

THE LORD’S DAY
October 11, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Trust and Obey Towner

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 103
Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul!
People: All my inmost being, praise his Holy Name!
Leader: He does not treat us as our sins deserve,
People: Or repay us according to our iniquities.
Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,
People: So the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 6 O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Father, we confess how easily we place our confidence where it does not belong. We trust in ourselves and the abilities you have given us. We trust in the material things you have provided for us. We trust in other people, though they are just as corrupted by sin as we are. Forgive us these and all our sins. Grant us grace to trust in you alone, even as our Savior did with His final breath on the cross. Enable us to commit ourselves wholly to you, knowing that you first gave your Son wholly for us. For it is in Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 4:25–5:2
Leader: He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 56 (responsive, hymnal p. 805)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Come Thou Fount Fackler

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 6:25–34 (p. 811)

**HYMN 672 Trust and Obey

SERMON A MATTER OF TRUST
2 Corinthians 1:12–2:4 (p. 964)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 108 Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Joyful Trumpet Clarke

*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 worshipping 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 – Stuart Balmer, Jeff Currier
Musicians – Rebekah Hillman, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

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Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Ps. 103:1

1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with -
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion, most slow to
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and
 4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der
 5. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed for - ev - er, his king - dom

in me bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to
 • kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the
 rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through

get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and
 all that hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less
 • weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who
 all his wide do - min - ion, bless his most ho - ly

REFRAIN
 sav - ing love pro - claim.
 as the heav'ns a - bove.
 • dust, he knows our frame. Bless him for - ev - er, won - drous in
 look to him in fear.
 name, O thou my soul.

HIS PERFECTIONS

might, bless him, his ser - vants that in his will de - light.

From Psalm 103
The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1961

TIDINGS 11.10.11.10.ref.
 James Walsh, 1875

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 56 (responsive, hymnal p. 805)

PSALM 56

Be merciful to me, O God, for men
 hotly pursue me; all day long they press
 their attack.

**My slanderers pursue me all day
 long; many are attacking me in their
 pride.**

When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

**In God, whose word I praise, in God I
 trust; I will not be afraid. What can
 mortal man do to me?**

All day long they twist my words; they
 are always plotting to harm me.

**They conspire, they lurk, they watch
 my steps, eager to take my life.**

On no account let them escape; in your
 anger, O God, bring down the nations.

**Record my lament; list my tears on
 your scroll—are they not in your
 record?**

Then my enemies will turn back when I
 call for help. By this I will know that God
 is for me.

**In God, whose word I praise, in the
 LORD, whose word I praise—in God I
 trust; I will not be afraid. What can man
 do to me?**

I am under vows to you, O God; I will
 present my thank offerings to you.

**For you have delivered me from death
 and my feet from stumbling, that I may
 walk before God in the light of life.**

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*Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my
 treasured possession. Ex. 19:5*

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
 2. Not a shad - ow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
 3. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share,
 4. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love
 5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will,
 but his smile quick - ly drives it a - way; not a doubt or a fear,
 • but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss,
 un - til all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows,
 or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,

he a - bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 not a sigh nor a tear, can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
 • not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 and the joy he be - stows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 where he sends we will go, nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

REFRAIN
 Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way

to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

John H. Sammis, 1887

TRUST AND OBEY 6.6.9.D.ref.
 Daniel B. Towner, 1887

1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: his ho - ly will a -
2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: he nev - er will de -
3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: though now this cup, in
4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: here shall my stand be

bid - eth; I will be still what - e'er he doth, and fol - low where he
ceive me; he leads me by the prop - er path; I know he will not
drink - ing, may bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all un -
tak - en; though sor - row, need, or death be mine, yet am I not for -

guid - eth. He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me
leave me, I take, con - tent, what he hath sent; his hand can
shrink - ing. My God is true; each morn a - new sweet com - fort
sak - en. My Fa - ther's care is round me there; he holds me

that I shall not fall: where - fore to him I leave it all.
turn my griefs a - way, and pa - tient - ly I wait his day.
yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sor - row shall de - part.
that I shall not fall: and so to him I leave it all.

Samuel Rodgast, 1675
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863
Ab. 1961

WAS GOTT TUT 8.7.8.7.4.4.8.8.
Att: to Severus Gastorius
Wemar Gesangbuch, 1689

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for an officer meet and greet immediately following the worship service today in the far narthex. Candidates for elder and deacon will be present for informal conversation, questions, and encouragement before standing for election at the congregational meeting on October 16.

This year's fall workday will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Men, women, youth age 12 & up, and well-supervised children (due to the presence of heavy equipment) are welcome. The rain date for this event is October 24.

Covenant's Harvest Festival on Friday, October 23 is fast approaching! You may sign up in the narthex to donate food and drinks, as well as to volunteer for set-up, clean-up, serving, or other activities. Postcards are also available in the narthex to use as invitations for your friends and neighbors.

A congregational packing party for Operation Christmas Child will take place at Covenant on November 8 from 2:00–4:30 p.m. Supervised children are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served.

