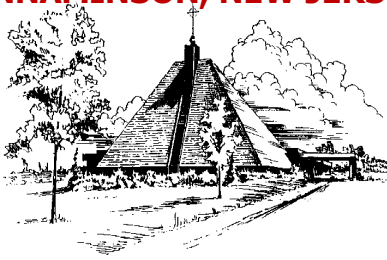


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

OCTOBER 15, 2023

PRELUDE

Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"

arr. Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Rosica

CHORAL INTROIT

Worship the Lord

L. Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-22
Leader: Praise the LORD.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Leader: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise?

People: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

Leader: Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them, that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.

People: We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

Leader: At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

People: They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

Leader: They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

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PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3: 16, 17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Total Praise

by Smallwood

SERMON

"Context Matters"

Zeidler

HYMN

How Sure the Scripture Are!

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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.

HYMN

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CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Out in Song

L. Larson

POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Austin

MINISTERS: Robin and Dave Sutton (Ushers), Christy Jeffries (Refreshments), Christy Jeffries (Flower Delivery)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Julia Slater in loving memory of her father, Robert W. M. Graham.



WE THANK: Frank Zeidler for leading us in worship.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BRUNCH

Join us for soups, breads, and other goodies after worship on November 12th in Fellowship Hall.

2. LADIES TEA

Ladies Christmas Tea is December 2nd at 12:30PM (Tea at 1PM) - an elegant afternoon with full tea service, Christmas decor, and fellowship. Ages 5 and up welcome. Tickets on sale Nov. 5th.

3. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attention all children starting at age 4. Covenant will be hosting Sunday School during the 10am Church Service on the following dates: October 15th, November 19th, December 17th.

4. 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.

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

6. COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF MAUI Within hours of the devastating fire that swept through Lahaina, our Presbyterian Disaster Relief program staff were already working to coordinate with emergency workers on site. Along with continuing prayer support, Presbytery leadership invites your tangible signs of support and compassion by contributing to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief program to aid ongoing relief efforts.

Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church (Memo: Maui). Covenant will send the donation to the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey. Thank you for your support and contribution.

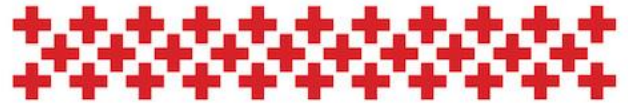
7. BLOOD DRIVE AT COVENANT

Covenant will be hosting a Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 20, 2023 from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. We will need volunteers to assist. Please contact Amanda Rosica if you are interested in helping (amanda_rosica@yahoo.com).

8. BOOK CLUB The Covenant Book Club will be reading "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan. Please join us on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00 PM in the church lounge for a pot-luck dinner and discussion.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive Covenant Presbyterian Church

Main Hall
2618 New Albany Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

**Friday, October 20, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Covenant Presbyterian Church to schedule an appointment.



Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15
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MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

Women's Bible Study – Mondays 11:00 AM
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 (Mary Lou Newborg) – 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

Thank you to Sydney Williams, student at Princeton Theological Seminary, for her participation in our service and for the thoughtful and sincere sermon. We appreciate Dave May coming to fill in for Greg and for his fine music.

Thank you to Cheryl Cinque for delicious refreshments and happy thoughts to her and Anthony upon the birth of their first granddaughter. Thank you to Scott Scioli for keeping us up to date on upcoming events.



Continue to pray for peace in our community, country and world.



Please keep Covenant families and friends in your prayers:

Betty Graham - healing and lessening of discomfort in her leg and feeling better with the help of rehab

Cynthia - continued healing and looking forward to no more brace on her leg

Sandi Pascone's concern for the health of her husband, R.J.

Treva's sister-in-law, Janice - comfortable rest and strength for Treva's brother, Roy, as he takes good care of her

Bobbie Bechtel - continued healing of her ribs

Etna Kessler - good care at memory care facility

Emily Busby - good care at nursing facility

B. Ann and Dave DuBois - they are both dealing with health concerns

Dawn Mozzi - joyful prayers that she is doing well and has returned to work following successful cancer treatment

Mary Lou Newborg - concern for 18-month-old Logan as he is treated for cancer and prayers for good results

Terri Bell - longtime cancer patient that she is able to rest comfortably and feel at peace under the care of her husband, Ken

Betty Herskovitz's friend, Bill - hopefully good results from intense cancer treatment and strength for his wife Elaine

Denise - having a lift in spirit and always enjoying her grandson, Wade

Bruce and his family - continued doing well with their jobs and finding a permanent place to live

Mark Hood - Covenant member who has passed - comfort and peace for his family



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And who knows but that you have come . . . for such a time as this? Es. 4:14

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
 3. Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

God a - bides, his Word un-chang-ing, God the first, and God the last.

God is king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first, and God the last.
 Light of Light, to earth de-scend - ing, Christ, as God in hu - man form.
 God a - bides, his Word un-chang - ing, God the first, and God the last.

How Sure the Scriptures Are! 312

Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Ps. 119:89

1. How sure the Scrip-tures are! God's vi - tal, ur - gent word, as
 2. They test each hu - man thought, re - fin - ing like a fire; they
 3. Let those who hear his voice con - front - ing them to - day, re -

true as steel, and far more sharp than an - y sword: so deep and
 mea - sure what we ought to do and to de - sire: For God knows
 ject the tempt - ing choice of doubt - ing or de - lay: For God speaks

fine, at his con - trol they pierce where soul and spir - it join.
 all - ex - posed it lies be - fore his eyes to whom we call.
 still - his word is clear, so let us hear and do his will!

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... Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave him - self for me,
 2. No mer - it of my own his an - ger to sup - press,
 3. And now for me he stands be - fore the Fa - ther's throne,
 4. His grace has planned it all; 'tis mine but to be - lieve,

and paid the price of all my sin at Cal - va - ry.
 my on - ly hope is found in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.
 he shows his wound - ed hands, and names me as his own.
 and rec - og - nize his work of love, and Christ re - ceive.

Refrain

For me he died, for me he lives,
 For me he died, he died for me, for me he lives,
 For me lives, he lives,

and ev - er - last - ing life and light he free - ly gives.