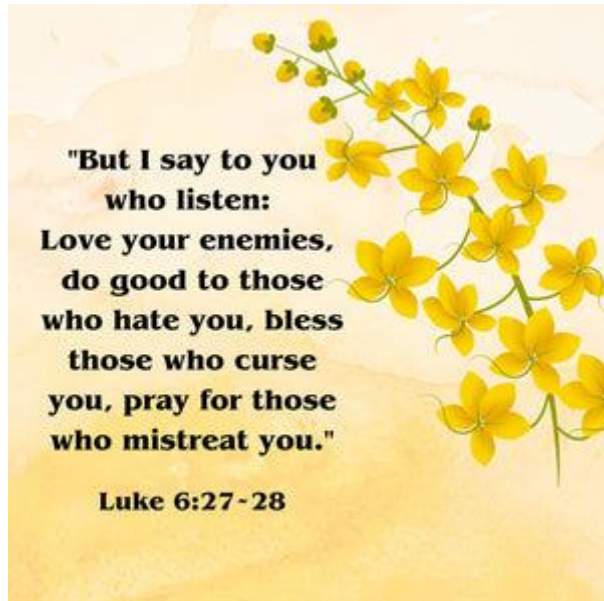


# COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus  
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



**January 5, 2025**  
**Worship 10:00 am**  
**“Holding a Grudge”**  
Genesis 50:15-21

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Our mission  
is to go and be living evidence of God's love  
by the transforming power of his forgiveness and grace.

**PRELUDE** Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

## **WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** Evidence

*(chorus 1)* I see the evidence of your goodness  
All over my life, all over my life.  
I see your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life.

*(verse 1)* All throughout my history  
Your faithfulness has walked beside me.  
The winter storms made way for spring  
In every season from where I'm standing.

*(chorus 1)* I see the evidence of your goodness  
All over my life, all over my life.  
I see your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life.

*(verse 2)* Help me remember when I'm weak,  
Fear may come but fear will leave.  
You lead my heart to victory.  
You are my strength, and you always will be.

*(chorus 1)* I see the evidence of your goodness  
All over my life, all over my life.  
I see your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life.

*(bridge)* See the cross, the empty grave.  
The evidence is endless.  
All my sin rolled away  
Because of you, oh, Jesus.

*(bridge)* See the cross, the empty grave.  
The evidence is endless.  
All my sin rolled away  
Because of you, oh, Jesus. O-o-h

*(chorus 1)* I see the evidence of your goodness  
All over my life, all over my life.  
I see your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life.

*(chorus 1)* I see the evidence of your goodness

All over my life, all over my life.  
I see your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life.

*(chorus 2)* Why should I fear? The evidence is here.  
Oh, why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

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### That Where I Am There You May Also Be

In my Father's house there are many, many rooms  
In my Father's house there are many, many rooms  
And I'm going up there now to prepare a place for you,  
That where I am, there you may also be.

If I go prepare a place for you, I will come back again  
If I go prepare a place for you, I will come back again  
And you know I am the Way, the Truth,  
the Life, to light all men,  
That where I am, there you may also be.

*(chorus)* That where I am, there you may also be,  
Up where the truth, the truth will set you free.  
In the world you will have trouble,  
but I leave you my peace,  
That where I am, there you may also be.

Remember you did not choose me; no I have chosen you.  
Remember you did not choose me; no I have chosen you.  
The world will show you hatred, the Spirit show you truth,  
That where I am, there you may also be. *(chorus)*

I've come down from the Father; time for me to go back up  
I've come down from the Father; time for me to go back up  
One command I leave you: love as I have loved,  
That where I am, there you may also be. *(chorus)*

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**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts, debtors)

**HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD** Dave McClay  
Luke 6:27-29 and Colossians 3:12-15 (Responsive Reading)

Jesus said, "But to you who are listening, I say:  
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.

**"Bless those who curse you;  
pray for those who mistreat you.  
If someone slaps you on one cheek,  
turn to them the other also."**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,  
gentleness and patience.

