

covenant
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 15, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE The Podd Brothers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The presence of God welcomes us as we are.
People: To all who seek love, She extends her reach.
Leader: We bring Her our questions and our uncertainties.
People: We come when we are hurting and afraid.
Leader: The weary and the grieving will not be turned away.
People: Righteous anger is received with care.
Leader: In God's embrace, we come to lay our truths bare.
People: In honesty and with authenticity,
Leader: we meet God and one another.

*Please rise in body or spirit

***HYMN 795** "Healer of Our Every Ill"



As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.

Refrain:
Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (Refrain)

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. (Refrain)

3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (Refrain)

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS



HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

1 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.

2 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 THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING Psalm 13 (NRSVUE)

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 27:45-46 (NRSVUE)

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

SERMON "Three Chords and the Truth: Lament"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Why Not Every Man" Arr. Adam and Matt Podd

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 The Podd Brothers

***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 819** "Be Still, My Soul"

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b , "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE The Podd Brothers

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Jared McCune– Liturgist
Whitney Dodds – Vocalist
Adam & Matt Podd- Special Guests
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
Rev. Joel A. Esala – 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

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE PODD BROTHERS

Today | 3:00pm

Matt & Adam Podd, with our incredible chancel choir, choir members from the North Congregational UCC, and some outstanding instrumentalists, come together for a concert celebrating all things Podd!

YOU BELONG covenant

IF YOU CAN - BRING A CAN

SOS FOOD PANTRY

IN-GATHERING OF FOOD

November 15 & 22

Collection tables are set up in the Front and North Entrances. Grab a shopping list from the welcome table for the most needed items.

Monetary donations are also welcome; note "SOS Pantry" on your donation.

Or give using the QR Code

MEAL PACKING

November 22

Help Pack 15,000 Meals! Stay after worship and join us in making a difference for neighbors facing food insecurity. Lunch will be provided after we pack. Please RSVP to ensure an accurate station count.

Thank you to The Jay Fund for making this church-wide event possible!



RSVP: https://bit.ly/CPCMealPacking

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

November 22

Come help spread Advent joy throughout Covenant!

You're encouraged and invited to assist N&O with decorating for the season. After the meal packing event we will stay to deck the halls!

Stay for as long as you are able. All help welcome! Planning to help? Let Terri or Megan know.





ADVENT EVENT

November 29
11:00 AM

Everyone is invited to kick off the advent season with an event put together by our Children & Youth Commission. There will be all new crafts for all ages, a photo opportunity and of course some very yummy snacks!

BRITTLE SALES



Start Today!

Purchase Peanut Brittle ($18) or Cashew Brittle ($23) on Sunday Mornings or from the office - while supplies last!

The money raised from sales supports CPW mission projects throughout the year!



CHRISTMAS COFFEE

December 2
9:30am

Everyone is invited to the CPW Christmas Coffee! Speaker Nicole Envid from LifeCareAlliance will talk about the organization's services, keeping seniors with medical challenges safe and independent.
You may bring a small bag of dry dog food or you may write a check made out to: LifeCareAlliance.

RSVP with Gerlinde in person on 11/15, 11/22 or 11/29 OR call the office to RSVP.



LETS MAKE ART

December 5
1:00pm

Join Kris Stahler for a free, all-ages art workshop inspired by the new
All skill levels are welcome, and supplies are provided.

RSVPs to Megan or at the QR code appreciated,
walk in's are welcome.



DIRECTORY PHOTOS

December 6 & 13

Members! Mark your calendars a photographer will be here to take photos for a new directory before and after church on both December 6th & 17th.

If you have not yet shared your information sharing prefrences &/or updated your information, please do so reach out to Megan to do so

CHRISTMAS GIVING



Have an opportunity you'd like to share? Please contact Megan with the following information:

- Opportunity Title
- Information about the opportunity
- If items are being collected, where should they be left?
- The deadline for giving
- If people have questions, whom should they contact