

THE LORD’S DAY
October 26, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Holy, Holy, Holy Macchia

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble!

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Leader: Come and see the works of the LORD, he makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!**

INVOCATION

*HYMN 92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Father, we lament the world of sin and suffering that we see around us. We mourn the injustice and immorality that is so prevalent. Yet we confess that it is our sin, starting with the sin of our first parents, that has led us to this place. Our disordered world bears witness to our disordered hearts apart from your grace. Forgive us our sin of seeking to invert our proper place of submission before you with the elevated posture of selfish pride. Set our hearts, and eventually our world, aright through the atoning blood of your Son and bring reformation and revival to our land. For we pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 43:25
Leader: I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65:17–25 (p. 624)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Blessed Trinity McDonald

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 1 (p. 986)

**HYMN 251 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

SERMON THE WORLD TURNED RIGHT SIDE UP
Acts 17:1–9 (p. 926)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 713 Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Recessional on "Sine Nomine" Williams

**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 – Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk
Musician – Adult Choir, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk, Greg Fisher

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the our right man on our side, the
 do - us; we will not fear, for God hath willed, his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

EV' FESTE BURG, 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.
 Martin Luther, 1529

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. Is. 32:2

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:

the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day,
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness,
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872
 Alt. 1990

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.
 Frederick C. Meyer, 1881

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Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. Luke 1:50

1. Great King of na - tions, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
 2. The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not a - way;
 3. Our fa - thers' sins were man - i - fold, and ours no less we own,
 4. When dan - gers, like a storm - y sea, be - set our coun - try round,

and hum - bly, with u - nit - ed cry, to you for mer - cy call.
 but hear us from your loft - y throne, and help us when we pray.
 yet won - drous - ly from age to age your good - ness has been shown.
 to you we looked, to you we cried, and help in you was found.

5. With one consent we meekly bow
 beneath your chas't'ning hand,
 and, pouring forth confession meet,
 mourn with our mourning land.

6. With pitying eye behold our need,
 as thus we lift our prayer;
 correct us with your judgments, Lord,
 then let your mercy spare.

John H. Gurney, 1838
 Mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
 Attr. to William Croft, 1675-1727
 Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Fest outreach on Friday evening! It was our pleasure to once again host hundreds of guests from our community as we sought to share the love of Christ in word and deed. Please continue to pray for those who attended, especially the people who visited our outreach and prayer tables.

Today is the last day to sign up for the Women’s Hymn Sing on Saturday, November 1 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at Covenant. Refreshments will be available in the narthex, followed by a hymn sing in the sanctuary. Please contact Liana Potgieter with questions.

The OCC Packing Party will take place on Sunday, November 9 from 2:00–4:30 p.m., or until supplies run out. We will utilize items that have been donated by the congregation throughout the year. Please join us and stay as long as your schedule allows. Supervised children are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served. Each shoebox costs \$10 to ship. Any monetary donations to help cover shipping Covenant shoeboxes would be appreciated. Checks can be made payable to Samaritan’s Purse and can either be placed in Sandy McIntyre’s mailbox or brought to the packing party.

The Senior Fellowship will gather at the church on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:30 a.m. for a turkey lunch followed by a presentation by Pastor Rohrman. Please sign up in the narthex by November 2 and indicate the dish you would like to contribute. An offering will be taken for donations to Samaritan’s Purse to support the Greatest Journey. Christmas cards are appreciated for Chaplain Jim Rich and his wife, Lori. Please contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with questions.

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, November 2.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 10/26	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.	Junior Choir Practice

Monday 10/27

Tuesday 10/28	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday 10/29

Thursday 10/30

Friday 10/31

Saturday 11/1	9:00	a.m.	Women’s Ministry Hymn Sing
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Sunday 11/2	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 (room 110)
	6:00	p.m.	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>Expecting</i>
<i>Lynn Kluizenaar</i>	<i>Sade Lemoine (Due Apr)</i>
<i>Barbara Kolbe</i>	
<i>Jim & Diana Lowery</i>	
<i>Erwin Morrison</i>	
<i>John Rohrman</i>	

Missions

John and Sandy serve with Mission to the World in a sensitive North African country. This summer they spent six weeks in the United States, visiting family from coast to coast. Their children, who have been living in the San Diego area, will have the exciting opportunity to attend the Ligonier 2025 Conference in Escondido at the end of this month. Arab Reformed Theological School is expanding its reach. They recently taught their first two courses as part of the bachelor’s program that they have begun in northern Iraq. This initial class consists of Kurdish, Yazidi and Iraqi students who are eager to study God’s Word. It is exciting that the school has been able to send some of their own graduates to teach beyond their borders. As Christmas is nearing, John and Sandy’s team will be editing and printing six thousand copies of Let Earth Receive Her King in Arabic. This is a Christmas devotional by Alistair Begg that will help people focus on the coming of Christ and the meaning of the gospel this Advent. Please pray for the following:
-for their families and the challenge of living on two continents
-for their children, that the Ligonier Conference will be a time of renewal and growth for both of them
-for their national team, that they would have strength and wisdom as they prepare for seminars, translate and print books, and gear up for their annual teaching conference in February



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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	R. Kleeman	Sarah Keating	C. Rutkowski	Nancy Hillman
Heart Hiders Room 110	D. Dietterich	Ella Clement	Dan Hillman	Jane Reagan
Worship Service Infants Room 120	L. Gottschalk	Barb Markwalter	Sarah Walsh	Cathy Nagy
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Nicole Yates D. Rutkowski	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder	Caroline Smith Luke Snyder	Diane Dietterich Abbie Riggall
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Carrie Rutkowski Heidi Moyer	Yvonna Marshall Jayda Marshall	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer	Abigail English Sam Kleeman
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Sharon Muhlfeld	Ruth Clement, Amy Muhlfeld, & M. Wambold	Laura Wambold	Denise Brill
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Jason Clement	Jason Clement	Katelyn Reist	M. Medendorp
Welcome Bread Bakers	Liana Potgieter	Debbie Schultz	Kathe Vannoy	A. Thompson
Greeters	Jake & Melanie Medendorp	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Kathe Vannoy	Bob Witmer
Ushers	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	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

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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.*