**Bear with each other and forgive one another  
if any of you has a grievance against someone.**

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

**And over all these virtues put on love,  
which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you were called to peace.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn # 341 (v. 1-4)

Amazing Grace

**OFFERING – GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS YOU, WITH OPEN HANDS  
AND ALL YOUR HEART**

Offertory: Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SERMON**

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

**"Holding a Grudge"**

Genesis 50:15-21 (p. 76)

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**SENDING SONG**

The Goodness of God

I love you, Lord, for your mercy never fails me.

All my days, I've been held in your hands.

From the moment that I wake up, till I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

*(chorus)* All my life you have been faithful.

All my life you have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice. You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night, you are close like no other.

I've known you as a father; I've known you as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.

Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,  
I give you everything.

Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me

(*chorus*) (*bridge*) (*chorus*)

(*tag*) I will sing of the goodness of God.

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

### TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School / D/C

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: Christy Barrett

### TODAY (CONTINUED)

11:15 am Fellowship time (Fellowship Room)

CHYG returns from retreat this afternoon

### THIS WEEK

Mon. 10:45 am 39ers Study (Fellowship Room)

3:00 pm Private (Fellowship Room)

Tue. 4:00 pm Prayer (Church Office)

Wed. 9:00 am Kitchen Detail

6:00 pm WM Book Club

6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Friday (Potter's House)

Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School / D/C

Sun. 10:00 am Worship (Winterfest retreat sharing)

- **JANUARY** Calendars are available in the Narthex and the wings.
- **WM BOOK CLUB:** The book for this Wednesday is *The Small and the Mighty* by Sharon McMahon. We will meet at 6:00 pm at Jean Morton's new place.
- **NEW ZOOM STUDY** starting Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 pm. What constitutes a meaningful life? We seek fulfillment in success, prosperity, recognition, relationships, and even self-sufficiency, but we always seem to come up short. Curious as to what the Bible might say about this? Dive into the book of Ecclesiastes with us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, via Zoom, so you can stay in the comfort of your warm home! Let Pastor Stephanie know if you would like the zoom link emailed to you.
- **GIVING MADE EASY:** Give online in two minutes. Opt for one time, weekly or monthly donations. Open the camera app on your phone and scan the QR Code, which takes you to the Giving Page on our website.

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- **ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS DUE: Our annual meeting will be January 19, 2025.**

**Annual Reports:** Reports to be included in the Annual Report that are already typed are due in the Church Office by January 4. If your report will need to be typed, please submit it no later than noon on Monday, December 30. Reports are needed from:

Pastor (including entries into the church record and membership summary)	<del>CE Board Chair</del> (received)
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Sunday School Supt.
Treasurer/Budget	Sunday School Treasurer
<del>Nominating Committee</del>	CHYG Youth Group
<del>(slate of officers)</del> (received)	UNITE Fund
M & E Board Chair (received)	Trailblazers/Pathfinders Group
M & E Treasurer	<i>Women Ministries Chair</i>
	<i>WM Treasurer</i>
<i>Diaconate Chair</i>	Investment Funds
<i>Diaconate Treasurer</i>	<i>Memorial Fund</i>
<del>Trustees Chair</del> (received)	<del>Men's Ministry Fund</del> (received)

- **All boards and committees** are reminded to meet before the January Annual Meeting to elect officers. Diaconate, Trustees, Christian Education, and Missions & Evangelism Boards must also appoint a representative to the Nominating Committee. *(If you were Chair of any Board or Committee in 2024, please convene an organizational meeting, before the Annual Meeting, of that group even if you will not be serving with that group in 2025.)*
- **Auditor Bill Dayton** must audit all financial records before the Annual Meeting on January 19. *(Leave clearly marked records at Red's Hardware for Bill or give them to Ken Hopkins to deliver to Bill.)* These include the **Church operating and savings/restricted accounts, Investment Funds, Women Ministries Fund, Missions & Evangelism Fund, Diaconate Fund, Memorial Fund, Sunday School Fund, Men's Ministry Fund, and the UNITE Fund.**