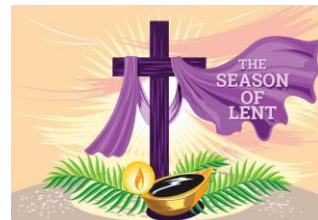
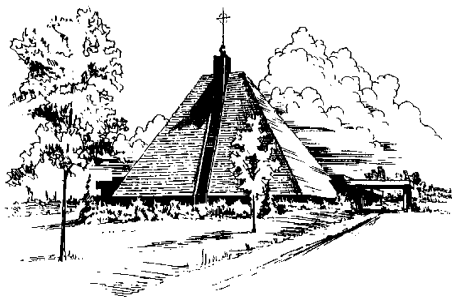


# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## PRELUDE

### BELL CHOIR

"Contemplation on Passion Chorale"  
"The Road to Jerusalem"  
"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Sondra Tucker  
by William E. Gross  
arr. Michael Helman

## GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Leslie Todd

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.**

With prayer and praise, in scripture and in song, let us Worship the Living God!

## HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

(See page 10)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives.**

**God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us: for our lack of trust; for our faithless living; for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus. Forgive us, so we may lay aside all the keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

### SILENT MEDITATION

### LORD HAVE MERCY (3x)

576 Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another - we are a new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### WE ARE FORGIVEN (1x)

FORGIVENESS  
447 We Are Forgiven

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The title 'We Are Forgiven' is centered above the first staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. Chord symbols (G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G) are placed above the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

### SHARING THE PEACE

**And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



## GENESIS 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

## ANTHEM

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
Elisa Muzzillo – flute

arr. Raney

## PSALM 22:23-31

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;**

he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

**From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,**

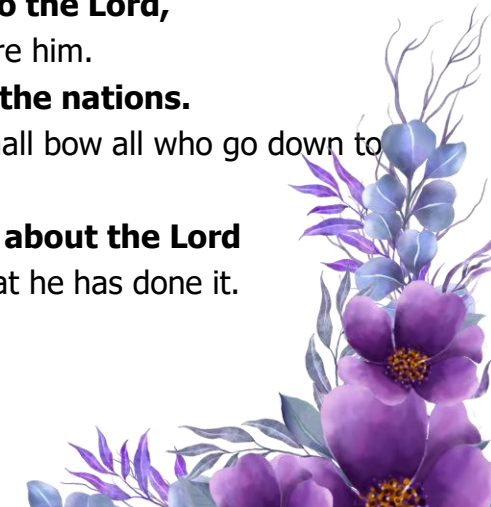
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord**

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.





## MARK 8: 31-38

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

"Bearing Our Crosses"

Rev. Robert Higgs

## PRAYER AND REFLECTION

If you wish, you may want to use the following breath prayer (or any of your choice). The words may be said aloud or in silence

Breathe in: "Help me rest ...

Breathe out: "... give me peace"

## HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

(See page 11)

## LITANY FOR LENT – SHOW US YOUR CROSS

**Show us your cross, Lord Jesus!**

In times of prosperity, when success and comfort would draw us away from the way of the cross,

**Show us your cross, Lord Jesus!**

In darker times of trial and worry when we feel alone, abandoned to wander in the valley of the shadow,

**Show us your cross, Lord Jesus!**

In the routine of each day, in the work we do, in our lives with family and friends, in the light of each day, and in the rest of each night,

**Show us your cross, Lord Jesus! Heavenly Father, as a family of believers in this congregation, we pray that all we do together be governed by your love for us in Christ. Keep his cross before us, so that we are always ready and eager to follow him!**

— *anonymous*





**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the church.....God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for creation..... God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world.....God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for peace.....God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who govern us. ....God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this community.....God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all families and those who live alone.....God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who suffer any sorrow or trial.....God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for the lives of the departed who now have rest in God.

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY**

“Flute Concerto in D Major”  
Movement II  
Elisa Muzzillo-Flute

Mozart

**DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings”

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**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**

**HYMN**

“Why Do Nations Rage Together”

(See page 12)





## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go out into the world ... be with us all. Amen.

**O Lord, may you this week open up doors for us to share your love!**

## BELL CHOIR

### POSTLUDE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Lutkin

**MINISTERS:** Carol Ortlip and Barbara Seither (Ushers), Sandi Pascone (Flower Delivery)

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** presented to the Glory of God by Joy Connolly in loving memory of Willy on what would be their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. EASTER LILY FORM

You can purchase an Easter Lily to honor a loved one! Please find the form in your bulletin and return it to the church office with your payment. All names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

### 2. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cinnaminson, New Jersey, is called for Sunday, February 25 2024, to be held in the Sanctuary following morning worship services, for purposes of receiving annual reports from Session Leadership Teams and Committees and from other church organizations; receiving the financial report for 2023; presenting the operating budget that has been adopted by the Session for 2024; electing members to serve on the Financial Audit Committee for 2024; and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the Congregation or Corporation at this meeting.

### 3. SOUP SALE!

**The next soup sale will be Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.** If you are willing to make some soup for our next sale, please contact Mary Lou at 609-417-5639. Thank you!

### 4. TRIBORO SCHEDULE:

Bethany Lutheran Church will be hosting a soup supper on Thursday, March 7 at 6PM followed by a service at 7PM. Calvary will be hosting a soup supper on Tuesday, February 27 at 6PM with a service at 7PM. Covenant will be hosting a soup supper on Thursday, March 14 at 6PM with a service at 7PM. All are welcome to attend these Lenten services!

