



# 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  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service

September 13, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Here Is Love – arr. McKibben*

WELCOME

Announcements

Introit

*All Who Are Thirsty*

Screen

GATHERING

\*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all his benefits.**

\*Opening Song

*King of Kings*

Screen

\*Invocation

Greeting One Another

PROCLAMATION

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Rite of Baptism

John Carter Wilson

Congregational Blessing

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Children's Message

Pastor Ryan

Dismissal Blessing of the Children

**Congregation: The Lord be with you.**

**Children: And also with you!**

Scripture Readings

Heather Willis

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15–21

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21–35

Response: The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Preparation

*The Steadfast Love*

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Sermon

*“Come Be Transformed”*

Pastor Devyn

Philippians 1:3–11

## 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      *The Gift of Love – arr. Hal Hopson*

\*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

## SENDING

\*Closing Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

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\*Benediction

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

## POSTLUDE

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds – arr. Shackley*

\*Please stand as able.

Worship Participants

|                                                                        |                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Co-Pastors .....                                                       | Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson and Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson                             |
| Greeters .....                                                         | Heather Willis and Bob Hall                                                                |
| Acolytes .....                                                         | Aubrey Allison & Eleanor West                                                              |
| Usher .....                                                            | Tom McCormick                                                                              |
| Scripture Reader .....                                                 | Heather Willis                                                                             |
| Worship Band .....                                                     | Chris Allison, Vicky Papetti, 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 .....                                                | Rob & Priscilla Driscoll                                                                   |
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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 clipboards with children’s bulletins and activities 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 "wiggle worship", the class for toddlers to pre-k, which meets during the second half of worship.
  - During worship, children, toddlers through 7<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.

Please join us after worship in the fireside room, for coffee and ice cream sundaes to celebrate the start of a new year. All are welcome!

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