

# Covenant Treasures

**Why do you love Covenant Presbyterian Church? There are so many reasons! Following are several responses from members of our congregation:**

The events. We don't just come on Sundays- we spend time as a church family more than the holidays or even special occasions. *Erin Eckenrode*

The warm loving family feeling of coming home every time I come through the door! And, of course, the awesome missions! *Barb Chapin*

"God so loved the world that He," in the person of Jesus Christ, turned NO ONE away - absolutely No One! We love and respect Covenant's ministry because of its Christ-like inclusiveness, inviting ALL to Christian fellowship, no exceptions. God bless Covenant Presbyterian Church. *Lloyd and Sherry Wenger*

Music, ministry, preaching, friendliness, and welcoming us from Central. *Mary Charles Chernin*

Rev. Dave Dietzel and his wisdom. The library. *(Unknown)*

It is always a joy to come and attend this warm and caring church family. The people are warm and caring, and the preaching and music are very good. *Jim Hamilton (seasonal resident)*

We are a community where all are welcome, everyone's viewpoint is listened to and valued, and we give love a higher priority than law. *Don Berglund*

We love the sun coming through the stained glass windows; we love the courtyard with the fountain; we love the bougainvillea; we love to see and hear the children during Children's Time; but what we love the most are the warm and wonderful people we meet here, especially those who guided the church during difficult days. *Fran and Jean Miller*

The volunteer spirit that has come about as a result of the split. We are a warm and caring congregation. *Bill and Betty Whitaker*

Covenant Presbyterian Church is my home. I love my home. *Mary McKenzie*

Resilience! *Brad and Adrienne Prokop*

We love the children at Covenant. From Children's time, to the greeters and acolytes to children's choir we just enjoy what they add to the worship service. *Amy and Brad Rothenberg*

The music. The people. The ministers. Primetimers. *Glenda Van Emst*

Covenant Presbyterian Church is my church home. Covenant is an important part of my family's life, my wife (Anne) and I were married here and all 3 of my children (Kaitlyn, Megan and Ryan) have been baptized at Covenant. Covenant has helped me to enhance our family, faith and fellowship in today's challenging world. *Jeff Schorle*

Through its many ups and downs the core has remained a constant - strength filled with love and faith. *Pamela Coyne*

I love the family atmosphere keeping everyone together . *Emily Coyne*

Everyone is so nice and accepting. It really helps me connect and feel like a family in Christ. Everyone is so helpful. *Molly Rimes*

When we sing the "old familiar" songs that we all know in place of the songs that only the choir has rehearsed. It adds depth and involvement to our worship - at least one per service - our choir is a true blessing! *Scott Fewell*

For me, theology is prime. I see a church that has considered what it believes and does it's best to act on it. The church is inclusive and caring while being invested in outreach beyond its walls. It is Biblical in its foundations which includes scholarship relating to the Bible and the world. Worship is thoughtful and inspiring. The music department leads us in worship rather than merely performing for us. We are a welcoming and serving congregation. As a new person, I have been encouraged to find my place within the community. I see that as a foundational part of the church. *Mary Ellen (and Tom) Frost*

A place to worship, seek the Holy Spirit and fellowship with other believers. *Mary Calloway*

I love the warmth of our Congregation. Our original visit 24 years ago was so welcoming. This feels like family. The smallness now is not all bad. As evidenced by our Stephen Ministry we are about our people. *Barbara Sheets*

I love our mission trips most at Covenant Presbyterian Church, although I love everything we do because it is in God's love and with our faith that we conduct Sunday School for all, programs for our youth and the community. However our "mission" trips are a larger expansion of God's direction to us as Christians to reach out to all people. *Angelette Arias*

I love Covenant Presbyterian Church because it is filled with so much love and positive energy. My children are surrounded by so many positive role models as they learn the

meaning of Christianity both Biblically and by seeing so many Christians actively engaged and walking in our faith. *Meg Hawthorne*

I love the family atmosphere and all the amazing memories I have throughout my lifetime. Everyone makes us feel right at home and helps us miss my husband/daddy Matthew a little less. *Megan Sprung*

The members are great people. *Victor Arias*

Covenant is led by so many wonderful people and ministers. "Surely God is in this place". We know He is! The music, Stephens Ministry, missions, officers, and volunteers. He has and will lead us to even greater service. *John and Ellen Sheppard*

Covenant is blessed to be a blessing with its fellowship and mission. Covenant is full of love and sharing and part of His Kingdom. *Beverly Grady*

### ***What is your Vision and hope for Covenant Presbyterian Church?***

Pay off debt so as to reach out more! *Peter Bercaw*

Would like to see children's Sunday School from 10-11 with worship service for parents at that time. *Mike Verwest*

I love it! My opinion for any changes will be: to have Bible School for kids 10am-11am because parents like me are super busy all week, but I would like to have my 2 kids in Bible School program, too. I will be volunteering one of the Sundays, and I know many parents will do it, too. *Laura Verwest*

We think we have wonderful programming in existence- the music program, Wednesday Morning Live, children's involvement, Sunday classes, etc. Could we have more hymns from our hymnal? *Jean and Fred Miller*

Sunday school program, youth program. *Mary McKenzie*

That our church will be filled with to the brim with people who have a heart for serving Jesus in the church, at home and in the community (eat, sleep, breathe, live as Jesus 24/7). *Unknown*