

THE LORD'S DAY

January 4, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE In the Bleak Midwinter Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 12:4–6

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his Name; make known to the nations what he has done,

People: and proclaim that his Name is exalted!

Leader: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;

People: let this be known to all the world.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 100 Holy, Holy, Holy!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Righteous Father, we confess that despite your many warnings, despite your gracious care, our sinful hearts often wander from you. We cherish created things more than you, our Creator, and stray from the blessing of your commands. Forgive us, we pray, and reconcile us to yourself through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May his ultimate sacrifice on the cross atone for our sin and restore us to fellowship with you. May we enjoy new life in his Name and live for your glory. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:8–11

Leader: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were

reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 9 (p. 184)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Wyeth

*DOXOLOGY 731

**NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 9:11–28 (p. 1006)

SERMON

BLOOD ATONEMENT AND NEW LIFE

2 Samuel 21:1–14 (p. 273)

Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 257

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

*CONFESION 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

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 – Juan Estevez, Jim Nagy
Musician – Anna Clement, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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

Reginald Heber, 1785-1826

NICAEA 11.12.12.10
John B. Dykes, 1861

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

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

Thomas Kelly, 1804
Alt. 1901

O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN 8.7.8.7.0.
Geistliche Vokalkieder, Paderborn, 1850

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 89-91

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

STEWARDSHIP

Aaron R. Wolle, 1858
Mod.SCHUMANN, S.M.
Mason and Webb's Centica Lauds, 1850

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 Muhlfeld'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 Muhlfeld	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 Muhlfeld	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. Grosshantner Abbie Riggall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Jonathan & Ashley O'Hara	Kathy McHale	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfeld
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 Propstner 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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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.*