THE LORD'S DAY

November 29, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE — Advent Hope — Lasky

CALL TO WORSHIP — From Psalm 18:1–3

Leader: We love you, O LORD, our strength.

People: The LORD is our rock and our fortress and deliverer,

Leader: Our God, our rock, in whom we take refuge, our shield and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

People: We call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and we are saved from our enemies.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 106 — Father, Father of All Things

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: O Merciful God, rebuke us not in your anger, nor discipline us in your wrath. We know our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. For your name's sake, pardon our guilt, for it is great! Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin. Make us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth for you are the God of our salvation. Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Matthew 11:28–30

Leader: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Genesis 22:1–19 (p. 16)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY — Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven — Hyzer

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING — Hebrews 11 (p. 1007)

**HYMN 520 — Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

SERMON — AGAIN I SAY, LOVE ONE ANOTHER
1 John 5:1–5 (p. 1023)
Mr. Juan Estevez

*HYMN 98 — Now Thank We All Our God

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — Thanksgiving — Marshall

**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 – John Muhlfeld, Jim Nagy
Musicians – Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

COVENANT OFFICERS

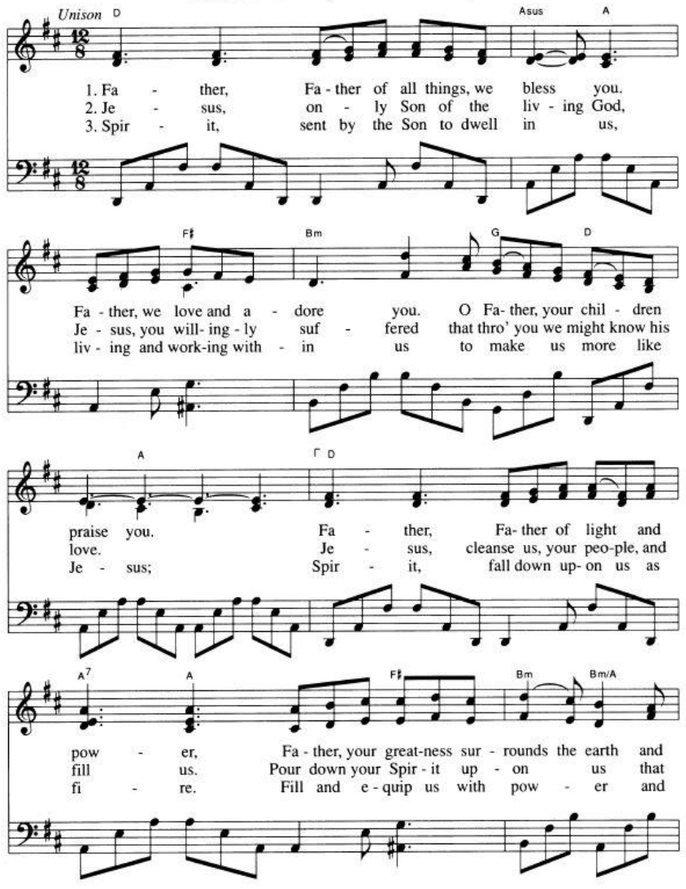
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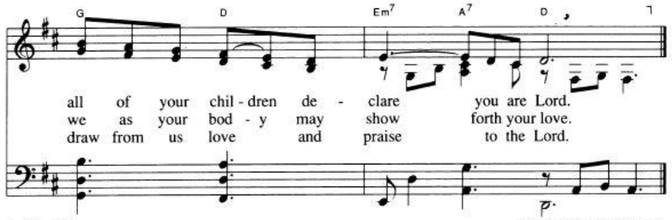
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106 Father, Father of All Things

