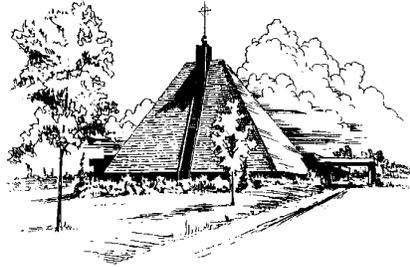


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

PRELUDE

Isn't He

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Enter His Gates

L. Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 112: 1; 4; 9

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, and greatly delight in his commandments

People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful and righteous.

Leader: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor.

HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues

#130

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We confess, O God, we see what we want to, not what you want us to. We choose our self-interest first, then our neighbor's. Our eyes are beguiled by the surface of things. Though the light has come into this world; it is too bright for us. Our own desires obscure your truth. Forgive us and give us new eyes to see as Jesus saw—your kingdom in our midst. Help us to love as he loved
Amen.*

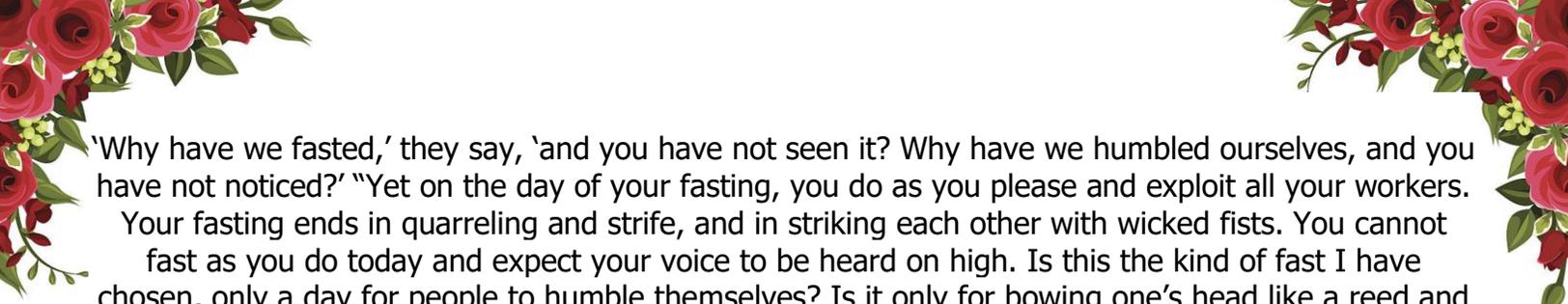
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58: 1-13

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day, they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.



'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. "If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words.

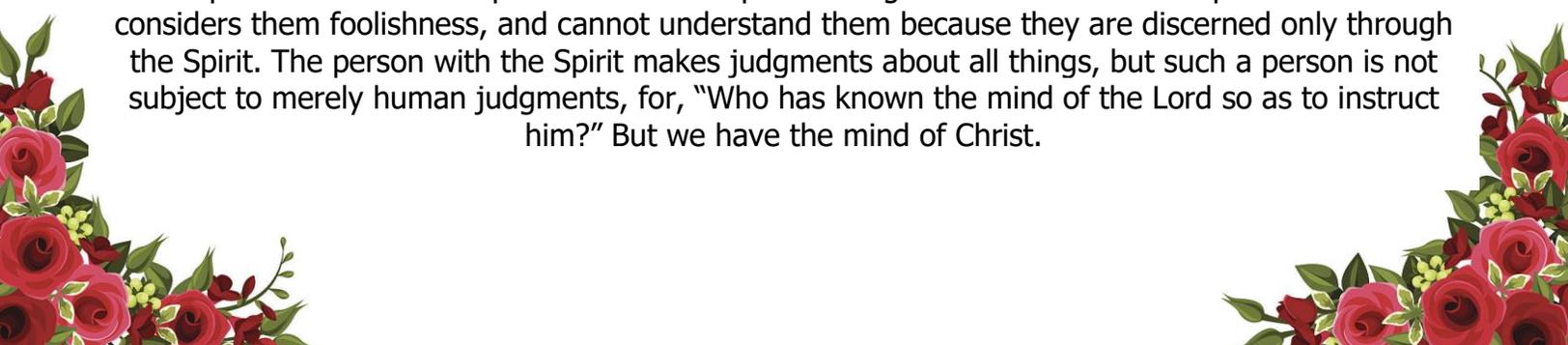
1 Corinthians 2:1-16

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him—

these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.



Matthew 5:13-20

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore, anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come and Be Joyful

arr. Hopson

SERMON

"The Ingredients of Authenticity"

Rev. David Cassie

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#45

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

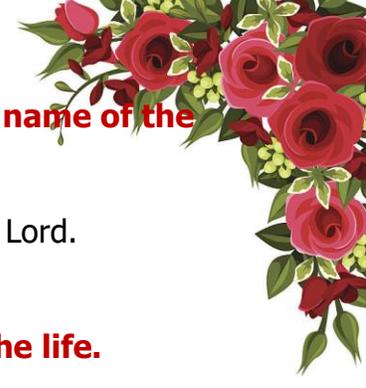
Pastor: Eternal God, holy and mighty,
it is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

Unison: Through the words of the prophets, you promise your people the Redeemer, and gave hope for the day when justice shall roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, your son, the Savior has come and that he will come again in power and glory to make all things new.

Pastor: Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.





Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People: **You sent your only-begotten,
in whom your fullness dwells
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.**

Pastor: Revealing your love
Jesus taught those who would hear him,
healed those who believed in him,
received all who sought him
and lifted the burden of their sin.

People: **We glorify you for your great power and
love at work in Christ.**

Unison: **By the baptism of his suffering, death, and
resurrection,
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.**

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Prayers of the People/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.

Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever more. Amen.

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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CHORAL BENEDICTION

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

L. Larson

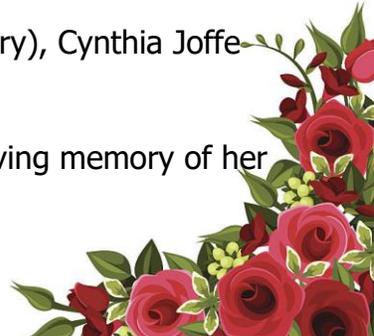
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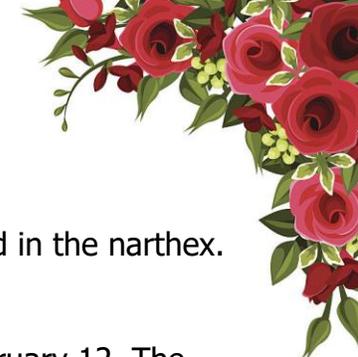
Great is the Lord

M. Smith and D. Smith

MINISTERS: Anthony and Cheryl Cinque (Ushers), Joan Samph (Flower Delivery), Cynthia Joffe (Chancel), Bonnie Cain (Refreshments)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Betty Graham in loving memory of her husband Bob Graham.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

Non-perishable food items may be brought the 1st Sunday of the month and placed in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity.

2. LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

You are invited to have lunch after the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 12. The Membership team will be serving meatball sandwiches. Everything will be provided so there is no need to bring anything. Please use the signup sheet in the narthex so Membership has an accurate head count. Thank you!

3. UPDATES! Covenant is making some exciting updates! We are now able to accept credit card payments for our events (such as tickets for the tea or Breakfast with Santa!). Covenant will need to download the Square app onto a host piece of hardware, such as an iPhone or iPad. The Square Reader can work with any iPhone 7 or more recent phones or with iPad if operating systems have been updated. If you have an iPhone or iPad (7 or newer) that you would like to donate to the church to help us support this update, we would be most grateful. Please contact Mandy Rosica or Chris Todd.

4. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Bible study is located in the Lounge on Mondays at 11 AM. The group will be studying a new book called "Fruit of the Spirit." We hope to see you there!

5. 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.

6. CALLING ALL COVENANT YOUTH! Please join us for Sunday School! Children up to 4th grade! During the 10 AM Church Service: 2023: February 19th, March 19th

7. STEWARDSHIP: Total income for 1/29: \$2192.00, Envelope Giving: \$2112.00, Deacons Fund: \$35.00, Capital Improvements Fund: \$25.00.

8. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cinnaminson, New Jersey, is called for February 12, 2023, 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 2022; presenting the operating budget that has been adopted by the Session for 2023; electing members to serve on the Financial Audit Committee for 2023; to consider either as a first reading or for congregational action proposed changes to the church by-laws; and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the congregation or corporation at this meeting.

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

Women's Bible Study - Mondays, 11:00 AM, Lounge

Choir Rehearsal - Sundays, 11:00 AM

Bell Rehearsal - Mondays, 7:00 PM

Christian Education (Bonnie Cain and Amanda Rosica) - as needed

Deacons - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Fellowship (Amanda Rosica) - 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Finance and Stewardship (Mike Martin) - 2nd Monday, 7:00 PM

Men's Breakfast - Tuesdays, 7:00 AM

Membership (Nancy Perritt) - as needed

Mission (Dave Sutton) - as needed

Music and Worship (Leslie Todd) - 2nd Wednesday, 1:15 PM

Property Care (Chuck Rosica and Bob Jeffries) - determined by chairperson

Session - 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM





Prayer List

WE THANK The Rev. David G. Cassie who is the former Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of West Jersey (PCUSA). He and his wife, Dhyan, were missionaries in Mexico & Honduras.

Many thanks to Rev. Seth Kajang for his friendly and thoughtful sermons throughout the month of January.

Continued prayers for peace in our communities, country and world. Prayers for those experiencing illness and for all caregivers.



Please pray for our Covenant friends and families:



Treva - thankful prayers that she is doing well and that she will continue to gain energy
Carol Grunigen - thankful that she is home and hopeful prayers that her doctors will be able to treat her successfully
Betty Graham - keeping well and strength as she prepares to move
Pastor Lynne - feeling good and a return of energy and peacefulness
Emily Busby - receiving very good care at nursing facility
Etna Kessler - receiving very good care at memory care facility
Emily Minieri - the ability and will to overcome stress and feel better
Terri Bell - prayers for her that she is able to rest comfortably and strength for Ken as he cares for her and their daughter, Tara
Dawn Mozzi - getting good results from cancer treatment
Pastor Bernard Kiner - pastor of Breakthrough Church - that he is receiving very good care and treatment for cancer
Marilyn and Eugene Davidoff - safety for Marilyn when she takes her walks and return to good health for Eugene
Dave - friend of Mary Lou - health concerns
Duane - friend of Linda Ballenger - dealing with difficult health issues
Peggie Massey - our friend in Texas - keeping active and feeling good



Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

Chorus: "Be Still and Know That I Am God."
(Pause)

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches . . . This is to my Father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." (John 15:5, 8)

Jesus said, "I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold, I am alive for ever and ever!" (Revelation 1:17-18)

Chorus: "Be Still and Know That I Am God."

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 130

My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long. Ps. 35:28

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease,
3. He breaks the power of can-cel'd sin, he sets the pris - oner free;
4. He speaks, and lis-tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re-joyce; the hum-ble poor be - lieve.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 45

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Ps. 68:19

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my *Eb-en-e-zer, hith-er by thy help I've come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

How Firm a Foundation 612

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid. 1 Cor. 3:11

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"