



covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 19, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts" setting by John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome, God's chosen ones, holy and beloved.

People: We come not to achieve status, but to receive what only God can give.

Leader: Come, for God invites us into Sabbath rest as an act of trust and faith.

People: We come to resist the pressure to define ourselves by what we do.

Leader: Come and lay down what exhausts you
and make space for healing and gratitude.

**People: We come to worship the God who in Jesus Christ,
meets us with grace and invites us into rest.**

Leader: Come let us worship God.

*Please rise in body or spirit

*HYMN #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Gracious and faithful God, you name us as your beloved before we have done anything to earn it. Yet, we confess how easily we forget who we are and whose we are. We live as though our worth must be proven, measured by effort, success, or usefulness. Forgive us when we resist rest and carry burdens you never asked us to bear. Forgive us when we confuse faithfulness with control or mistake busyness for devotion.

Compassionate Shepherd, meet us again with mercy and healing. Restore in us a right spirit, a grateful heart, and the strength to follow where you lead us.

(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



THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:1-15 (NRSVUE)

The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God to all who live.
Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-17 (NRSVUE)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SERMON

Sabbath as Resistance: Resting, Remembering,
Repenting, Re-Membering

David 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

“Here I Am Lord” by Craig Courtney

*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 #182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10–14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. David M Cherwien

Call to worship and prayer of confession modified from from a liturgy written/complied by John McClain. The rest of the liturgy from Liturgy That Matters.

Assisting in Worship Today:

- Lind Pratt – Liturgist
- Jim Eder – Vocalist
- Cherie Brooks – Director of Music
- Karla Cherwinski – Pianist
- 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 Begins after service today

*Being Presbyterian in Dysvangelical
America:*

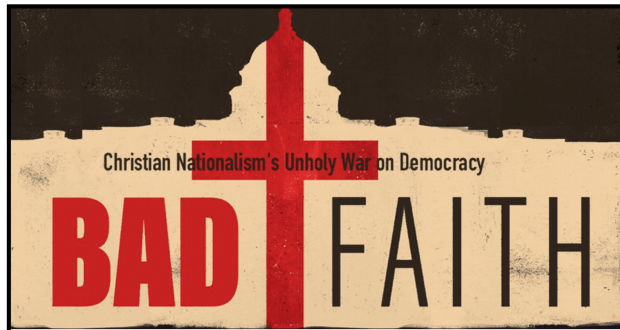
*A Guide to Reclaiming the Good
News of Grace*

by

Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex
Thornburg

Sundays July 19, 26, & August 2 11am

A Light lunch will be served



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

July 26

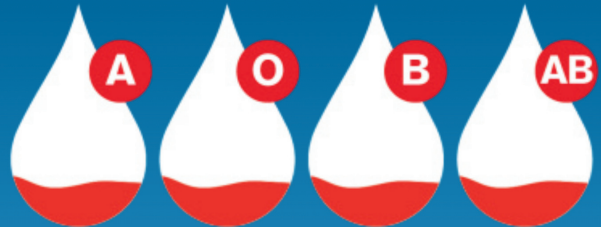
9 & 10 am Services



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12 - 6 pm

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