

THE LORD’S DAY  
December 28, 2025

PRELUDE	O Holy Night	Adam
CALL TO WORSHIP	From Psalm 98:1–3	
Leader:	Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!	
People:	<b>His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.</b>	
Leader:	The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.	
People:	<b>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.</b>	
Leader:	All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.	
INVOCATION		
*HYMN 19	Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
<b>Unison: O holy and merciful God, you have chosen us out of the world to be your treasured possession; a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. You have brought us out of darkness that we might proclaim your marvelous light. You have given us yourself, in the giving of your Son and yet we continue to walk in darkness and to obscure your light. Lord, forgive us, we pray. For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins. Wash us, O Lord, that we would be clean. Restore us, O Lord, that our conscience would know peace. Be merciful, O Lord, for we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.</b>		
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Psalm 34:22	
Leader: The LORD redeems the life of his servant; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.		

*GLORIA PATRI 734		
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Deuteronomy 30:11–20 (p. 172)	
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		
TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	Go Tell the Good News!	Shafferman
*DOXOLOGY 731		
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Hebrews 12:1–17 (p. 1008)	
**HYMN 537	Take Time to Be Holy	
SERMON	PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL Philippians 3:1–16 (p. 981) Mr. Juan Estevez	
*HYMN 528	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Angels We Have Heard on High	Page

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

*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 – Bob McIntyre, John Muhlfeld  
Musician – Junior Choir, Emry Evans, Covenant Musicians, Helen  
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,  
Greg Fisher

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*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*

## Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!

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*I heard every creature ... singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" Rev. 5:13*

1. Thee we a - dore, e - ter - nal Lord! We praise thy name with  
 2. To thee a - loud all an - gels cry, the heav'ns and all the  
 3. A - pos - tles join the glo - rious throng, and proph - ets swell th'im -  
 4. From day to day, O Lord, do we ex - alt and high - ly

one ac - cord. Thy saints, who here thy good - ness see, through all the  
 pow'rs on high: thee, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly King, Lord God of  
 mor - tal song: thy mar - tyrs' no - ble ar - my raise e - ter - nal  
 hon - or thee! Thy name we wor - ship and a - dore, world with - out

world do wor - ship thee, through all the world do wor - ship thee.  
 Hosts, they ev - er sing, Lord God of Hosts, they ev - er sing.  
 an - thems to thy praise, e - ter - nal an - thems to thy praise.  
 end, for - ev - er - more, world with - out end, for - ev - er - more.

Moravian Collection, 1724

PARK STREET L.M.rep.  
 Frederick M. A. Venua, ca. 1810; arr.

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## Take Time to Be Holy

*Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. Rom. 6:19*

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;  
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;  
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,  
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul;

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his Word.  
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.  
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide;  
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol;

Make friends of God's chil - dren; help those who are weak;  
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;  
 in joy or in sor - row, still fol - low thy Lord,  
 thus led by his Spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.  
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.  
 and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word.  
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

William D. Longstaff, 1887

HOLINESS 6 5 6 5 D.  
 George C. Stebbins, 1890

SANCTIFICATION

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Heb. 12:1, 2*

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

Ray Palmer, 1830

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 Lowell Mason, 1832

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In preparation for a church-wide Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party on November 8, 2026, the OCC committee will collect donations for children ages 10–14 each month according to the schedule in church mailboxes. Baskets for donations will be placed near church entrances. January’s items are hats and gloves. This year you may also shop using our Amazon wish list by clicking on the link found in *Covenant Update*. Anything purchased from the list will ship directly to Sandy McIntyre for storage until the packing party.

Free childcare for ages one to eleven is available on Saturday, January 10 from 4:30–7:00 p.m., courtesy of Covenant's youth group. You may register online using the link in *Covenant Update* or use the forms found in the narthex by Sunday, January 4.

The Senior Fellowship will begin the new year with breakfast at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant on Tuesday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex by January 4.

Help us invite visitors with spiritual questions to our free, low-pressure three-week course, *Hope Explored*, on January 24, January 31, and February 7 at 10:00 a.m. Invitation postcards may be found in the narthex. Contact Bob Witmer (215-872-6231) with questions.

Our youth group progressive dinner is scheduled for Sunday, January 25 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to open their homes (or host at the church) for one portion of the evening's meal. Volunteers can choose to host the appetizer, dinner, or dessert course. To volunteer or learn more, please contact Juan Estevez at [jestevez@covpreschurch.org](mailto:jestevez@covpreschurch.org) by Friday, December 26.

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, January 4.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 12/28	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School & Year End Prayer and Praise
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 12/29			
Tuesday 12/30			
	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday 12/31			
Thursday 1/1			
			Office Closed
Friday 1/2			
Saturday 1/3			
	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 1/4			
	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	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](http://www.covpreschurch.org)

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS  
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

<i>Health Related</i>	<i>Expecting</i>
<i>Barbara Kolbe</i>	<i>Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)</i>
	<i>Steph Balmer (Due June 21)</i>

Missions

Lieutenant Peter Lee serves at the Naval Academy as a Chaplain under the care of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel. The Fall semester at the Academy was filled with challenging moments, but those moments provided assurance of God’s faithfulness as He revealed His love and provided sufficient grace to manage them. God revealed His goodness as their Command Chaplain, who came onboard this past semester, received timely and proper treatment for a thyroid tumor. The tumor was removed with no further treatment needed. The Midshipmen have finished their finals and are excited to spend time with their family and friends during their Christmas break. The semester was filled with great testimony of God’s grace as the Midshipmen rallied together to care for each other each time they were faced with challenges. In family news, Peter’s son has started his college application process with his number one choice being the Naval Academy. His wife has been busy working to finish her certification course as a Pilates instructor and also working on Bible study instructor certification. Please continue to pray for their family to be faithful stewards of the Gospel and be a light in the world. Pray also for Peter’s son as he prepares for college and for his younger children to grow in faith and understanding of the Gospel.



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SUNDAY MORNING  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Abigail English	Ella Clement	Ashely Benoit	Nancy Hillman
Heart Hiders Room 110	L. Barbadoro	Sharon Muhlfeld	Lydia Putnam	Jonathon Leiser
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Kelly Little	Kristen Jones	Cathy Nagy	Lydia Evans Emry Evans
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Becky Snyder Jasmine Muhlfeld	M. Medendorp Lily Snyder	Caroline Smith Amy Muhlfeld	Kelly Little Heidi Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold	Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall	Abigail English Luke Snyder	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	A. McMillan	Jonathan & Ashley O’Hara	Kathy McHale	Kathy McHale
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	David & Joy Schmidt	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Jason Clement
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Sarah Keating	Erna Fenchel	C. Rutkowski
Greeters	Larry & Pat Stoner	Jason & Ella Clement	Ken & Diane Dietterich	Ken & Barb Markwalter
Ushers	Tom Buhay Mark Kleeman Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel	Byron Childs David Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	Dan Benoit Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Ken Markwalter George Schmidt Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Steve Rutkowski

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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.*