

Winter 2025 Sermon Series: The Gospel of Luke

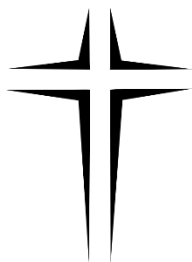


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A close-up photograph of a pine branch with snow and water droplets. The pine needles are green and sharp, with a small amount of snow resting on them. Several clear water droplets are hanging from the needles, some larger than others. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and white, suggesting a snowy or misty winter scene.

AN UNPOPULAR SERMON

Pastor Charlie Berthoud



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Welcome to Worship

January 19, 2025

9:00 & 11:00am

*"All too many others have been more cautious than courageous and have remained silent behind the anesthetizing security of stained-glass windows."
- Martin Luther King Jr, in "Letter from Birmingham Jail"*

 PRELUDE

(9:00) Improvisations on *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Megan Angriawan, pianist

(11:00) "Offertoire" by Louis-James-Alfred Lefébure-Wély

Doug McNeel, organist

 WELCOME

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

 MUSIC

(9:00) #701 Lord, Prepare Me

(11:00) #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

 CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Megan Berry

Loving God, in Jesus Christ you came to bring good news to everyone - and to call us to turn away from sin. Forgive us when we jump too quickly to the good news, refusing to recognize the reality of our sin and the importance of our need to change. Help us to hear the truth about ourselves and our world and grant us the courage and wisdom to leave sin behind, follow Jesus, and grow into new people. Amen.

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#63 The Lord is God (v. 1, 2)

Passing of the Peace

Please greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ. Also, please sign and pass the black friendship pad found in the pew rack.

 CHILDREN'S TIME

Nick Von Bergen

All children are invited to join us on the chancel steps. After Children's Time, children 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids (9:00 only) in C208. See page 6 for more info.

The Lord's Prayer

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Scripture: Luke 6:17-26

Sermon: "An Unpopular Sermon"

 OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings or Commitment Cards can be put in the lectern located in the sanctuary's vestibule as you exit. You can also give online, by contacting the office, or by scanning the QR code on the back cover.

Special Music

"Jesus Be With Us" by David Gambrell

A hymn based on Matthew 25 for churches in the PC(USA)

(9:00) *New Day Ensemble*

(11:00) *Covenant Chancel Choir*

 JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

 MUSIC

(9:00) #740 Lead Me, Guide Me

(11:00) #772 Live Into Hope (v. 1, 2, 4)

 BLESSING

 POSTLUDE

(9:00) Improvisations on *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

(11:00) "Fugue" by Louis-James-Alfred Lefébure-Wély

Sunday Flowers & Staff Update

This week's flowers celebrate Ann Perry's first week working at Covenant! Ann is our new Administrative Assistant. She will be greeting visitors, answering phones, balancing our busy church calendar, and more. She will be working in the office Monday-Thursday from 9:00-4:00. If you find yourself at church during the week, please stop into the office and introduce yourself!



Welcome

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Thank you for joining us!

If you are a visitor today, please visit our Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary in the gathering space where you can pick up more information about the church and chat with a member. If you have questions, please contact the church office!

Masks are optional when in the building. Please be respectful of those who choose to wear a mask.

Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the Welcome Center.

Email: info@covenantmadison.org | Phone: (608) 233-6297

Worship

9:00 am Piano-Led

A piano-led service frequently with the New Day Ensemble

11:00 am Organ-Led

An organ-led service frequently with choir or handbells

Livestream available here: youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch.

Fellowship

10:00-10:45am Bradfield Café

Come join us for donuts, coffee, and fellowship!

Nursery

Hours: 8:45 am-12:15 pm

Our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 3 years old and below.

Follow the frogs from the Welcome Center to the nursery located in room C101.

Next Sunday

January 26, 2025

Gospel of Luke Sermon Series

Preaching: Jess Scholten | "Learning and Living, 21st Century Style"

Text: Luke 10:25-37



Announcements

General Announcements

Office Closed - Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Chancel Flowers - an Easy Way to Support Covenant!

Want a simple way to support Covenant all while enhancing worship? Sign up to donate flowers! Head to the Welcome Center for more information and to sign up. Each arrangement is \$50. A dedication ("in honor/memory/celebration of...") can be specified and then will be shared in the bulletin. Thank you!

Black History for a New Day - Virtual Course

February 17 – May 5 | Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm

As part of our commitment to becoming a Matthew 25 congregation, the Adult Education Committee encourages members to participate in the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development's Black History for a New Day course. The Spring 2025 course will run from February 17 - May 5, Monday evenings 7:00-9:00pm (no class April 14) via Zoom. Covenant participants will have their own small discussion group with Jennifer Morgan facilitating. Please email Jenny Von Bergen at deittejm@hotmail.com for more information.

