

November 23, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 135

People: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing
praise to his Name, for that is pleasant.

People: For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.

*HYMN 3 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Unison: Merciful Father, you have given us every reason to be thankful, yet we confess how ungrateful we are as a people. Our sinful hearts do not recognize the many blessings you have bestowed, nor do we worship you as the glorious God that you are. We pray that you would forgive our sin of ingratitude and cultivate thankfulness within us through the grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May his righteousness be increasingly seen in us for your glory. For we pray in his Name. Amen.

Leader: See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 100 (responsive, hymnal p. 821)

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 5:1–21 (p. 978)

**HMR 10 God's Amazing Word

SERMON

CULTIVATING A GRATEFUL HEART
Colossians 3:16–17 (p. 984)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 88 With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Thompson

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

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.*

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Give to Our God Immortal Praise

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Ps. 136:1

1. Give to our God im - mor - tal praise; mer - cy and
 2. Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of
 3. He built the earth, he spread the sky, and fixed the
 4. He fills the sun with morn - ing light; he bids the

truth are all his ways: won - ders of grace to God be -
 kings with glo - ry crown: his mer - cies ev - er shall en -
 star - ry lights on high: won - ders of grace to God be -
 moon di - rect the night: his mer - cies ev - er shall en -

long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 dure, when lords and kings are known no more.
 long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 dure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.

5. He sent his Son with pow'r to save
 from guilt and darkness and the grave:
 wonders of grace to God belong;
 repeat his mercies in your song.

6. Through this vain world he guides our feet,
 and leads us to his heav'nly seat:
 his mercies ever shall endure,
 when this vain world shall be no more.

Based on Psalm 136
 Isaac Watts, 1719

WARRINGTON L.M.
 Ralph Harrison, 1794

PSALM 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
 Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his
 pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and
 his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his
 name.

For the LORD is good and his love
 endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all
 generations.

God's Amazing Word

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You have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise. 2 Tim. 3:15

1. When e - vil thrives in earth's last days and peo - ple boast of
 2. The Bi - ble has com - man - ding worth to do God's sav - ing
 3. The Bi - ble tea - ches us God's will in cir - cum - stan - ces
 4. God's Word is good for god - ly gain, to teach, re - buke, cor -
 5. God's Word was writ - ten to be read, to be our life and

bru - tal ways, when ev - en chur - ches in that hour re -
 work on earth; it draws our souls from death to life and
 good and ill; God's Word un - cov - ers sin's dis - guise; o -
 rect and train; e - quipped by him we can pur - sue the
 dai - ly bread, to guide our thoughts through - out the night and

tain the form but lose God's pow'r, Hold fast to ev - 'ry -
 res - cues us from need - less strife: A - maz - ing gift, on
 bey - ing it will make one wise. It trains the saint to
 work God has for us to do. God's Word is all the
 lead us forth by morn - ing's light. So let us read, mark,

thing you've learned, the Word which sin - ful men have spurned.
 earth so odd, the life im - part - ing Word of God.
 hear Christ's voice, to trust in him, re - pent, re - joice.
 Chris - tian needs to grow in grace and do good deeds.
 learn, di - gest God's Word which gives us heav - en's best.

Based on 2 Timothy 3
 James Montgomery Boice, 2000

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 8.8.8.8.8.8.
 Paul S. Jones, 2000

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With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.
Ps. 138:1

Capo 1: ♮ (A) (D) (A) (E7) (A) ♮ (D) (A)

1. With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring, be - fore the great thy
2. I cried to thee and thou didst save, thy word of grace new
3. O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, thou reign - est in the
4. Thou wilt stretch forth thy might - y arm to save me when my

(E7) (A) (E) (A) (D) (A) (E) (A) (E7) (A)

praise I sing; I wor - ship in thy ho - ly place and
cour - age gave; the kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord, for
heav'n - ly height; the proud in vain thy fa - vor seek, but
foes a - larm; the work thou hast for me be - gun shall

(D) (A) (E7) (A) (E) (E7) (A)

praise thee for thy truth and grace; for truth and grace to -
they have heard thy won - drous word; yea, they shall come with
thou hast mer - cy for the meek; through trou - ble though my
by thy grace be ful - ly done; for - ev - er mer - cy

(E7) (A) (E) ♮ (E7) (F#m) (A) (D) (A7) (Bm) (F#m7) (E7) (A) ♮

geth - er shine in thy most ho - ly word di - vine.
songs of praise, for great and glo - rious are thy ways.
path - way be, thou wilt re - vive and strength - en me.
dwells with thee; O Lord, my Mak - er, think on me.

From Psalm 138
The Psalter, 1912

ST. PETERSBURG 8.8.8.8.8.8.
Dmitri Bortniansky, 1825

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an introductory meeting immediately after the worship service in room 107 to discuss *Hope Explored*, a three-week introductory series to be offered at Covenant in January to anyone interested in learning more about the Christian faith in a low-pressure environment.

Please join us tonight at 7:00 p.m. for a joint Thanksgiving service hosted by our neighbors across the street at Indian Creek Church of the Brethren (821 Main St., Harleysville).

