

November 30, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103

Leader: who satisfies you with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*HYMN 715 Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Unison: Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are our substance; that they are quicksand, but you are our mountain; that they are shifting, but you are our anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, and his death for our life. In Jesus name, we pray, Amen.

Leader: “For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.”

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 107:1–15 (p. 506)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY 731

**HYMN 645 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

*HYMN 98

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Shall We Gather at the River Macchia

***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

*Upon exiting the main lobby doors,
please accept a gift of welcome bread.*

Serving this morning:
Worship Leaders – Bob McIntyre, John Muhlfeld
Musician – Adult Bell Choir, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Matt. 13:39

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;
 4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
 wheat and tares to-geath-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown:
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied:
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear;
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy pres-ence to a-bide;

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home,
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

Henry Allford, 1844, 1867

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.
George J. Elvey, 1859

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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

The love of Christ ... that surpasses knowledge. Eph. 3:18, 19

1. Je-sus, the ver-y thought of thee with sweet-ness fills my breast;
 2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem-ry find;
 3. O Hope of ev-'ry con-trite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
 4. But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:
 5. Je-sus, our on-ly joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;

but sweet-er far thy face to see, and in thy pres-ence rest.
 a sweet-er sound than thy blest name, O Sav-ior of man-kind.
 to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 the love of Je-sus, what it is none but his loved ones know.
 Je-sus, be thou our glo-ry now, and through e-ter-ni-ty.

Latin, 11th cent.
Tr. by Edward Caswall, 1849ST. AGNES C.M.
John B. Dykes, 1866

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Now Thank We All Our God

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chron. 29:13

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic-es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re-joic-es;
 with ev-er-joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est heav-en—

who from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the on-e-et-er-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

Martin Rinkart, 1636
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1856NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Johann Crüger, 1647

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting the first Advent candle this morning and reading from God’s Word are Dave & Erna Fenchel.

This morning it is our pleasure to welcome the Rev. Dr. Stafford Carson to the pulpit. Stafford is a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland who is currently serving at Westminster Theological Seminary as Executive Director of Global Ministries and interim Dean of Pastoral Theology. He has served in pastoral ministry for over 30 years and was previously Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Principal of Union Theological College in Belfast.

Offering envelopes for 2026 have been placed in church mailboxes. If you are new and would like envelopes, or if you do not feel you need physical envelopes, please let the office know for reordering purposes. The envelope number system is our only means of providing a private, year-end giving statement.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the Women’s Ministry’s Holiday House Tour on Friday, December 5 from 6:00–8:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at each stop. Julia Smith will be emailing those signed up with the night’s itinerary this week. Please 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.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Invitation postcards may be found in the narthex.

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped in this year’s mowing season. Your service is a blessing and much appreciated.

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, December 7.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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 Bell Choir Practice
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group Panel Discussion
Monday 12/1			
Tuesday 12/2	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday 12/3			
Thursday 12/4	7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 12/5	6:00	p.m.	Women’s Ministry Holiday House Tour
Saturday 12/6	8:00	a.m.	Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tour
	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
	9:00	a.m.	Holiday Food Collection (until 11:00 a.m.)
Sunday 12/7	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00	a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments in the far narthex
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Sonflower Girls Committee Meeting
	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



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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

<i>Health Related</i>	<i>Expecting</i>
<i>Lynn Kluiženaar</i>	<i>Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)</i>
<i>Barbara Kolbe</i>	<i>Steph Balmer (Due June 21)</i>
<i>Jim & Diana Lowery</i>	
<i>John Robrman</i>	

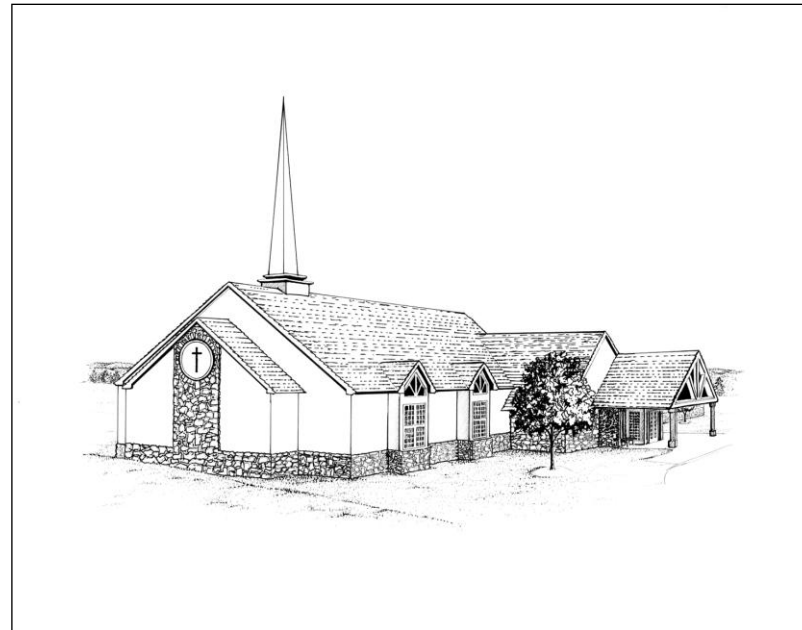
Missions

Shibu Oommen and his wife Mary are serving with Evangelism Explosion International. Their campus ministry has resumed at Millersville and Kutztown Universities. Shibu has seen God’s hand in their outreach, as each week they have had several fruitful conversations. Some of those conversations have led to professions of faith. One freshman at Millersville initially said that he was in a hurry to meet someone but agreed to listen for a minute. As the gospel was presented to him, he seemed to forget about his urgency and ended up responding to the call to trust Christ. Another student at Kutztown admitted that she had never had a gospel conversation before and had never heard of the concept of eternal life. Shibu asked her permission to share of his assurance. She agreed and was very open to the gospel. When asked if she wanted to have the same assurance of eternal life, she said yes and made a commitment of faith. In addition to the campus outreach, Shibu and another man were able to go to downtown Ephrata to share the gospel. They handed out tracts, had some good conversations and were able to connect with two people who were looking for a church. Please pray for the following:
-that the seeds that were planted during their outreach would bear fruit
-that the students who made professions of faith would grow in their spiritual walk
-for more openings to teach evangelism in 2026 -for Shibu’s health

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ashley Benoit	Nancy Hillman	C. Rutkowski	Christmas Breakfast
Heart Hiders Room 110	Nancy Hillman	A. McMillan	Diane Lowery Mary Slemmer	Christmas Breakfast
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Kelly Little	Ella Clement	Sarah Walsh	George & Cathy Schmidt
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	C. Grosshanten Anna Moyer	Caroline Smith Lydia Moyer	Jill Buhay Abbie Riggall	Pam Taylor D. Rutkowski
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Sarah Keating Janie Keating	Nicole Yates Emry Evans	Danielle Moyer Jesse Moyer
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Paul & Lynn Wichert	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Sondra Cattich	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Glenda Childs	Sarah Keating	Nancy Hillman
Greeters	Jonathon Leiser	Glenda Childs Katelyn Reist	Jim & Diana Lowery	Rick & Martha Moody
Ushers	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	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.*