

# THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE            Take My Life, and Let It Be            Dykes

CALL TO WORSHIP            From Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;  
**People: the skies proclaim the work of his hands!**  
Leader: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.  
**People: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.**  
Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.  
**People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, our Rock and our Redeemer!**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 122            God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Our Father, we confess how easily daunted we are by the trials and challenges of this life. We so easily succumb to fear, doubt, and discouragement when faced with large external threats and deep internal struggles. We often seek refuge in people and things other than you, forgetting the amazing grace you have shown us in Christ. Forgive us our sin and lift our eyes once again to the Savior who proceeded to the cross undaunted. May his sacrifice atone for our sin, and his righteousness cover us for your glory, so that we might live for your honor through faith in him. For we pray in his Name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Isaiah 1:18

\*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 17:1–11, 26–27, 40–50 (p. 239)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY            All Creatures of Our God and King            Shackley

\*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 12:1–10 (p. 970)

\*\*HYMN 181

We Come, O Christ, to You

SERMON

AGAINST THE GIANTS

2 Samuel 21:15–22 (p. 274)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 575

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prologue on "Webb"            Paxton

\*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, Nate Wambold

Musician – Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

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

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## God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

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How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Ps. 104:24

1. God, all na - ture sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro - claim thy might;  
 2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;  
 3. But our sins have spoiled thine im - age; na - ture, con - science on - ly serve  
 4. God of glo - ry, pow - er, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion prais - es thee;

or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens, or - dered course of day and night;  
 rul - er of cre - a - tion's glo - ry, im - age of thy maj - es - ty.  
 as un - ceas - ing, grim re - mind - ers of the wrath which we de - serve.  
 we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

beau - ty in the chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea;  
 Mu - sic, art, the fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days,  
 Yet thy grace and sav - ing mer - cy in thy Word of truth re - vealed  
 Saved to mag - ni - fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will;

all the chang - ing moods of na - ture praise the change-less Trin - i - ty.  
 are the call - ing of his Mak - er to the har - vest feast of praise.  
 claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Je - sus sealed.  
 with our acts as with our voic - es thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

David Clawney, 1960

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ODE TO JOY 8.7.8.7.0.  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr.

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## We Come, O Christ, to You

I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14:6

1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
 2. You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som paid;  
 3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in you,  
 4. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to live  
 5. We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King,

by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a -  
 in you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the  
 the Source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal TRUE! O great I  
 the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give: O ris - en  
 to you our youth and strength a - dor - ing ly we bring: so fill our

lone we live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.  
 • AM! In you we stand, your love has met your law's de - mand.  
 Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life re - new!  
 hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957, 1985

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DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.  
 John Darwall, 1770

## Soldiers of Christ, Arise

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Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God.  
 Eph. 6:10, 11

1. Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on,  
 2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength en - dued;  
 3. To keep your ar - mor bright, at - tend with con - stant care;

strong in the strength which God sup - plies through his e - ter - nal Son,  
 but take, to arm you for the fight, the pan - o - poly of God.  
 still walk - ing in your Cap - tain's sight, and watch - ing un - to prayer.

Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his might - y pow'r,  
 Leave no un - guard - ed place, no weak - ness of the soul;  
 From strength to strength go on; wres - tle and fight and pray;

who in the strength of Je - sus trusts is more than con - quer - or.  
 take ev - 'ry vir - tue, ev - 'ry grace, and for - ti - fy the whole.  
 tread all the pow'r's of dark - ness down, and win the well-fought day.

Charles Wesley, 1748

DIADEMATA S.M.D.  
 George J. Elvey, 1865

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Please check the lost and found in the narthex coat closet before its contents are donated on February 2.

All women are invited to join us as we meditate on the central truth of Christ's deep heart for sinners and sufferers through the book *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. The study will begin on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. To receive a book and study guide, please sign up in the narthex by February 1.