Today is the last day to submit your registration and payment for the Senior Fellowship luncheon at the Plumsteadville Inn on Tuesday, December 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Experience the warmth of the holidays on our Women’s Ministry Holiday House Tour on Friday, December 5 from 6:00–9:45 p.m. (please note ending time change due to travel). Light refreshments will be served at each stop. Please sign up in the narthex by November 30 and contact Julia Smith with any questions.

There will be a holiday food collection at the church on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. Donations of frozen turkeys, hams, roasts, or any other items for a Christmas dinner will be delivered to Manna on Main Street food pantry in Lansdale.

Our annual Christmas breakfast will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex to bring a “family size” breakfast dish, fruit salad, or pastry as we celebrate our Lord’s birth together.

Everyone is invited to an evening of Christmas caroling and fellowship on Sunday, December 21. Please meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to carpool to the homes of various members, followed by refreshments back at Covenant around 6:30 p.m. If you are able to join us, please let Juan Estevez know for planning purposes.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 11/23	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	<i>Hope Explored</i> Introduction & Discussion Meeting
	12:00	p.m.	OCC Collection
	7:00	p.m.	Joint Thanksgiving Service at Indian Creek COB
Monday 11/24	9:00	a.m.	OCC Collection
Tuesday 11/25	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday 11/26			
Thursday 11/27	Church Office Closed		
Friday 11/28	Church Office Closed		
Saturday 11/29			
Sunday 11/30	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.	Adult Bell Choir Practice
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group Panel Discussion

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

John Robrman

Expecting

Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)

Steph Balmer (Due June 21)

Missions

Covenant member Andy Reed is serving as an intern with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. In October, all 172 RUF interns joined together in Colorado for a time of training.

One of Andy’s favorite sessions was on “Combating Biblical Illiteracy” where they learned how to help students grow in their Bible comprehension skills. Another blessing that came with the training was an opportunity for Andy to meet with his prayer group in person. During the semester, he and three other interns from various campuses had been meeting by phone or online to pray for one another.

An important part of the RUF internship is a study program, and October’s study book was Andy’s favorite so far. The book, Dark Clouds Deep Mercy, gives a four-step process in how to lament properly. Andy got to lead one of their freshmen fellowship meetings on this same topic.

Their campus RUF group recently had an opportunity to take part in a service project, where they helped to remove debris and clean up a local house for a family.

Andy would appreciate prayer for the following:

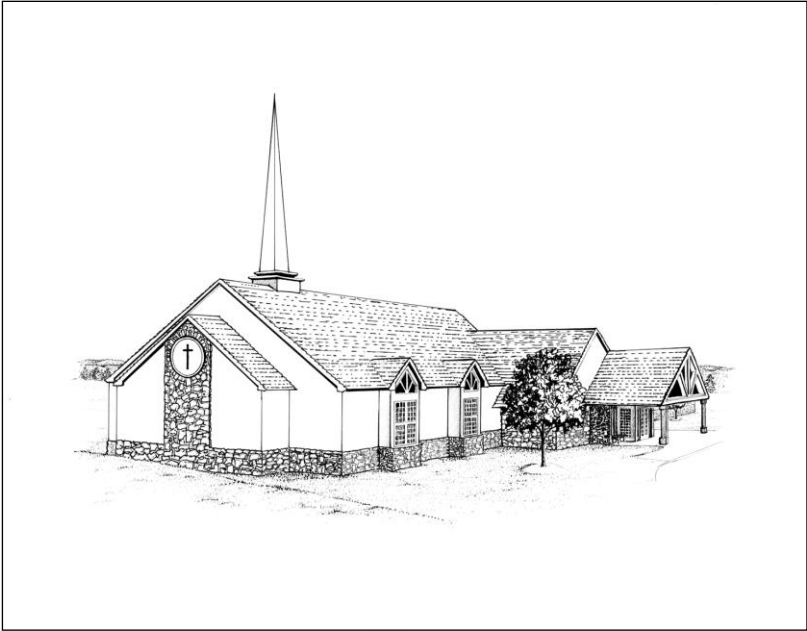
-that the Lord would provide the last bit of financial support to close out his budget

-that students who are feeling stress associated with the end of the semester, would find rest in the Word, in prayer and in fellowship with other believers

SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ella Clement	Ashley Benoit	Nancy Hillman	C. Rutkowski
Heart Hiders Room 110	Diane Dietterich	Nancy Hillman	A. McMillan	Diane Lowery Mary Slemmer
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Lydia Evans Emry Evans	Kelly Little	Ella Clement	Sarah Walsh
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Ashley O’Hara Alexia O’Hara	C. Grosshanten Anna Moyer	Caroline Smith Lydia Moyer	Jill Buhay Abbie Riggall
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Nicole Yates Heidi Moyer	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Sarah Keating Janie Keating	Nicole Yates Emry Evans
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Paul & Lynn Wichert	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Sondra Cattich	Sondra Cattich	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman
Welcome Bread Bakers	Ashley O’Hara	Debbie Schultz	Glenda Childs	Sarah Keating
Greeters	Bob & Kim Kenderdine	Jonathon Leiser	Glenda Childs Katelyn Reist	Jim & Diana Lowery
Ushers	Tom Buhay Mark Kleeman Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel	Ken Markwalter TBD Frank Evans Bob Lagonegro M. McMillan J. Medendorp Paul Wichert	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

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*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.*