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. Ps. 116:12, 13





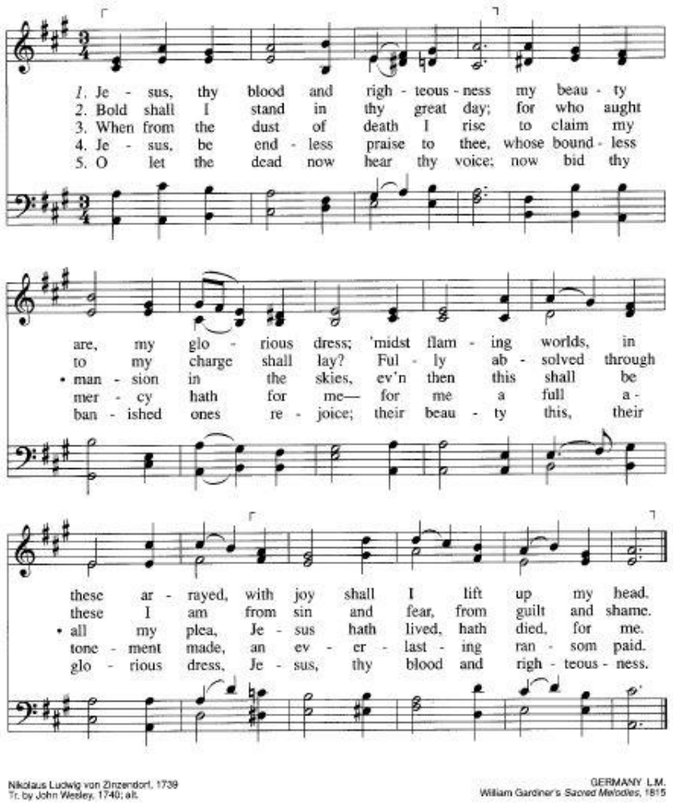
Lyn Riley, 1979

FATHER OF ALL THINGS Irreg.
Neil Riley, 1979

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Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness 520

Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Rom. 3:24



Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739
Tr. by John Wesley, 1740; alt.

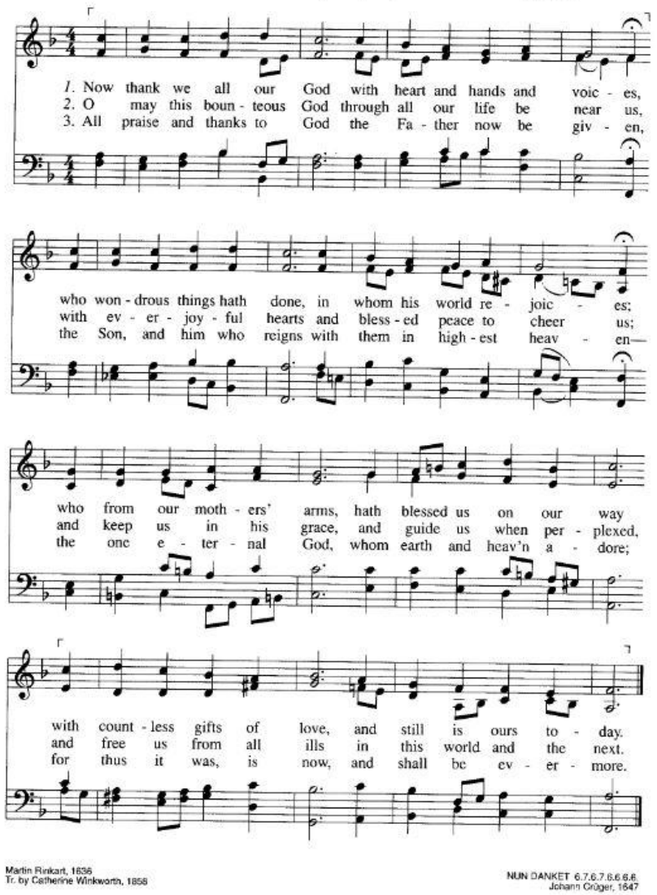
GERMANY L.M.
William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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Now Thank We All Our God

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chron. 29:13



Martin Rinkart, 1636
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858

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Johann Crüger, 1647

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Announcements

Lighting the first Advent candle this morning and reading from God's Word are Bob and Jane Reagan.

We rejoice with Kris and Joy Malysz on the birth of their son, Andrew Jozef, who joins big sister Elizabeth. Both mother and baby are doing well! A basket for cards and gifts is available in the narthex.

2027 offering envelopes are in church mailboxes. An envelope number is required for a private, year-end giving statement. If you are new and would like envelopes or a number for online giving, please contact the church office. If you have a number but do not need the physical envelopes, please let the office know for reordering purposes.

Join us today immediately after the worship service in room 107 to plan for *Hope Explored*, our upcoming three-week series that introduces the Christian faith. The course will meet from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: January 23, January 30, and February 6. Be sure to pick up postcard invitations on the narthex table!

There will be a mercy ministry meal collection at the church on Saturday, December 12 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. Donations of frozen turkeys, hams, roasts, or any other items for a Christmas dinner will be delivered to Manna on Main Street food pantry in Lansdale.

