

THE LORD’S DAY  
October 25, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Bound for Glory Waldrop

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1–3  
Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
People: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
Leader: For the LORD is a great God,  
People: and a great King above all gods.

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Unison: Lord God, we confess and acknowledge without pretense before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, inclined to do evil, useless for any good, and that by our vice we transgress your holy commandments endlessly and without ceasing. In doing so, we bring ruin and perdition upon ourselves by your just judgment.  
Nevertheless, Lord, we are grieved within ourselves that we have offended you. Be pleased, therefore, to have pity on us, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Blot out our vices and stains and bestow upon us the graces of your Holy Spirit. Then, acknowledging our unrighteousness with all our heart, may we be touched with a sorrow that brings forth true repentance in us that mortifies us to all sin and produces in us fruits of righteousness pleasing to you, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Savior. Amen. (translated and adapted from John Calvin, *La forme des prières* (1542/ 1545))

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 1:9  
Leader: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

\*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 14, 15, 16 (p. 453)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY Mercy Flow Lopez

\*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 2:15–21 (p. 973)

\*\*HYMN 524 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

SERMON FREELY BY HIS GRACE  
Romans 3:21–28 (p. 941)  
Dr. Todd Rester

\*HYMN 92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I Sing the Mighty Power of God Limbaugh

\*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 – John Muhlfeld, Thomas Potgieter  
Musicians – Adult Choir, Junior Bell Choir, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

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# All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
2. The Lord ye know is God in deed; with -  
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -  
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his  
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he  
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Psalm 100  
William Kethe, 1561

OLD HUNDREDETH L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551

JUSTIFICATION

# Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.  
Titus 3:5

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart; they  
2. Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, up - on the shame - ful tree, have  
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the aw - ful load of  
4. Thy righ - teous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me: no

REFRAIN  
tell me all is done; they bid my fear de - part.  
paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for me. To whom, save  
sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.  
righ - teous - ness a - vails save that which is of thee.

thee, who canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Horatius Bonar, 1857

DAHWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.  
John Darwall, 1770

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# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill;

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46  
Martin Luther, 1529  
Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

Ein feste Burg 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.  
Martin Luther, 1529

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening God’s word this morning is Dr. Todd Rester who currently serves as Associate Professor of Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary. We are blessed to welcome him this morning and invite you to greet him after the service.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Fest outreach on Friday evening! It was our pleasure to once again host hundreds of guests from our community as we sought to share the love of Christ in word and deed. Please continue to pray for those who attended, especially the people who visited our outreach and prayer tables.

All ladies are invited to a potluck-style Soup Night on Friday, November 6 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Covenant. Please sign up in the narthex by November 1 and specify on the sign-up what you would like to bring. Please sign up even if you cannot make a contribution to the meal or if the meal schedule is full. We will provide craft kits, but feel free to bring your own handwork to enjoy after the dinner!

The OCC Packing Party will take place on Sunday, November 8 from 2:00–4:30 p.m., or until supplies run out. We will utilize items that have been donated by the congregation throughout the year. Please join us and stay as long as your schedule allows. Supervised children are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served. Each shoebox costs \$10 to ship. Any monetary donations to help cover shipping Covenant shoeboxes would be appreciated. Checks can be made payable to Samaritan’s Purse and can either be placed in Sandy McIntyre’s mailbox or brought to the packing party.

The Senior Fellowship will gather at the church on Tuesday, November 10 at 11:30 a.m. for a turkey lunch followed by a presentation by Rev. Steve Ford. Please sign up in the narthex by November 1 and indicate the dish you would like to contribute. An offering will be taken for donations to Samaritan’s Purse to support *The Greatest Journey*. Christmas cards are appreciated for Chaplain Jim Rich and his wife, Lori. Please contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with questions.

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, November 1.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

|              |       |      |                           |
|--------------|-------|------|---------------------------|
| 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 |

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| Monday 10/26 | 12:15 | p.m. | Daytime Bible Study |
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| Tuesday 10/27 | 7:00 | p.m. | Men’s Bible Study   |
|               | 7:00 | p.m. | Women’s Bible Study |

Wednesday 10/28

Thursday 10/29

Friday 10/30

Saturday 10/31

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|-------------|-------|------|---------------------------|
| Sunday 11/1 | 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 |
|             | 6:00  | p.m. | 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)