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 1/11	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
	11:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	12:45 p.m.	New Members Lunch at the Muhlfeld's Home

## Monday 1/12

Tuesday 1/13	9:30 a.m.	Senior Fellowship Breakfast at Franconia Heritage
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study

## Wednesday 1/14

Thursday 1/15	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Friday 1/16		

## Saturday 1/17

Saturday 1/17	9:00 a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 1/18	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Sunday 1/18	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45 a.m.	Hope Explored Preparations
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Bell Choir Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Trailblazer Boys & 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

#### Health Related

Barbara Kolbe  
Bill Moore

#### Expecting

Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)  
Steph Balmer (Due June 21)

#### Missions

Flavien and Inyange are missionaries stationed in the US serving churches and church planters in sensitive countries. Now that he has his green card, Flavien was able to make a trip to France to visit family and friends and to do some preaching. Besides writing sound and accessible material in French, he is exploring other ways to serve the church in France in the future.

At the end of January, Flavien will be traveling to Senegal to teach a module of introduction to the New Testament to four pastoral trainees in the Presbyterian church there.

In addition to his Senegal trip, he is planning a three-week itinerant teaching tour in Asia, a permaculture course in Pennsylvania in the summer, and possibly some teaching to believers in Hong Kong and the Philippines in the fall, in part by Zoom.

In family news, both Inyange and Flavien have been experiencing some health issues. Flavien has seen some improvement with his, while Inyange continues to have good and bad days.

Please pray for the following:

-wisdom for Flavien in discerning how he might serve the church in France in the future

-that the pastoral trainees in Senegal would be blessed and equipped and that Flavien would be able to discern how he can best serve the Senegal church in the future

-for Inyange to have strength, patience and hope, and for more good than bad days



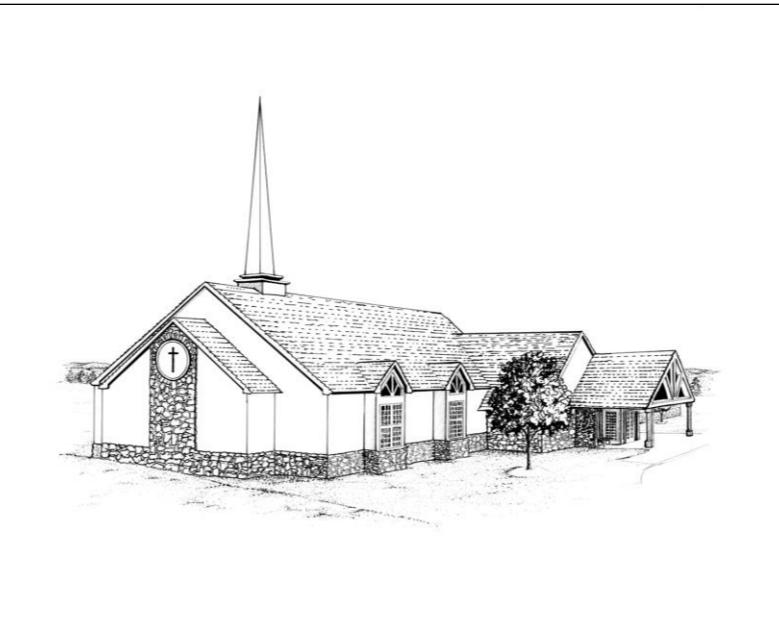
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## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Ashely Benoit	Nancy Hillman	George & Cathy Schmidt	Sarah Keating
<b>Heart Hiders</b> Room 110	Lydia Putnam	Jonathon Leiser	Joy Schmidt	Ashley O'Hara
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Cathy Nagy	Lydia Evans Emry Evans	L. Gottschalk	Barb Markwalter
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Caroline Smith Amy Muhlfeld	Kelly Little Heidi Moyer	Danielle Moyer Jesse Moyer	Diane Dietterich Anna Moyer
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Abigail English Luke Snyder	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	C. Grosshantens Abbie Riggall	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer
<b>Junior Church 5s – grade 1</b> Room 112	Denise Brill	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfeld	Amy Muhlfeld M. Wambold
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Jason Clement	Jason Clement	Katelyn Reist
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Erna Fenchel	C. Rutkowski	Pam Taylor	Debbie Schultz
<b>Greeters</b>	Ken & Diane Dietterich	Ken & Barb Markwalter	Thomas & Liana Potgieter	Ryan Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	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	Byron Childs David Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski

# Covenant Presbyterian Church



*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.*