

October 12, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 96

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name!

*HYMN 55 To God Be the Glory

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Righteous Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and broken your good commands. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, or strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We deserve the eternal judgment that you have justly decreed. Yet it is your nature to be rich in mercy. Therefore, we are encouraged to come to you, just as we are. We have no excuse or plea but that Jesus' blood was shed for us while we were yet sinners. For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and transform us through the righteousness of our Savior. For we pray in His Name. Amen.

Leader: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... but because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 19:8–30 (p. 271)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY When Peace Like a River Jones

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 21:15–19 (p. 907)

**HYMN 486 God, Be Merciful to Me

SERMON

THE GRACE OF THE KING
2 Samuel 19:8–43 (p. 271)
Dr. John Muhlfield

*HYMN 460 Amazing Grace!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sortie Pierné

**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 worshiping 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 – Juan Estevez, Thomas Potgieter
Musician – Rebekah Hillman, Emilie Park, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher

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To God Be the Glory

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,
 praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.
 Mod.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11
 William H. Doane, 1875

God, Be Merciful to Me

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Ps. 51:1

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

From Psalm 51:1-15
 The Psalter, 1912

REDHEAD 76 7.7.7.7.7.7.
 Richard Redhead, 1853

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Amazing Grace!

Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?
 1 Chron. 17:16

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 and mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779
 St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.
 Traditional American melody
 Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant’s Harvest Festival on Friday, October 24 is fast approaching! You may sign up in the narthex to donate food and drinks as well as to volunteer for set-up, clean-up, serving, or other activities. Postcards are also available in the narthex to use as invitations for your friends and neighbors.

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.

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. Covenant member Arch Hunter will serve as our guide. Please bring a bagged lunch, which can be eaten before we arrive at Gettysburg or while on the battlefield. Please return the bottom portion of the sheet found in the mailboxes along with a check made payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church for \$42.00 per person to Joan Freed’s church mailbox by Sunday, October 19. Please contact Joan Freed with questions.



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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
Monday 10/13			
Tuesday 10/14	12:00	p.m.	Senior Fellowship Bach at Noon (depart at 10:00 a.m.)
	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday 10/15			
Thursday 10/16	7:00	p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Friday 10/17	6:00	p.m.	Annual Dinner
	7:00	p.m.	Annual Meeting
Saturday 10/18	9:00	a.m.	Fall Workday Rain Date
Sunday 10/19	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
	5:00	p.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	6:00	p.m.	Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & Youth Group

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

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

<i>Health Related</i>	<i>Grieving</i>
<i>Lynn Kluizenaar</i>	<i>Yates Family</i>
<i>Barbara Kolbe</i>	
<i>Jim & Diana Lowery</i>	
<i>Erwin Morrison</i>	
<i>John Rohrman</i>	

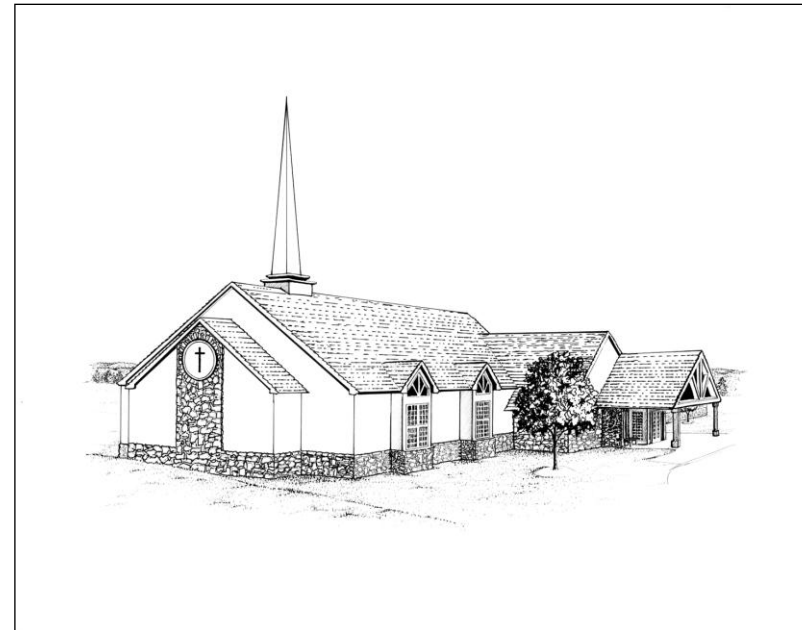
Missions

The Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Response Team exists to come to the aide of churches when disaster hits them and their communities. When the historic floodwaters of Hurricane Helene receded in Western North Carolina, the community quickly realized there was a lack of housing for displaced, underserved families. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) Disaster Response and Landis OPC jointly made a decision to build homes to help meet this need. MNA Disaster Response was asked to help by supplying a twelve-person mobile bunkhouse for use by the traveling volunteer construction teams. The project which began in November of 2024 is now completed. The MNA Disaster Response Specialist for the Midwest has been coordinating the response to the May 2025 tornado that touched down in St Louis, Missouri. Several loads of relief kits and Sheds of Hope kits have been sent and local leaders have been trained on the proper way to assemble the sheds on homeowner properties. The Disaster Response Team has incurred major expenses here and will continue to do so for many months. Please pray for this ongoing work, for preparation for the upcoming hurricane season and for needed financial resources.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ashley Benoit	A. Rohrman	George & Cathy Schmidt	Sarah Keating
Heart Hiders Room 110	Ashley O'Hara	Denise Brill	D. Dietterich	Ella Clement
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Cathy Nagy	Lydia Evans Emry Evans	L. Gottschalk	Barb Markwalter
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Diane Dietterich Lydia Moyer	Jill Buhay Jasmine Muhlfeld	Nicole Yates D. Rutkowski	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Abigail English Luke Snyder	C. Grosshanten D. Rutkowski	Carrie Rutkowski Heidi Moyer	Yvonna Marshall Jayda Marshall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Kathy McHale	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfeld	Ruth Clement, Amy Muhlfeld, & M. Wambold
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	David & Joy Schmidt	Katelyn Reist	Jason Clement	Jason Clement
Welcome Bread Bakers	John Cattich	Debbie Schultz	Liana Potgieter	Debbie Schultz
Greeters	George & Cathy Schmidt	Henry & Debbie Schultz	Jake & Melanie Medendorp	Paul & Marie Baldwin
Ushers	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	Steve Rutkowski George Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski

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.*