

January 4, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 12:4–6

People: and proclaim that his Name is exalted!

People: let this be known to all the world.

INVOCATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:8–11

*GLORIA PATRI 734

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Wyeth

*DOXOLOGY 731

**NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 9:11–28 (p. 1006)

*HYMN 257 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 89–91 (hymnal p. 876)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 431 A Parting Hymn We Sing

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Martin

**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

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, Jim Nagy

Musician – Anna Clement, Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

THE HOLY TRINITY

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Reginald Heber, 1763–1826

NCAEA 11.12.12.10
John B. Dykes, 1861

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

JESUS CHRIST:

We considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4

1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

Thomas Kelly, 1804
All, 1961O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN 8.7.8.7.D.
Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850

89. Q. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

90. Q. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

91. Q. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

A Parting Hymn We Sing

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Matt. 26:30

1. A part - ing hymn we sing a - round your ta - ble, Lord;
2. Here have we seen your face, and felt your pres - ence here;
3. We're pur - chased by your blood, by sin no lon - ger led;
4. In self - for - get - ting love be our com - mu - nion shown,

STEWARDSHIP

a - gain our grate - ful trib - ute bring, our sol - emn vows re - cord,
so may the sa - vor of your grace in word and life ap - pear.
the path our dear Re - deem - er trod may we re - joic - ing tread,
un - til we join the church a - bove, and know as we are known.

Aaron R. Walle, 1858 Mod. SCHUMANN, S.M. Mason and Webb's Cantica Lauda, 1950

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly church e-newsletter, *Covenant Update*, is an excellent way to stay informed of congregational news and events. Please contact the church office to subscribe. You may also read the latest edition on our church website at www.covpreschurch.org.

Today is the last day to register children ages one to eleven for free childcare on Saturday, January 10 from 4:30–7:00 p.m., courtesy of Covenant's youth group. Please use the link in *Covenant Update* or by completing the form in the narthex.

The Senior Fellowship will begin the new year with breakfast at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant on Tuesday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m. Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex.

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.

An updated version of Covenant’s directory will soon be published. Please take a moment to verify the accuracy of your information in the draft located in the narthex. Please make any desired changes directly on the draft by Sunday, January 25 or contact the church office with updated information or pictures.

All men are encouraged to save the date for the Men’s Retreat at Spruce Lake in the Pocono Mountains on October 2–4.

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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 1/4	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Hope Explored Preparations
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 1/5	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday 1/6	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday 1/7			
Thursday 1/8	7:00	p.m.	Deacons’ Meeting
Friday 1/9			
Saturday 1/10	7:30	a.m.	Men’s Breakfast at Henning’s Market
	4:30	p.m.	Youth Group Childcare Service Project
Sunday 1/11	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Hope Explored Preparations
	12:45	p.m.	New Members Lunch at the Muhlfield’s Home

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

Barbara Kolbe

Bill Moore

Expecting

Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)

Steph Balmer (Due June 21)

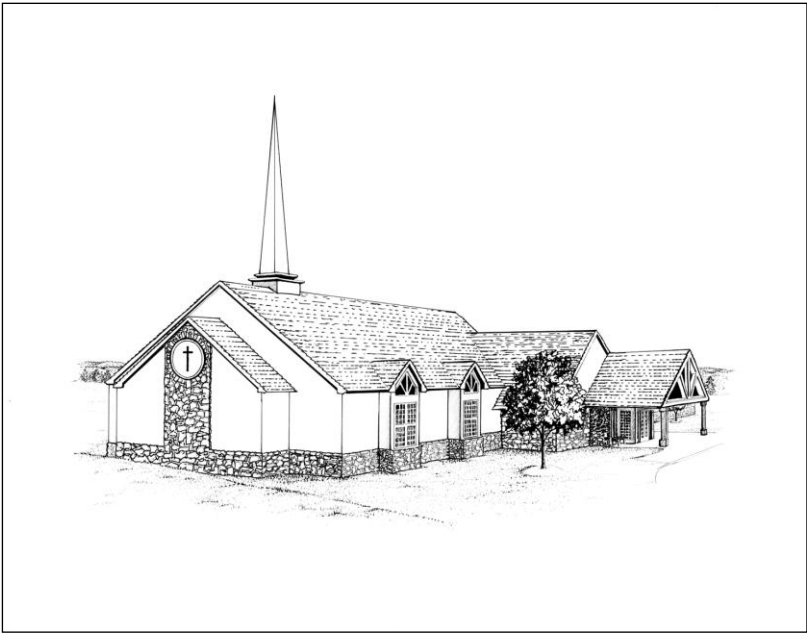
Missions

David and Ruth are in Southeast Asia to assist churches as they explore, establish and expand campus ministries across the region. How may a young man lead in a culture that respects age and, if not despising youth, at least ignores young people? This was the question that prompted the first student leadership conference conducted by the college group at their church. The college group leader was hoping that his students would produce a credible conference, and they did. David was the first speaker and was assigned with I Timothy 4:6-12 where Paul urges Timothy to “be a good servant of Christ”. David discussed servanthood and how it is linked to training, without which no one is competent. A young person need not gain respect from adults by asserting himself, but instead by being an example. Two other speakers followed, then they ended with a panel of men and women from the workplace who answered questions about being a Christian in society. Thirty students attended the conference, and they hope to build on this success with future events. Please pray for the following:
-for continued good progress with the healing of Ruth’s ankle
-for their 2026 budget and logistical plans
-for faithful gospel ministry among students and church workers

SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ella Clement	Ashely Benoit	Nancy Hillman	George & Cathy Schmidt
Heart Hiders Room 110	Sharon Muhlfield	Lydia Putnam	Jonathon Leiser	Joy Schmidt
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Kristen Jones	Cathy Nagy	Lydia Evans Emry Evans	L. Gottschalk
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	M. Medendorp Lily Snyder	Caroline Smith Amy Muhlfield	Kelly Little Heidi Moyer	Danielle Moyer Jesse Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold	Abigail English Luke Snyder	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	C. Grosshanten Abbie Riggall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Jonathan & Ashley O’Hara	Kathy McHale	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfield
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	David & Joy Schmidt	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Jason Clement	Jason Clement
Welcome Bread Bakers	Sarah Keating	Erna Fenchel	C. Rutkowski	Pam Taylor
Greeters	Jason & Ella Clement	Ken & Diane Dietterich	Ken & Barb Markwalter	Thomas & Liana Potgieter
Ushers	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	Rick Castor Byron Childs G. Estevez Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman

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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.*