



The Book of Philippians

Come to Christ

Welcome to
Covenant Congregational Church

*Covenant Congregational Church exists to build a welcoming community
so that all generations can know God, participate freely, and grow in faith together.*

Covenant Congregational Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service

October 4, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Rock of Ages – arr. Seidel

WELCOME

Announcements

Judy Buck

Introit

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord – Donald Moore

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

Come to us, God of light and hope.

As we struggle with conflict and difficulty,

And lead us into deeper compassion:

Call us into life.

*Opening Song

Who You Say I Am

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*Invocation

Greeting One Another

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Judy Buck

No Sunday School classes today, children are invited to remain in worship.

Kids' activity bulletins, crayons, and clipboards are available in the Narthex.

Ministry Moment

Stephens Ministry

Scripture Readings

Dianne Sproul

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Come and Persist"

Pastor Ryan

Philippians 3:4b-14

RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer and 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 sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Remember Me – Aaron Adams*

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament Of Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Preparation *Behold the Lamb of God*

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Confession of Sin and Words of Assurance

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hades;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup *How Deep the Father's Love for Us – arr. Hayes*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Closing Hymn

I Then Shall Live

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*Benediction

(Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation – arr. Krug

*Please stand as able.

**Holy Communion at Covenant Congregational Church is open to all who confess Jesus as Savior and seek to follow him as Lord. Others, including children, are welcome to come forward to receive grapes as a sign that the Lord calls all people to himself. Individuals may also remain seated.

Worship Participants

Co-Pastors	Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson and Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson
Greeters	Heather Willis and Bob Hall
Usher	Cheryl Oppen
Acolytes	Susanna Johnson & Ellie West
Worship Leader	Judy Buck
Scripture Reader	Dianne Sproul
Worship Band	Chris Allison, Vicky Papetti, Tony Ivaldi, Jeff Burton, Joe Dorfler, Peter Fredericksen & Pastor Ryan
Choir Director/Piano	Alice Fu
Violin	Vicky Papetti
Flute	Lou Ann Falls
Bass	Chris Allison
Clarinet/Saxophone	Alex West
Organ	Susan Santry
A.V. Tech Team	Jeff Burton, Dave Sproul, Adam Buckley and Andrew West
Sanctuary Keeper	Bob Hall

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Children Are Welcome at CCC

We welcome the movement and whispers (that are often louder than whispers) of children in the worship service. In addition:

- Children are welcome in the worship service. There are children’s bulletins and activities with clipboards and crayons available in the narthex.
- For babies and toddlers, there is a play room off of the narthex with a video feed and a viewing room with a window into the sanctuary. This is also the meeting room for "wobble worship", the class for toddlers to pre-k, which meets during the second half of worship.
- There are no Sunday School classes today. Please join us next week for classes. During worship, children, toddlers through 7th grade, are dismissed to Sunday School classes. Children go to their classrooms and are returned to their parents during the final song of the service. Parents will sign their children in at the table in the narthex and, if they wish, are welcome to accompany them to their classroom to get them settled.

Coffee and refreshments are available after worship in the fireside room, hosted today by the Care Ministry. All are welcome!

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