

THE LORD’S DAY
October 18, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Let Us With a Gladsome Mind Antes

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 7:17 & 13:6
Leader: I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his
 righteous,
People: **And I will sing praise to the Name of the LORD,
 the Most High.**
Leader: I will sing to the LORD,
People: **Because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

INVOCATION

*HYMN 172 Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Unison: **O Merciful God, you have called us to love one
another. We who are the recipients of your love in the person and
work of our Lord Jesus Christ, above everyone else, ought to love
even as we are loved by you, that we might thereby evidence to
the world that we are your disciples. O Merciful and
Compassionate God, take pity on us for we are unworthy
servants and have not performed our duty as we ought.
According to your steadfast love and faithfulness, please forgive
us in order that we might experience anew the balm of the
forgiveness of sins on our weary souls. Quicken us, O Lord, by
your Spirit, that we might love as our Lord Jesus Christ loved,
and glorify you. For we pray in Christ’s Name. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Corinthians 1:28–30
Leader: “God chose what is low and despised in the world, even
things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no
human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him
you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 17:48–18:5 (p. 240)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY The Love of God Lehman

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:1–17 (p. 901)

**HYMN 529 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

SERMON LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER
1 John 4:7–12 (p. 1023)
Mr. Juan Estevez

*HYMN 648 My Jesus, I Love Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Showalter

**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 – Rob Barbadoro, John Muhlfeld
Musician – Helen Ro

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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ... to him be glory
and power for ever and ever! Rev. 1:5, 6

1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit-ied us when en-e-mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta-tion threat-en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won-der; grace and jus-tice join and point to mer-cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho-rus of the saints en-throned on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun-der, he has quenched Mount Si-nai's flame:
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
• For the Lord, our strong sal-va-tion, holds in view the con-qu'ror's crown:
when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus-tice smiles and asks no more:
here they trust-ed him be-fore us, now their prais-es fill the sky;

he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
he has washed us with his blood, he pre-sents our souls to God.
• he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
he who washed us with his blood has se-cured our way to God.
"You have washed us with your blood; you are wor- thy, Lamb of God!"

John Newton, 1774
Mod.

ALL SAINTS' OLD 8.7.8.7.7.7.
Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1690

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show
myself to him. John 14:21

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry trou-bled breast;
3. Come, Al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;
4. Fin-ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less let us be:

fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown:
let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find the prom-ised rest:
sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er more thy tem-ples leave.
let us see thy great sal-va-tion, per-fect-ly re-stored in thee;

Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;
take a-way the love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,
changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty,
pray, and praise thee, with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1747

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1870; alt. 1990

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My Jesus, I Love Thee

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

1. My Je-sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
2. I love thee be-cause thou hast first lov-ed me,
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
4. In man-sions of glo-ry and end-less de-light,

for thee all the fol-lies of sin I re-sign.
and pur-chased my par-don on Cal-va-ry's tree.
and praise thee as long as thou lend-est me breath;
I'll ev-er a-dore thee in heav-en so bright;

My gra-cious Re-deem-er, my Sav-ior art thou;
I love thee for wear-ing the thorns on thy brow;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow;
I'll sing with the glit-ter-ing crown on my brow:

if ev-er I loved thee, my Je-sus, 'tis now.
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William R. Featherstone, 1864

CARITAS 11.11.11.11.
Adoniram J. Gordon, 1894

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following covenant children will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this morning: Isabella Balmer, covenant child of Stuart and Steph, and Simeon Walsh, covenant child of Christian and Sarah. May the Lord bless these families as they grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

John Muhlfeld and Juan Estevez sincerely thank the congregation for its kind and generous expression of gratitude on Pastor Appreciation Day last Sunday. It remains a joy and delight to serve in gospel ministry at Covenant and we thank the Lord for each of you!

Covenant’s Harvest Festival is this Friday! 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. Please check your hallway mailbox for additional instructions and helpful food packaging items.

