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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church
exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

October 18, 2026 | 10:45 AM

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

Preparation for Worship

Piano Meditation

My Savior's Love arr. Daniel Muroki
Katie Stuckey, piano

Prelude

Love, Immortal and Divine arr. Carolyn Hamlin
Brett Levi, organ

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8

'For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.' Matthew 6:14-15

And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' And they cast lots to divide His garments. Luke 23:34

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

"If you have ever seen a country church with a bell in the steeple, you will remember that to get the bell ringing you have to tug awhile. Once it has begun to ring, you merely maintain the momentum. As long as you keep pulling, the bell keeps ringing. Forgiveness is letting go of the rope. It is just that simple. But when you do so, the bell keeps ringing. Momentum is still at work. However, if you keep your hands off the rope, the bell will begin to slow and eventually stop." - Corrie Ten Boom

"There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty." - Frederick W. Faber

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." C. S. Lewis

"If Jesus forgave those who nailed Him to the cross, and if God forgives you and me, how can you withhold your forgiveness from someone else?"
Anne Graham Lotz

"Are not you amazed sometimes that you should have so much as a hope, that, poor and needy as you are, the Lord thinks of you? But let not all you feel discourage you; for if our Physician is almighty, our disease cannot be desperate; and if He casts none out who come to Him, why should you fear? Our sins are many - but His mercies are more. Our sins are great - but His righteousness is greater. We are weak - but He is power." John Newton

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Worship for the Lord's Day – October 18, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 103 (selected verses)
*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, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the Heavens are above the Earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the East is from the West, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.*****

*Hymn of Praise No. 115

All Creatures of Our God and King
(stanzas 1-2,4-5)

Invocation

Elder Tom Kasischke

Affirmation of Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. "In the fifth petition which is, 'And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors' we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by His grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others."

*Hymn of Grace No. 460

Amazing Grace! (stanzas 1-4,6)

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection

Jesus Paid It All arr. Robert Sterling

*The Reading of God's Word

Matthew 18:21-35

The Message from God's Word

Rev. Alec Cotton
RUF Campus Minister, Appalachian State University

*Hymn of Response

His Mercy Is More

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy arr. Frederick Swann
Brett Levi, organ

Response and Blessing

*Sending Hymn No. 498

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners! (stanza 5)

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*Doxology No. 731

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. Anna Laura Page
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)

**An elder and his wife will be available near the front of the sanctuary should you desire prayer after the service.