Luke Sermon Series - January & February

We are reading and reflecting on the Gospel according to Luke together in Sunday worship services during January and February. Luke especially emphasizes the idea of Good News. To help understand the Gospel and encourage perseverance in daily reading, we have a devotional (see announcement below) as well as Bible study classes on Wednesdays in January (see page 6 for more information).

Luke Devotional - It is not too late to Subscribe!

Once or twice a year, Covenant produces a devotional written by members, staff, and friends of Covenant. Beginning January 1st, we have a new devotional to ring in the New Year called "Good News for All," a daily devotional on the Gospel of Luke. Subscribe using the QR code or contact the church office at info@covenantmadison.org.



Organ Concert Featuring Olivier Latry – Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of organ music with Olivier Latry, titular organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00pm. General Admission or Sponsorship tickets (\$100 minimum sponsorship donation) are required for this event, though there is no charge. Sponsors are invited to a preconcert talk led by Covenant Organist Doug McNeel from 6:00-6:30pm. For tickets, scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Hinz at mhinz@covenantmadison.org.



Adult Education

Awaken Dane – TODAY at 10:00am

Covenant staff members Melissa Hinz and Jess Scholten, as well as a few Covenant members, will share their experiences with Awaken Dane. Awaken Dane is a movement of churches seeking to form life-giving friendships and partnerships within our community. You won't want to miss this class!

Visit covenantmadison.org/adult for more info on Adult Ed at Covenant.

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids – TODAY at 9:00am

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches our children about parts of the worship service and meets every Sunday during 9:00 worship immediately following Children's Time. *Kaleidoscope Kids is for children 3 years old through 1st grade.*

Sunday School – TODAY at 10:00am

Sunday School meets today from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8th grade.*

Families! Be sure to grab the **Family Worship Bags** and a **Children's Bible** from the narthex. **Wiggles & Giggles:** Our Lounge is available to let your wiggles and giggles out while still participating in worship. Take advantage if you need to!

Visit covenantmadison.org/children for more info on Children's Ministries or contact Pastor Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Youth Connection

Youth Connection – TODAY, 5:00-6:30pm

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and snacks! *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

Visit covenantmadison.org/youth for more info on Youth Connection or contact Pastor Megan Berry at mberry@covenantmadison.org with questions.

Upcoming Events

Luke Bible Study Fellowship

Pastor Charlie and Pastor Jess will be hosting a one-hour Bible Study Fellowship on the following Wednesdays in January: 22nd and 29th. We will meet in person at 10:00am and via Zoom at 6:00pm. For more information, contact either Pastor Charlie or Pastor Jess.

Spiritual Stroll – Sunday, January 26, 2:00pm

This month's Spiritual Stroll will be at Pheasant Branch Conservancy in Middleton. We will meet in the parking lot at the corner of Clark Street and Lee Street. These strolls are part of Covenant *CONNECT events*, striving to make connections in our Covenant community and beyond. Invite a friend and come stroll with us. For more information, visit covenantmadison.org/connect.

Heifer Sunday & Celebration! – Sunday, February 2 at 10:00am

February 2 is Heifer Sunday, when we raise awareness/funds to support the development work of Heifer International. In Sunday School, the children have been learning about animals, nutrition, and agriculture. They will wear animal costumes while hosting various games. Bring some coins, a checkbook, or give by scanning the QR code.



Fruit for Glenn Stephens – Sunday, February 2

We will be collecting clementines in February for Glenn Stephens students as part of our Healthy Snack Program. If you'd like to help, please bring a bag (or two) of clementines to the gathering place in the narthex on Sunday, February 2. **Look for the red wagon!**

First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, February 5 at 12:00pm

Cook something at home or pick something up at your favorite restaurant to share and join us for good food and warm fellowship! Beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided. Feel free to invite a friend!

Soul Sisters – Sunday, February 9 at 12:00pm

All women of Covenant are invited to join the Soul Sisters gathering at church on February 9 at 12:00pm in Room A106. Please bring your own lunch, and we'll eat and chat for the first part of the meeting. We will explore more of Jesus' parables and watch the video from Amy-Jill Levine's "Short Stories by Jesus – The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi." To learn more about Soul Sisters, please contact Barb Eikenberry at barb.eikenberry@gmail.com.

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COVENANT IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

In accepting the PC(USA)’s Matthew 25 invitation, we commit ourselves to the work of dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality. In everything we do – worship, education, mission, fellowship – we think about how we love God through loving our neighbor.



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