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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
Monday 10/19	6:00	p.m.	Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & Youth Group

Monday 10/19 12:15 p.m. Daytime Bible Study

Tuesday 10/20 7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday 10/21

Thursday 10/22

Friday 10/23 6:00 p.m. Harvest Festival

Saturday 10/24

Sunday 10/25	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Practice

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



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SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	C. Rutkowski	George & Cathy Schmidt	Ashley Benoit	Marie Baldwin
Heart Hiders Room 110	Ella Clement	D. Dietterich	Dan Hillman	Sarah Im
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Ella Clement	L. Gottschalk	Bob & Anna Strickland	Jill Buhay
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Carrie Rutkowski Lydia Moyer	Makayla Marshall Jesse Moyer	Jamie Ford Sydney Ford	Pam Taylor Lindsey Henry
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	E. Waltenbaugh Sam Kleeman	Caroline Smith Emry Evans	Julia Smith Heidi Moyer	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfeld	Sharon Muhlfeld	Laura Wambold
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Sondra Cattich	Sondra Cattich	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	Liana Potgieter	Debbie Schultz	Joan Freed	Nancy Hillman
Greeters	Amy Sharadin	Steve & Carrie Rutkowski	Henry & Debbie Schultz	Jason & Ella Clement
Ushers	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	Dan Benoit Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

Health Related

Suzanne Brooke

Carol Cornish

Rita Hageman

Lynn Kluijzenaar

Johnny Medendorp

Andrea Thompson

Expecting

Joy Malysz (Due Nov 21)

Emily Waltenbaugh (Due Feb 6)

Grieving

The English & Putnam Families

Missions

Shibu Oommen and his wife Mary serve in the US with Evangelism Explosion International where they train Christians to share their faith. Shibu also serves as the founder and board member of India Village Mission (IVM), a ministry in northern India that seeks to provide a Christian education to children in need. Mathew, their Director for Missions, writes “A child who receives education receives more than the ability to read and write. Education can give a child confidence, dignity, opportunity, and the courage to imagine a different future. When education is combined with good values, compassion, discipline, and a sense of responsibility, it can shape not only an individual life but an entire generation.” Mathew and his team at IVM seek to provide a Christian worldview to the children they serve. They recognize their work cannot be “accomplished by teachers and staff alone but through a partnership of prayer, compassion, and generosity.”

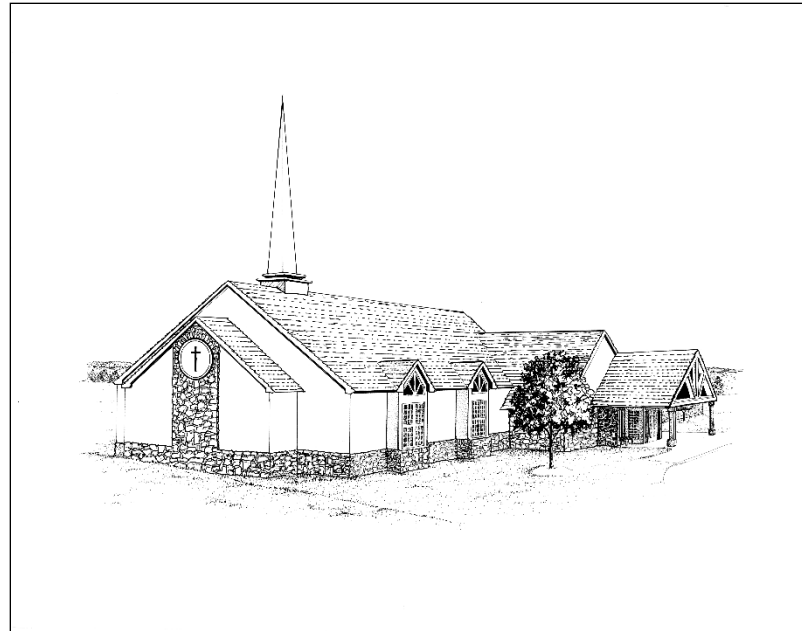
Please pray for the following:

-Every child they serve will receive the opportunity to learn, grow in character, discover their potential, and become a blessing to their family, community, and nation.

-Shibu and the team of board members and advisors that the Lord may continue to bless them with His wisdom so that their timely advice and guidance may encourage IVM to grow and fulfill its vision.

-The IVM teachers and staff may seek God’s will to help the children, mothers, and the whole community.

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.*