

THE LORD’S DAY

October 5, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE But Now I See Williamson

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:6–7

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down;
People: And let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!
Leader: For he is our God,
People: And we are the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 620 O Lord, I Love You, My Shield, My Tower

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Unison: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 66:18–20
Leader: If I regard wickedness in my heart, the LORD does not hear me. But God most surely does hear—he attends to the sound of my prayer. Blessed be God, who does not turn away my prayer nor his lovingkindness from me.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 91 (responsive, hymnal p. 817)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Dykes

*DOXOLOGY 731

**NEW TESTAMENT READING John 10:22–30 (p. 896)

SERMON REFUGE
Psalm 18:1–3 (p. 454)
Dr. Fred Putnam

*HYMN 378 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

*CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (hymnal, p. 845)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*HYMN 37 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Church's One Foundation Wesley

*Please stand if able
**Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5–grade 1: Room 112; grades 2–3: Room 110)

Kindly silence all electronic devices
Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex
Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today.
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you through our fellowship together.

If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance register in full.
Upon exiting the main lobby doors, please accept a gift of welcome bread.

Serving this morning:
Worship Leaders – Jim Nagy, Bob McIntyre
Musician – Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk, Greg Fisher

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

O Lord, I Love You, My Shield, My Tower 620

I love you, O LORD, my strength. Ps. 18:1

1. O Lord, I love you, my shield, my tow'r, my strong -
2. Cords of death had bound my heart with fear; tid - al
3. Sav - ing might brought an - swer, Lord Most High. Dark your
4. You came down, al - might - y Lord, my stay, drew me

hold, my rock, my sav - ing pow'r. I wor - ship you! Bless
waves of Sa - tan crest - ed near. "God, my God," I cried,
path; your storm clouds swept the sky; light - ning flashed, deep thun -
up and drove my foes a - way. Your right hand put Sa -

your ho - ly name! What un - ceas - ing praise your mer - cies claim!
"hear from your throne; save me from these depths, make mer - cy known!"
der spoke your word. Wa - ters part - ed; death your sum - mons heard.
tan's host to flight, then clasped me, em-braced in your de - light.

5. Now among all nations I would sing,
praising our anointed Lord, our King.
Hear his cry of triumph from the grave,
see him leap the wall of death to save.
6. His the righteousness that claims reward,
his the saving coming of the Lord.
Hail him, Victor in that deadly strife:
Jesus is our rock, our Prince of life.

From Psalm 18
Edmund P. Clowney, 1989
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SAINT-SAËNS 9.9.9.9
From Camille Saint-Saëns, *Symphony No. 3 in C Minor*, 1886
Arr. by Lawrence C. Roff, 1990

PSALM 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers,

and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge—

then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;

you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;

"I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

"He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

"With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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378 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. John 6:51

Capo 3: ♭ (G) (D⁷) (G) (C) (Am⁷) (G) ♭ (Em) (F♯)

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I
2. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God, here drink with
3. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song; this is the
4. I have no help but thine, nor do I need an - oth - er
5. Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness; mine is the

(Bm) (E⁷) (D/A) (A⁷) (D) (D⁷) (C)

touch and han - dle things un - seen, here grasp with firm - er
thee the roy - al wine of heav'n; here would I lay a -
• heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me; here let me feast, and,
arm save thine to lean up - on; it is e - nough, my
guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood; here is my robe, my

(D⁷) ♭ (G) (C) (G) (D⁷) (G) ♭

hand th'e - ter - nal grace, and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
side each earth - ly load, here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
• feast - ing, still pro - long the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
Lord, e - nough in - deed; my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone,
ref - uge, and my peace, thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.

Horatius Bonar, 1855

MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.
Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

THE APOSTLES' CREED



I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings.
It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed
into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

HIS POWER

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

PSALM 46
The Psalter, 1912

MATERNA C. M. D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

1. God is our Ref-uge and our Strength, Our ev - er pres-ent aid,
2. A riv - er flows whose streams make glad The cit - y of our God,
3. The na - tions raged, the king-doms moved, But when his voice was heard
4. O come, be-hold what won-drous works Je - ho-vah's hand has wrought;
5. Be still and know that I am God, O'er all ex - alt - ed high;
And, there-fore, though the earth re-move, We will not be a - fraid;
The ho - ly place where-in the Lord Most high has his a - bode;
The trou-bled earth was stilled to peace Be - fore his might-y word.
Come, see what des - o - la - tion great He on the earth has brought.
The sub-ject na - tions of the earth My Name shall mag - ni - fy. -
Though hills a - midst the seas be cast, Though foam-ing wa - ters roar,
Since God is in the midst of her, Un-moved her walls shall stand,
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, Our safe - ty to se - cure;
To ut - most ends of all the earth He caus - es war to cease;
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, Our safe - ty to se - cure;
Yea, though the might-y bil - lows shake The moun-tains on the shore,
For God will be her ear - ly help, When trou-ble is at hand.
The God of Ja - cob is for us A ref - uge strong and sure.
The weap - ons of the strong de-stroyed, He makes a - bid - ing peace.
The God of Ja - cob is for us A ref - uge strong and sure. A - MEN.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant's annual report is now available in the latest *Covenant Update*. Hard copies are also in the narthex, or you may contact the church office to request that one be placed in your church mailbox. The report includes an update on all ministries as well as messages from our pastors. It also contains the 2026 proposed budget, membership statistics, and a list of all boards, committees, and ministry leaders.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the Senior Fellowship trip on Tuesday, October 14 at 12:00 p.m. to Bach at Noon in Bethlehem, PA. Carpooling is strongly recommended. Lunch will follow at The Coopersburg Diner at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with any questions.

