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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 11, 2026 – 10am

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

PRELUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” by Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us put on the garments of the Holy!
Truth-telling—

People: even when decorum asks for our silence.

Leader: Righteousness—

People: we will be courageous in our care for one another.

Leader: Peace—

People: not the absence of tension but the presence of Justice.

Leader: Faith—

People: because together, all is not lost.

Leader: Salvation—

People: we seek The World to Come in ordinary acts of solidarity.

Leader: Come, let us put on the garments of the Holy,

People: that Divine Wisdom may clothe us in Her blessings.

*Please rise in body or spirit



This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong (Refrain)

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS



HYMN #447

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TALK WITH THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Echos of Joy” by Joel Raney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-24 (NRSVUE)

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



SERMON

“Practice Resurrection: The Unseen Battle”



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Stewardship Campagin

Barbara Marshall

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



OFFERTORY

“My Lord What A Mornin'” arr. Adam & Matt Podd

***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 #307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reprise of "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Anna Mizer – Liturgist

Whitney Dodds – Vocalist

Nan Davidson – Campanile Bell Choir Director

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



UCELLI: THE COLUMBUS CELLO QUARTET

TODAY 10/11 | 3:00PM

UCelli soars through the centuries with old and new offerings in the fabulous St. Joseph Cathedral at 212 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.



WALK IN LOVE

Stewardship
Sunday
October 18th

When we walk in love, we know the joy of giving. Prayerfully consider how you might support Covenant's ministry in 2027.

To complete a pledge form:

Digital Form:

<https://bit.ly/27DigitalPledge>

OR

Pledge Cards can be found in the pews & around the church

Please return/complete your form on or before October 18.



SEEKING DRIVERS

The SOS Food Pantry is looking to add additional drivers to the rotation!

Commitment is typically 1 time a month for approximately one hour.

Contact Mark Owen if you're interested.



Cap City Helping Hands (CCHH)

COAT DRIVE

During October we will be collecting new or gently used clean, coats, hats and mittens for school children ages 5 - 17.

Coats are distributed to schools throughout Columbus.

Coats can be deposited in the labeled box in the hallway.

Questions: contact Susan Imel, susanimell@gmail.com
CCHH is a ministry of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

OHIO UNIVERSITY SINGERS

With Grove City High School Choirs
Join the choirs in our sanctuary for an exciting evening of music!



OCTOBER 14 | 7PM

Give blood.



Monday, October 19, 2026
12 - 6pm

SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT:



Scan the QR Code or
Call 1-800-733-2767 or
Visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: covenant



PODD BROTHERS

We are hosting the Podd Brothers for the weekend and bringing together some incredible talent for a concert on Sunday, November 15th at 3 pm.

We can't wait to share the newly commissioned hymn with you all ... if you can't wait till' 3 pm to hear it, it will premiere at the 10 am service that morning :)



**CAROLYN WINFREY
GILLETTE** October 25th

We're celebrating 70 years of women clergy in the Presbyterian Church with Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. We'll be singing a hymn we commissioned for the occasion; she'll be speaking about her process in forum, and she will lead worship.



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