Members of Covenant are encouraged to remain for a brief congregational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, December 13. The only item of business will be to vote on Steve Rutkowski for the office of deacon.

Everyone is invited to an evening of Christmas caroling and fellowship on Sunday, December 20. Please meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to carpool to members' homes, followed by refreshments at Covenant around 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Juan Estevez.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Invitation postcards may be found in the narthex.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, December 6.

This Week at Covenant

Sunday 11/29	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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	11:45	a.m.	Hope Explored Planning Meeting
Monday 11/30	12:15	p.m.	Daytime Bible Study
Tuesday 12/1	7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 12/2			
Thursday 12/3	7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 12/4			
Saturday 12/5	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 12/6	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments in Far Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
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	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

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Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	C. Rutkowski	Nancy Hillman	Abigail English	Christmas Breakfast
Heart Hiders Room 110	Diane Dietterich	A. McMillan	Diane Lowery Mary Slemmer	Christmas Breakfast
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Kristen Jones	E. Waltenbaugh	Jill Buhay	George & Cathy Schmidt
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Kelly Little Jasmine Muhlfeld	Laura Wambold Abbie Riggall	Becky Snyder Luke Snyder	Nicole Yates Anna Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Abigail English Anna Moyer	C. Grosshanten Jesse Moyer	Caroline Smith Eileen Gramp	Sarah Iannotti Sam Kleeman
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Paul & Lynn Wichert	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	M. Medendorp
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Carolyn Muench	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Jason Clement
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Sarah Keating	Sarah Nowling	Marian Eurich
Greeters	Collier Kirkland	Bill Kramer	Jonathon Leiser	Jim & Diana Lowery
Ushers	George Schmidt Rick Castor Frank Evans Bob Lagonegro M. McMillan J. Medendorp Paul Wichert	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	Ken Markwalter George Schmidt Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Steve Rutkowski

Congregational Matters for Prayer & Praise

Health Related

Steve Ford
Rita Hageman
Andrea Thompson

Expecting

Emily Waltenbaugh (Due Feb 6)

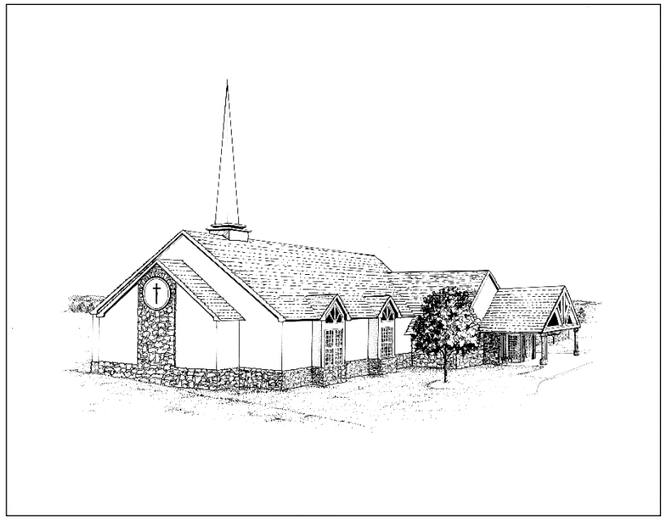
Grieving

The English & Putnam Families

Missions

Flavien and Inyange are missionaries stationed in the US serving churches and church planters in sensitive countries.
Flavien's trips to Hong Kong and Indonesia were blessed and fruitful. The Hong Kong conference drew about 350 church leaders, mostly from the "mainland "underground churches. The teaching by him and other speakers was received eagerly, even though the topic was a sober and challenging one: sin in the life of Christian leaders.
From Hong Kong, Flavien flew to the island of Java. The main purpose of his visit was to help facilitate the formal foundation-laying of a ministry partnership between a local denomination and a team of missionaries from the PCA with whom Flavien has worked for 15 years. It was a promising start for a joint work of church planting and theological education.
From November 23 through December 12, Flavien is scheduled to travel to France and Senegal. In France, he will visit with his family and a handful of pastors and seminary leaders. While in Senegal, he will lead a two-day seminar for pastors, explore a site selected for a new church plant and start the training of two men who have been chosen to run the denomination's two-year pastoral training program.
Please pray for the following:
-stamina and leading of the Spirit in Flavien's preparation of courses he will teach when he returns to the "Far East" in March
-that the Lord would provide new supporters to their ministry team -endurance for their daughter who is a visual arts/piano major and is struggling with wrist pain

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.