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SUNDAY MORNING  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

|                                     | Oct 25                                                                                                       | Nov 1                                                                                                         | Nov 8                                                                                                   | Nov 15                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday School Nursery Room 120      | George & Cathy Schmidt                                                                                       | Ashley Benoit                                                                                                 | Marie Baldwin                                                                                           | Sarah Keating                                                                                                          |
| Heart Hiders Room 110               | D. Dietterich                                                                                                | Dan Hillman                                                                                                   | Sarah Im                                                                                                | Denise Brill                                                                                                           |
| Worship Service Infants Room 120    | L. Gottschalk                                                                                                | Bob & Anna Strickland                                                                                         | Jill Buhay                                                                                              | Cathy Nagy                                                                                                             |
| Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123      | Makayla Marshall<br>Jesse Moyer                                                                              | Jamie Ford<br>Sydney Ford                                                                                     | Pam Taylor<br>Lindsey Henry                                                                             | Nicole Yates<br>Aubrey Riggall                                                                                         |
| Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122      | Caroline Smith<br>Emry Evans                                                                                 | Julia Smith<br>Heidi Moyer                                                                                    | Laura Barbadoro<br>H. Barbadoro                                                                         | Sarah Iannotti<br>Abbie Riggall                                                                                        |
| Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112 | Sharon Muhlfeld                                                                                              | Sharon Muhlfeld                                                                                               | Laura Wambold                                                                                           | Laura Wambold                                                                                                          |
| Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110   | Sondra Cattich                                                                                               | Steve Rutkowski                                                                                               | Steve Rutkowski                                                                                         | J. English                                                                                                             |
| Welcome Bread Bakers                | Debbie Schultz                                                                                               | Joan Freed                                                                                                    | Nancy Hillman                                                                                           | Debbie Schultz                                                                                                         |
| Greeters                            | Steve & Carrie Rutkowski                                                                                     | Henry & Debbie Schultz                                                                                        | Jason & Ella Clement                                                                                    | Ken & Diane Dietterich                                                                                                 |
| Ushers                              | Rick Castor<br>Andy Ford<br>G. Estevez<br>Jack Kane<br>John Kane<br>Keating<br>Bob McClurken<br>Mark Kleeman | Byron Childs<br>David Schmidt<br>Charlie Burger<br>Sam Kleeman<br>Jim Lowery<br>Bill Propsner<br>D. Rutkowski | Dan Benoit<br>Andy Ford<br>D. Dietterich<br>Ed Gottschalk<br>Dan Hillman<br>Bob Kenderdine<br>Ed Wilson | Ken Markwalter<br>George Schmidt<br>Brandon Jones<br>Kris Malysz<br>Jeremy Riggall<br>Henry Schultz<br>Steve Rutkowski |

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS  
FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

***Health Related***

*Suzanne Brooke*

*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***

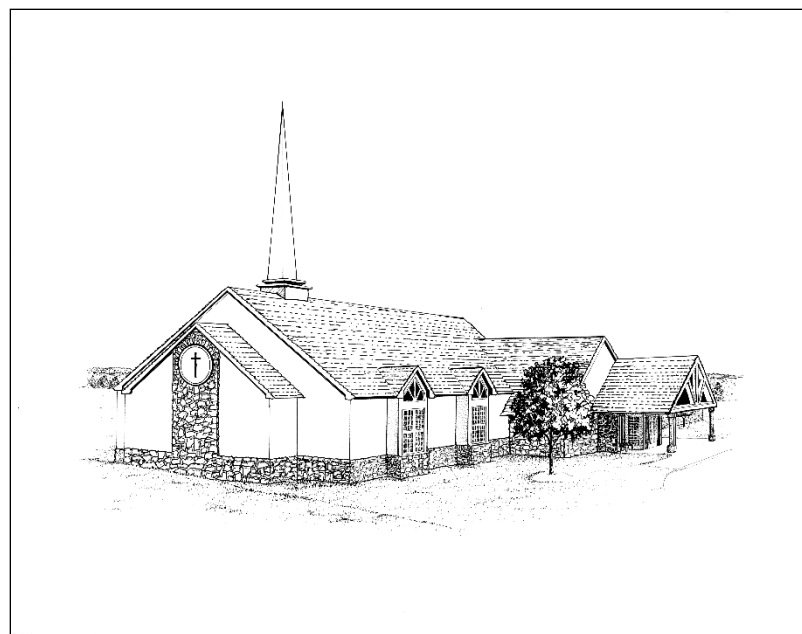
The Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Response Team exists to come to the aide of churches when disaster hits them and their communities.

Hurricane Isaias made landfall on the evening of October 9 in the Florida Panhandle as a Category 2 hurricane. MNA Disaster Response had staff members on the ground on Saturday morning performing assessments and starting to assist churches in the relief effort.

Please pray for the following:

- for churches in the area and for those impacted by the storm
- that God would soften hearts and that Christ's mercy would be seen in volunteers as they serve their neighbors
- for safety for the volunteers, strength and good rest for the staff, volunteers and churches
- that people would come to know Jesus through this storm and its aftermath

# 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.*