Amen.**

**CONFESSION RESPONSE C54 *To God Be the Glory* MY TRIBUTE

***To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me; With His pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things He has done.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 260 v.3 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

***Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners. earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.***

HT LESSON Haggai 2: 1 – 9 *Pew Bible P.770*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 145 Hymn 622 *I Will Exalt My God, My King* TE EXALTE, MI DIOS

NT LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 5, 13 – 17 *Pew Bible P.961-962*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Luke 20: 27 – 38 *Pew Bible P.855-856*

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 49 V.3 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

Your godly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,

*a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.*

THE MESSAGE

Dig Deep, Depend Deeper

PASTOR JOHN

****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.**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Heart of Thanks ~ Memley*

*Sing Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, your unworthy servants give You humble thanks
for all Your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men.*

*We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, of this life;
but above all for your incomp'able love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;*

*for the means of grace for the hope of glory.
And we pray, give us awareness of Your mercies, with truly thankful hearts
we may make known Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ, Jesus our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

**DOXOLOGY 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (x2)
And now, let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say. "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (x2)
Give thanks. Give thanks.***

CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are—a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Sending

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

**HYMN 270

O Lord, You Are My God and King

JERUSALEM

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**CHORAL RESPONSE

*Go My Children, with My Blessing ~ Welsh Melody
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*

POSTLUDE

Soeur Monique ~ Couperim

LARS MORRISON

✠ -- The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon (adapted) are from the Rev. Thom Shuman at Lectionary Liturgies.

Membership at Covenant United Presbyterian Church

If you are reading this information in our Worship Bulletin, you already belong here at Covenant United Presbyterian Church. Here, all are welcome, and membership in the congregation is not required to participate in any of our activities and ministries. By becoming a member, you will have voice and vote in congregational meetings and can better express your commitment to Jesus Christ through this church. Welcoming people as members helps us to get to know them better and to support you more fully – letting all of us stay engaged and grow in faith together. Individuals may join the church by Profession of Faith and Baptism (for those who have never been baptized), by Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who are not currently active members of another Christian church), or by Transfer of Church Letter (for those on the active roll of another church.) Contact Pastor John to find out more.



Church Announcements



Wait! Don't Go Yet! Join us for conversation and food in fellowship hall right after the service.

Thanks to today's hosts *Gina & David Loebell*.

Donations: "Tithely" at covenantbutler.org or "Tithley" Smartphone App

Advent Project: We are looking for several folks to share their thoughts, in writing, on the subject of Advent that may be included in our worship services this December. How does Advent make you feel? What are your Advent traditions? Perhaps speak on Hope, Peace, Love or Joy. You decide what you feel moved to write about. It can be a paragraph, a page or two, a poem, an affirmation, a prayer – whatever fits your thoughts. Let us know if you will participate. Materials will be due to the office by November 23rd (of course, earlier is better).

Christmas Poinsettias: Memorial (or in Honor of) poinsettia orders will be due on Wednesday, December 3 by 12:00 PM. Please hand in directly to the church office. Please do not put them in the offering plate.

Congregational Meeting: **Today! 12:10 PM Covenant Sanctuary**

Members will be voting on amending the by-laws with regard to the size of the Session.

Mission Ministry:

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection will be on **Sunday, November 16**. Please don't be late as the shoeboxes will be taken to the collection point on Monday, November 17.



Prayer List: If you have a prayer request, please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148, or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net

Please Pray for:

Sammy Peters, step-son of Linda Peters, who is having heart surgery tomorrow (11/3).

Nancy Rice, for ease of facial pain and steady healing after a bad fall recently.

David Blewett has recovered nicely from heart valve replacement surgery.

Christine, Elaine's daughter, continue to pray for her as she continues her journey to wellness.

Pam Patterson, residing at Concordia Cabot – Please note her room is #2510.

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, continued prayers for open doors into FEMA housing resolution for her – now in its sixth month! And work-related concerns.

Scotty McAliley, Ann Morison's cousin in NC, for stasis in maintaining treatments for cancer and for good family support.

For all impacted by Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean – especially those in Jamaica and Cuba.

Luke 20: 38

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Word List

LIVING ALIVE THEM NRSV LUKE DEAD NOW NOT HIM GOD FOR BUT ARE ALL
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(Luke 20:38) Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." (NRSV)