

Covenant Congregational Church  
*First Sunday of Lent*

Worship Service February 22, 2026 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *It Is Well With My Soul – arr. Turner*

WELCOME

Announcements Ernie Ortega

Mission Moment Heart, Mind, and Strength Seminar

Introit *Be Still and Know – arr. Eckhardt*

GATHERING

\*Call to Worship

For God so loved the world;  
The sparrows, the mountain lions,  
The dandelions, and the people.

For God so loved the world;  
Everyone and everything,  
And each one of us.

For God so loved the world;  
That he gave his only Son.  
Let us worship the God that gave  
and came into this world.

\*Opening Song *Goodness of God* Screen

\*Invocation

Greeting One Another

PROCLAMATION

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
The Rite of Baptism August Rainn Illobre  
Congregational Blessing *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Children's Message

Dismissal Blessing of the Children

**Congregation: The Lord be with you.**  
**Children: And also with you!**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32  
New Testament Reading: Romans 5:12-19  
Response: The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Peter Fredericksen

Hymn of Preparation *When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth* #596

Sermon John 3:1-17 Pastor Devyn

RESPONSE

Pastoral 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 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 *Precious Jesus – Jay Althouse*

\*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

Prayers for Leaders and Volunteers

SENDING

\*Closing Hymn *To God Be the Glory* #72

\*Benediction

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

POSTLUDE *I Will Sing of My Redeemer – arr. Hoekstra*

\*Please stand as able.

## Worship Participants

Co-Pastors ..... Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson and Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson  
Greeters ..... Heather Willis and Bob Hall  
Worship Leader ..... Ernie Ortega  
Usher ..... Bonnie Hyde  
Scripture Reader ..... Peter Fredericksen  
Worship Band ..... Chris Allison, Vicky Papetti, Marlena Silva, Tony Ivaldi, Jeff Burton, Peter Fredericksen and 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 Keepers ..... Ed and Heather Willis

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During the month of February, songs from the African and African American tradition are included with greater frequency as we remember and celebrate the diversity of expressions in the Christian faith.

## 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 to stay in the worship service. There are clipboards with children's bulletins and activities available in the narthex.
- During worship, children, toddlers through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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.

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

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# 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.*