



covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 12, 2026 – 10am

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.

PRELUDE

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Rouse

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 119:105-111)

Leader: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

People: God's Word lights the way for us.

Leader: God has promised to abide with us.

People: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

Leader: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

People: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

*Please rise in body or spirit



Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called “Beloved” by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”



Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN #188

“Jesus Loves Me”

TALK WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



HYMN #458

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet (Refrain)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.



THE FIRST READING

Psalm 119:105-112 (NRSVUE)



HYMN #458

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

(Refrain:)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.



When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSVUE)



The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Sow the Seed

Kathi Bubb

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal p. 35. We say "debts & debtors.")

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



OFFERTORY

"Crowded Table" arr. Andrea Ramsey

*DOXOLOGY #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



***HYMN #753**

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace



Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

1 Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2 Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3 O, Master, grant that I may never seek

so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4 Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving of ourselves that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Reprise "Make me a Channel of Your Peace"

Liturgy written by Rev. Dr. Aaron Shepherd and provided for free distribution by Presbyterian Outlook

Assisting in Worship Today:

Tori Vazquez – Liturgist

Allie Garner – Vocalist

Cherie Brooks – Director of Music

Katie Wynkoop – Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music

Brian Biller– Media Production Specialist

Erin Wise – Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Kathi Bubb – Sabbatical Christian Educator

Rev. David Bubb – Sabbatical Pastor

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Bible Study - Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Lounge. Join Bible Study with the QR code.

Centering Prayer- Thursday at 8:30am in the Lounge



SUMMER READING



IN PERSON BOOK STUDY

Being Presbyterian in Dysvangelical
America: A Guide to Reclaiming the
Good News of Grace

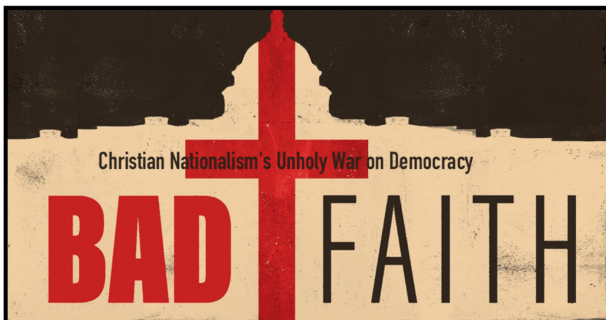
by

Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg

Sundays July 19, 26, & August 2 | 11am

A Light lunch will be served

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/CPCSummerSunday>



The documentary "Bad Faith 2026:
Christian Nationalism in Power"
will be shown on Wednesday, **July 29, 2026,**
at 6:30 p.m. at Overbrook Presbyterian
Church, 4131 N High Street in Columbus,
followed by a conversation sponsored by
the Matthew 25 Team.

Sign up here:

<https://psvonline.org/event/bad-faith-2026-christian-nationalism-in-power/>.

DAVE POWERS

August 2nd

9 & 10 am Services



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Monday, August 3, 2026
12 - 6pm

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