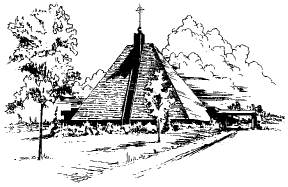
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **10:00 AM** **NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

COVENANT'S MISSION STATEMENT

"To share God's love with all people, to nurture each other, to serve those in need, and to invite everyone into fellowship and worship
as we strive to follow the example of Jesus Christ."

PRELUDE "Chanson de Matin" E. Elgar
Ruth Kiang - Violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "O God Beyond All Praising" G. Holst

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town**.**
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

***HYMN** "For the Fruit of All Creation" #379

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, You love us, and You call us to love You. You show us great compassion and patience. Yet we fail to have compassion and patience with those struggling and in great need. We see them as less than us. We see them as obstacles in our way. We see them as drains on our resources. We fail to recognize our shared need for grace in every day, every hour, and every minute. Forgive us for our pride, self-centeredness, and inability to see things as they really are. Renew and restore us as followers of Jesus Christ who are saved by grace and live each day by grace. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CHORAL ANTHEM "You Are Mine" arr. Mark Hayes

Ruth Kiang - Violin

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

SERMON "Love Beyond Knowledge, Love Beyond Time" Dr. Anthony Dissen

***HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #558

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 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**	"Lord, be Glorified"	#537
OFFERTORY	"Serenade" Ruth Kiang - Violin	E. Toselli
***DOXOLOGY**	"Praise God from Who All Blessings"	#809
BENEDICTION		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	"A Sacred Blessing"	Faith and Paige
POSTLUDE	"Salut d'Amour" Ruth Kiang - Violin	E. Elgar

MINISTERS: Janette Hutchinson, Carol Ortlip (Ushers), Cynthia Joffe (Flower Delivery), Cynthia Joffe (Refreshments)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by David Landgraf in loving memory of his wife, Linda Shipman Landgraf.



WE THANK Dr. Anthony Dissen for leading the congregation in worship.



*Please stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Soup Sale
The Mission Committee is holding a soup sale on November 8 after worship services.

2. Wreath Sale
Scouts are selling Christmas wreaths in the narthex after worship services on November 1.

3. Community Thanksgiving Service
The Triboro is holding a Thanksgiving Service at Epworth United Methodist Church (501 Morgan Ave, Palmyra) on November 24th at 7:00 PM.

4. Sunday School!
Calling all children ages 5 and up! Join us for Sunday school on the following dates: November 15, and December 20.

5. Bible Study
Bible Study is on Mondays at 11 AM in the lounge. All are welcome!

6. Pickleball
Pickleball is on Mondays at 6PM in Fellowship Hall. Please see Bonnie Cain or Diane Steel if you have any questions. All are welcome!

7. Stewardship: Total Income for 10/18: $1871.71, Envelope Giving: $1485.00, Deacons: $405.00, Total income for 10/25: $1760.00, Envelope Giving: $1365.00, Deacons: $25.00.

PRAYER LIST



Thank you to Rev. Jonathan Miller for being our pastor and delivering a very thoughtful and also humorous sermon about our young people and how important and honest they are. We are all God's children. Thank you to Karen Schwartz for opening our service with current announcements and welcome. Thank you to Cheryl Cinque for presenting wonderful homemade refreshments and colorful table decorations. Our choir under Greg's direction provided a peaceful start to our service and we are very appreciative.

Pray for an end to violence everywhere and that the wars and disturbances can be brought under control and stopped.

Please keep our Covenant families and friends in your prayers:

Treva and Carol Grunigen - joyful prayers to see them in church. Please continue to pray for them that they can have very good days and keep strong and also enjoy rest. Prayers for their neighbor, Ivy, that she is receiving good care.
Leslie Todd - prayers for good results and information when she has a cardiac catheterization very soon.
Dave Landgraf - prayers of comfort and peace to the family of Dale Neas who passed away in early October. Dale was a longtime member of the men's breakfast group begun in the 1990s and that included many from Covenant, and he was a good friend here. He was a member of Epworth Methodist Church in Palmyra, and founded, and for many years, led the Bread of Life Food Pantry to which Covenant directed many donations over the years.
Ron Green - prayers that he is keeping well and strong and prayers for his wife as she watches over him
Nancy Yackel - prayers of comfort for the family of Tony Starr upon his death
Rev. Jonathan Miller - prayers that he will keep well as he has several procedures
Chuck Rosica - prayers for healing for Mark
Julia Slater - prayers for her nephew, Brodie, as he struggles to make good decisions for his life
Linda Ballenger - prayers for Kaitlyn, that she is receiving good results in her treatment for breast cancer
Prayers for Carol's friends at the Evergreens - very good care and comfort for her neighbor, Jim, and for Mary Jane that she is getting good care and having less discomfort, and for Jolene who is back in the hospital
Thankful prayers that Carol's longtime friend, Elsie, had a successful stent implant on her kidney
Cynthia Joffe - prayers for she and David's friends, Frank and Mickey, as Frank has major health issues and Mickey is caring for him

Covenant Presbyterian Church
presents:

Christmas Luncheon



Sunday,
December
6
11:00AM

Adults: $10.00
Children: $5.00

Pay at the door

All are welcome for a festive afternoon!

Catered by Georgetti's!

Crafts for kids
&
Christmas Carol Sing-along

2618 New Albany Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 2026
4:00 PM

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Featuring the chancel choir,
with guest musicians:
Ben Taylor (Clarinet),
Tara Rosanzski (Flute),
Johanna Schweitzer(Soprano)