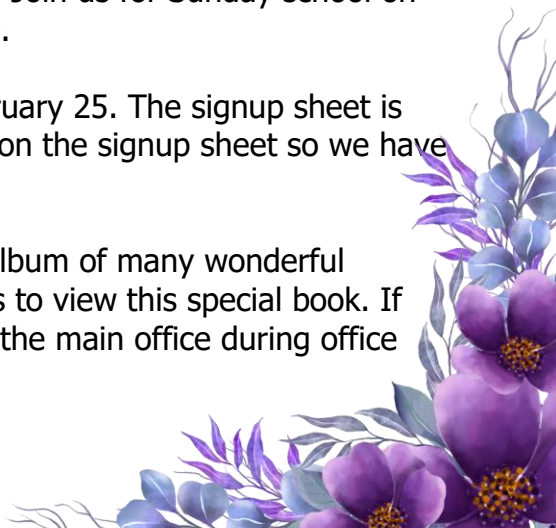
**5. SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES:** Calling all children ages 4 and above! Join us for Sunday school on the following dates! February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 6. LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

Covenant will be hosting lunch after worship services on Sunday February 25. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please place your name on the signup sheet so we have a head count. Thank you!

### 7. PHOTO ALBUM

One of our members, Grace Hafner, has compiled a beautiful photo album of many wonderful memories over the years at Covenant. Take time during refreshments to view this special book. If you do not have time after the service, the album will be available in the main office during office hours.



## 8. DAILY PRAYER

Covenant is now offering Daily Prayer videos narrated by our new Pastor, Bob! This is a wonderful way to begin each day in prayer. If you are not receiving them, please notify Bob, or Greg and you will be placed on the email list.

## 9. FLOWER CHART

The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board for 2024. Sign your name on a specific date in order to dedicate flowers to a loved one.

**10. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!** Members are invited to participate in our services. Please contact Bonnie Cain or Greg DiBona if you are interested in reading scripture or leading our worship services. We are also in need of more volunteers to operate the camera and soundboard. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**11. BIBLE STUDY** The Bible Study will be located in the lounge on Mondays at 11AM. All are welcome!

**12. STEWARDSHIP:** Total Income for 2/18: \$980.00, Envelope Giving: \$880.00, Deacons Fund: \$195.00.

**13. VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AIDES** are needed throughout the Virtua Health System in Burlington and Camden counties. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day of the week. Following a training and orientation process, and Aide may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them compassion and spiritual comfort. To find out if volunteering is for you, please call or email for an information package with details of the training and the process to become a volunteer at any of our facilities. The orientation class is Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am-5pm.

For more information about volunteering at Virtua Burlington, Virtua Marlton, Virtua Mt. Holly and Virtua Voorhees, please contact Chaplin Marge McGinley at 609-914-6365 or email [mmcginkey@virtua.org](mailto:mmcginkey@virtua.org).



## PRAYER LIST

Thank you to Pastor Bob for conducting our worship service and for the very thoughtful sermon. Betty Herskovitz' reading of Scripture and noting upcoming activities is greatly appreciated. Diane Steel provided tasty goodies and drinks following the service. Thank you! As always, Greg and our choir brought peace and calm to our congregation with their fine music and anthem.



Prayers must continue for peace in our communities, country and world.

Please keep our Covenant families and friends in your prayers:

Betty Graham - healing and feeling better and at peace

Julia Slater - feeling better and free of infection so she can have her second hip replaced soon

Ken Bell - comfort and peace of mind as he moves on without Terri who passed away in October

Lisa Grace - relief and rest from many health concerns

Kathy Hood - able to have peace of mind and comfort following stroke some months ago

B. Ann and Dave DuBois - able to feel better while tending to health concerns

Laura Brenner - very good care and feeling better

Dale Neas - he is a cancer patient and has been in the hospital for several weeks. Please pray that he may experience relief through his cancer treatment. He is a longtime friend and active member of the men's breakfast group that includes gentlemen from Covenant. He was the organizer of the Bread of Life food bank and is a member of Epworth Methodist Church.

Bruce - Carol's son has pancreatic cancer and will start chemotherapy treatments shortly - prayers for strength and hopeful results

Carol's friend, Elsie - in rehabilitation for healing through therapy

Barbara Van Tassel's friend, Judy - continued good progress with therapy

Sr. Mary William - Greg's elementary music teacher who was diagnosed with cancer



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For example:

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God by:

*Mrs. J. Smith in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. Doe*  
*Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith in honor of their children*  
*Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith in gratitude for loved ones*  
*The Smith Family*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor/Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find my check for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

# 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of  
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful mourn - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;  
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his  
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

# 758 Why Do Nations Rage Together

(Psalm 2)

1 Why do na-tions rage to - geth - er; why in vain do  
 2 To the chil-dren of the prom-ise God shall give the

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody with several triplet markings. The bass line is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

they con-spire? Rul-ers of earth's vast do - min - ions light  
 throne this day. With a scep - ter forged of i - ron, they

The second system continues the musical piece. The vocal line maintains its melodic flow with triplet markings. The bass line continues with a steady accompaniment.

the skies with mar - tyrs' fire. Truth mis - tak - en, God for -  
 shall dash their foes as clay: faith re - veal-ing, hum-bly

The third system of music shows the vocal line and bass line continuing. The vocal line has a triplet marking over the phrase 'shall dash their foes as clay'.

sak - en, banes of righ-teous - ness a - rise; yet shall  
 kneel-ing, quench the fire and sheathe the sword, for God's

The final system of music concludes the piece. The vocal line and bass line end with a final cadence. The vocal line has triplet markings over the final phrases.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

they reap sore dis - plea-sure, sure de - feat be - fore God's eyes.  
wrath is quick-ly kin - dled; blest are they who serve the Lord.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. It features a vocal melody with two triplet markings. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and some melodic lines.