Today is the last day to return the RSVP form for Covenant's catered dinner on Friday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. with the annual meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. Extra forms are available in the narthex and should be returned to Adrienne McMillan.

The following Covenant children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on October 19: Theodore Estevez, Quinn Heine, and Elizabeth Malysz. Thank you for your prayers for their families as we look forward to this special occasion.

Plans continue to proceed toward John Rohrman's transition to Springton Lake Presbyterian Church at the end of November. In order to properly celebrate John's service and send the Rohrmans with our blessing and thanks, a special celebration of ministry will be held on Saturday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Please join us as we thank the Lord for John's ministry, sing praise to God, and share reflections. Light refreshments will be served following the program, and a sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

People of all ages are invited to join us for a guided bus tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield sponsored by the Senior Fellowship on Saturday, December 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Restroom facilities are available on the bus. Forms may be found in mailboxes and in the narthex. Please contact Joan Freed with questions.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 10/5	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments in Far Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	High School Bell Choir Practice
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group

Monday 10/6

Tuesday 10/7	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday 10/8

Thursday 10/9	7:00	p.m.	Deacons’ Meeting
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Friday 10/10

Saturday 10/11	9:00	a.m.	Fall Work Day (until 2:00 p.m.)
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group Corn Maze

Sunday 10/12	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	High School Bell Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org



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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Lynn Kluizenaar
Barbara Kolbe
Jim & Diana Lowery
Erwin Morrison
John Rohrman

Grieving

Yates Family

Missions

The Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf’s vision is to reach, teach, and nurture the deaf of Jamaica, all in the name of Christ. Covenant has sent week-long teams to Jamaica several times over the past two decades. School began this week at their Knockpatrick and Kingston campuses where they have children of K-12 ages. They had 14 new students enroll just in the first week of school and are expecting more in the coming weeks. According to their latest newsletter, “the bounty of new faces is due to prayers, the hand of God, and the hard work of our new Reach Officer Lyneve McLeish.” Many of these students will be learning sign language for the first time. It’s important for CCCD to find sponsors for the children so their basic needs can be met as they stay at the school campuses. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please go to their website - <https://www.cccdjamaica.org/>. At CCCD’s Jamaica Deaf Village (JDV), they will have a new missionary couple starting in January. Cam and Ashley Staal will help staff JDV as individuals and families transition from life as a student to life as an adult.

Please pray for the following:

-for God to lead deaf students to CCCD’s campuses where they can learn and grow in their walk with the Lord and for sponsors for the new students

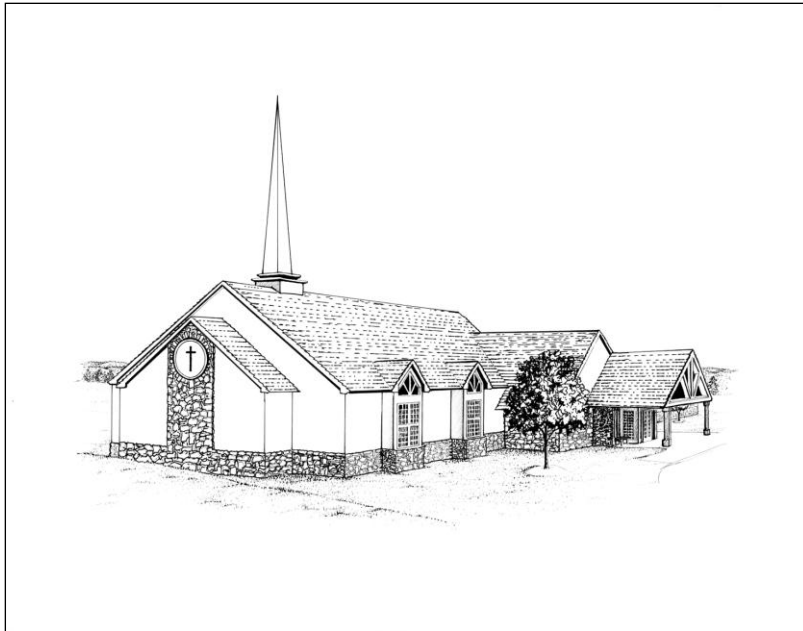
-for the faculty and staff at Knockpatrick and Kingston, for God to give them wisdom and perseverance to teach and mentor these young people

-for Cam and Ashley Staal as they transition from their current vocations to full-time missionary service at JDV

SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ella Clement	Ashley Benoit	A. Rohrman	George & Cathy Schmidt
Heart Hiders Room 110	Joy Schmidt	Ashley O’Hara	Denise Brill	D. Dietterich
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Kristen Jones	Cathy Nagy	Lydia Evans Emry Evans	L. Gottschalk
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Sarah Iannotti Jessica Fox	Diane Dietterich Lydia Moyer	Jill Buhay Jasmine Muhlfeld	Nicole Yates D. Rutkowski
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall	Abigail English Luke Snyder	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	C. Grosshanten Heidi Moyer
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Jonathan & Ashley O’Hara	Kathy McHale	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfeld
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	David & Joy Schmidt	Katelyn Reist	Jason Clement
Welcome Bread Bakers	Carolyn Ford	John Cattich	Debbie Schultz	Liana Potgieter
Greeters	Andy & Carolyn Ford	George & Cathy Schmidt	Henry & Debbie Schultz	Jake & Melanie Medendorp
Ushers	Steve Rutkowski George Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	Byron Childs Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Dan Benoit Rick Castor Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Jim Taylor	Tom Buhay Mark Kleeman Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church
is to help people know Christ,
grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*