The Senior Fellowship will gather at the church on Tuesday, November 10 at 11:30 a.m. for a turkey lunch. Please sign up in the narthex by November 1 and indicate the dish you would like to contribute.

Covenant's annual report is now available in the latest *Covenant Update*. Hard copies are also in the narthex, or you may contact the church office to request that one be placed in your church mailbox. The report includes an update on all ministries as well as messages from our pastors. It also contains the 2027 proposed budget, membership statistics, and a list of all boards, committees, and ministry leaders.



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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 10/11	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00	a.m.	Junior Bell Choir Practice
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Officer Meet & Greet
	5:00	p.m.	Youth Group Bonfire
Monday 10/12	12:15	p.m.	Daytime Bible Study
Tuesday 10/13	11:00	a.m.	Senior Fellowship Trip to The Museum at Hoppenville & Lunch
	7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 10/14			
Thursday 10/15	7:00	p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Friday 10/16	6:00	p.m.	Annual Dinner
	7:00	p.m.	Annual Meeting
Saturday 10/17	8:00	a.m.	Fall Workday (until 1:00 p.m.)
	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 10/18	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00	a.m.	Junior Bell Choir Practice
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	5:00	p.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	6:00	p.m.	Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & Youth Group

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Becky Snyder	C. Rutkowski	George & Cathy Schmidt	Ashley Benoit
Heart Hiders Room 110	Ashley O'Hara	Ella Clement	D. Dietterich	Dan Hillman
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Abigail English	Ella Clement	L. Gottschalk	Bob & Anna Strickland
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	E. Waltenbaugh Janie Keating	Carrie Rutkowski Lydia Moyer	Makayla Marshall Jesse Moyer	Jamie Ford Sydney Ford
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Sarah Iannotti Luke Snyder	M. Medendorp Sam Kleeman	Caroline Smith Emry Evans	Julia Smith Heidi Moyer
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Kathy McHale	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfeld	Sharon Muhlfeld
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Sondra Cattich	Sondra Cattich	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Liana Potgieter	Debbie Schultz	Joan Freed
Greeters	Darren Cornish	Amy Sharadin	Steve & Carrie Rutkowski	Henry & Debbie Schultz
Ushers	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 Andy Ford G. Estevez Jack Kane John Kane Keating Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman	Byron Childs David Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

Health Related

Carol Cornish
Sarah Fisher
Rita Hageman
Lynn Kluizenaar
Gay Opdyke
Andrea Thompson

Expecting

Joy Malysz (Due Nov 21)
Emily Waltenbaugh (Due Feb 6)

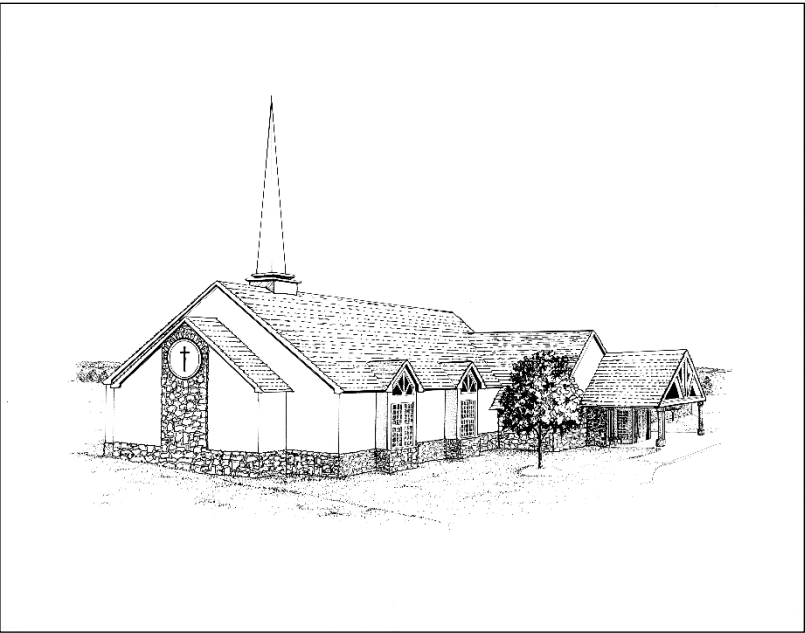
Grieving

O'Hara Family

Missions

The Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf (CCCD), where Covenant has sent several mission teams over the past two decades, exists to reach, teach, and nurture the deaf of Jamaica, all in the name of Christ. When Hurricane Melissa struck the island last fall, the results were devastating for the Montego Bay Adult Campus. Many of the students live on campus, so the hurricane struck down not only their school, but their home and the security wall that surrounded it to help keep them safe. Despite this level of devastation, the staff and students rallied together. Finding strength in the Lord, along with the many prayers and donations, they were able to start pulling things together. Local crews, staff, and ministry partners from other areas of Jamaica came in to cover a lot of the clean-up and emergency electrical work. Donations provided enough that the security wall could be rebuilt by local professionals. Now, much needed roofing projects are taking place. Please pray for the rebuilding process and the continued success of the students at Montego Bay.

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.*