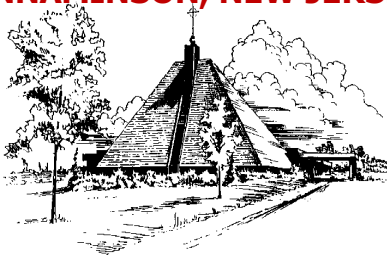


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



REFORMATION SUNDAY

10:00 AM

OCTOBER 29, 2023

PRELUDE

BELL CHOIR

Sweet River
Morning Has Broken
Celebration

Karissa Dennis
Sondra K. Tucker
Fred Gramann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

People: Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

Leader: May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

People: May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.

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PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the

servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Matthew 22:34-39

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

CHORAL ANTHEM

Your Mercy Washes Over Me

Bedford

SERMON

"Faithful to the End"

Rev. Dwayne Doyle

HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

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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

Now Thank We All Our God

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CHORAL BENEDICTION



Go Out in Song



L. Larson

POSTLUDE

O How I Love Jesus

Cindy Berry

MINISTERS: Mike Martin and Cynthia Joffe (Ushers), Diane Steel (Refreshments), Sandi Pascone (Flower Delivery)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Treva Grunigen in loving memory of her husband, Gale, on their anniversary.

WE THANK: Dwayne Doyle for leading us in worship.

He was raised in Medford Lakes, NJ and has been happily married to The Rev. Janet R. Doyle for the past 27 years. They have two children- Sarah, age 22 and Andrew, age 20. Sarah is in graduate school at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL and Andrew is a junior at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI. Rev. Doyle graduated from Shawnee H.S. in Medford, NJ, earned his B.A. in Philosophy and Religion from Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA, his M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in S. Hamilton, MA, and has a MAICS from Fuller Theological Seminary, School of World Mission in Pasadena, CA. He served in pastoral ministry for 16.5 years in NJ, CA, & WA states. His family served as missionaries in Central Asia for 10 years in the former Soviet Republics of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Dwayne is now working at International Ministries in King of Prussia, PA, a 209-year-old mission agency that serves the American Baptist Churches USA with over 120 missionaries in 70 countries. Janet serves as Pastor at the Elmer Presbyterian Church in Elmer, NJ and as a Chaplain at the Virtua Hospitals in Voorhees and Marlton, NJ. The Doyles now live in Haddon Heights, NJ with their dog Annie who they brought back with them from Kyrgyzstan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Covenant's Deacons will be collecting frozen turkeys again this year for Epworth Methodist's Bread of Life Food Pantry in Palmyra. You can bring frozen turkeys or turkey breasts from Sunday, October 29 till Thursday, November 16. As our church freezer can only hold 3 or 4 turkeys, we will be making frequent drop offs as they come in. In addition, the Deacons will purchase and deliver Thanksgiving side dishes for donation to the Pantry. Your contributions to the Deacons' Fund with the pink envelopes make this possible. Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

2. BRUNCH

Join us for soups, breads, and other goodies after worship on November 12th in Fellowship Hall. Please use the signup sheet in the narthex. Fellowship would like to have a headcount.

3. 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.

4. SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

7. STEWARDSHIP: Total Income for 10/22: Total Income: \$1305.00, Envelope Giving: \$1055.00, Deacons: \$135.00, Capital Improvement Fund: \$10.00.

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) – October 22, 11:00 AM Lounge
Property Care (Chuck Rosica and Bob Jeffries) – determined by chairperson
Session – 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM



PRAYER LIST

Thankful prayers for Rev. Kundan Nasir who led us in worship. His sermon was very interesting and provided us with important thoughts about our ongoing relationship with God. Thank you to Betty Herskovitz for her participation in worship and for tasty goodies and coffee following the service.

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



Please keep our Covenant families and friends in your prayers:



Betty Graham - healing of her leg and recovery from recent illness and return to her apartment
Cynthia Joffe - thankful that she attended worship today without the leg brace and continued good healing and mobility
Sandi Pascone's concern for her husband as they both deal with his difficult health concerns
B. Ann and Dave DuBois - strength as they both deal with health issues
Treva's brother, Roy - comfort and rest following the passing of his wife, Janice
Kathy Hood - very good care and peace of mind following the death of Mark
Bobbie Bechtel - continued healing of her ribs and enjoying good friends in Colorado
Etna Kessler - very good care at memory care facility
Emily Busby - very good care at nursing facility
Terri Bell - cancer patient - able to rest in comfort and draw strength from the good care of her husband, Ken
19-month-old Logan - suffering from cancer - excellent doctor care that hopefully he can be saved
Betty's friend, Bill - hopefully good results from treatment and strength for his wife, Elaine
Denise - lift in spirits and enjoying good friends
Bruce and his family - able to find permanent housing in the near future and good care for Bruce's health issues



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 43

PRAISE TO GOD

God is our refuge and strength. Ps. 46:1

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our help-er he, a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sab-a-oth his
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y they may

great, and, armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine 514

Is anyone happy? . . . Sing songs of praise. Jas. 5:13

- 1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
- 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now
- 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

Refrain

born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,
 filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; this is my

sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chr. 29:13

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joice
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - er's arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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