COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **10:00 AM** **OCTOBER 25, 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Martha Mier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Come to the House of the Lord" Charles McCartha

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

***HYMN** "We Gather Together" #376

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CHORAL ANTHEM "O How He Loves You and Me" arr. John Purifoy

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
8 The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

SERMON "Coming to Jesus as a Child" Rev. Jonathan Miller

***HYMN** "Children of the Heavenly Father" #84

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** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" #514

OFFERTORY	"Speak O Lord"	Townend and Getty
***DOXOLOGY**	"Praise God from Who All Blessings"	#809
BENEDICTION		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	"An Irish Blessing"	Mary Lynn Lightfoot
POSTLUDE	"Draw Me Close"	arr. Jerry Ray

MINISTERS: Linda Ballenger and Polly Lee (Ushers), Joan Samph (Flower Delivery), Cheryl Cinque (Refreshments)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Leslie and Chris Todd in honor of their wedding anniversary and Chris' birthday.

WE THANK Rev. Jonathan Miller for leading the congregation in worship.

*Please stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thank you!

To all my friends at Covenant,
Thank you so much for all of your love, prayers, and support during this past month. These have been trying times, but the Lord pulled me through. Thank you to the Deacons for all of the beautiful flowers and to everyone for the inspirational cards. A special thank you to Jonathan Miller for his visit and inspirational message. Thank you to Bonnie Cain for arranging a visit from Jonathan. God bless everyone!
Love, Treva

2. 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.

3. Sunday School!

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

4. Bible Study

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

5. 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!

PRAYER LIST

Thank you to Dr. Anthony Dissen for returning and leading our congregation in worship and for his thoughtful and friendly sermon concerning change and dealing with it in a positive way. Donna and Sarah Scioli served very tasty homemade goodies and a drink - thank you! Shannon Vandzura provided beautiful music on her flute. Thank you for coming. Our bell choir under Greg's direction was wonderful with the beautiful music and we are very appreciative.

Please keep our Covenant families and friends in your prayers:

Treva - thankful prayers that she is home and resting and is appreciative of our continued prayers asking for strength and to feel stronger, and prayers for Carol that she keeps strong and well as she watches over her mom.
Please pray for their neighbor, Ivy, as she is very ill that she is receiving very good care
Ron Green - happy thoughts and prayers to see Ron in church
Susan Staub - prayers for relief and healing following a dental implant that has been troublesome
Linda Ballenger - prayers for her niece, Kaitlyn, that she is receiving very good treatment for a difficult breast cancer
Leslie Todd - prayers for good results as she deals with health concerns, and prayers for Chris' boss, Tom, who is very ill
Nancy Yackel - prayers for her brother-in-law, Tony Starr, following a heart attack that he is receiving very good care toward his recovery
Julia Slater - she would appreciate for her nephew, Brodie, as he struggles to make decisions for his life
Covenant Church - please keep praying for our Covenant family that we can continue to work together and care for one another to keep active
Prayers for my friend, Elsie, who will have a procedure to place a stent in one of her kidneys that the procedure is successful and she feels good.
Cynthia Joffe asking for prayers for she and David's friends, Frank and Mickey. Frank is dealing with major health issues and Mickey is caring for him.
Nicole Peak and family – prayers as they grieve the loss of their grandmother: Margaret Rodgers