

# THE LORD'S DAY

February 1, 2026

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                    Savior, Thy Dying Love                    Lowry

CALL TO WORSHIP                    From Psalm 107:1-3

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has  
redeemed from trouble

**People: and gathered in from the lands, from the east  
and from the west, from the north and from the  
south.**

## INVOCATION

\*HYMN 10                    Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Most merciful and gracious Lord, you have  
covered our nakedness with your garment. You have made a  
vow to us and entered into a covenant relationship with us,  
making us your own. You have bathed us with water and  
anointed us with the oil of gladness. You have set your seal of  
love upon us and yet we often are unfaithful to you. Forgive us,  
O Lord, for the many ways in which we sin against you! Forgive  
us, as well, for the many good things we fail to do. For the sake  
of your Son and our Lord, forgive us, we pray. For we ask it in  
Christ's name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON                    Hosea 2:19

Leader: I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to  
me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.

\*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING                    Psalm 16 (responsive, hymnal p. 788)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY                    Grace Greater Than Our Sin                    Towner

\*DOXOLOGY 731

\*\*NEW TESTAMENT READING                    John 3:22-30 (p. 888)

SERMON                    THE MIND OF A MATCHMAKER BRIDESMAID

1 John 1:1-4 (p. 1021)

Mr. Juan Estevez

\*HYMN 423                    According to Thy Gracious Word

\*CONFESION OF FAITH                    Westminster Shorter Catechism  
Questions 92-93, 96-97 (hymnal p. 876)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN 359                    Blest Be the Tie That Binds

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                    O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus                    Matthews

*\*Please stand if able*

*\*\*Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5-grade 1: Room 112; grades 2-3: Room 110)*

*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

Musician – Helen Ro

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

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

*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*

## Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary. Ps. 150:1

Unison

1. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! In his tem - ple God be praised;  
 2. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise Je - ho - vah for his might - y acts of fame;  
 3. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise Je - ho - vah with the trum - pet's joy - ful sound;  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! All that breathe, Je - ho - vah praise;

in the high and heav'n - ly plac - es be the sound - ing an - them raised.  
 ex - cel - lent his might and great - ness, fit - ting prais - es then pro - claim.  
 praise with harp and praise with or - gan, let his glo - rious praise a - bound.  
 let the voic - es God has giv - en joy - ful an - thems to him raise.

Harmony

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

From Psalm 150  
The Psalter, 1912ALLELUIA (LOWE) 8.7.8.7.al.  
Albert Lowe, 1868

GOD:

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## PSALM 16

Keep me safe, O God,  
 for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
 apart from you I have no good thing."

**As for the saints who are in the land,  
 they are the glorious ones in whom is all  
 my delight.**

The sorrows of those will increase who  
 run after other gods.

**I will not pour out their libations of  
 blood or take up their names on my lips.**

LORD, you have assigned me my portion  
 and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me  
 in pleasant places; surely I have a de-  
 lightful inheritance.**

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;  
 even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the LORD always before me.  
 Because he is at my right hand, I will not  
 be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my  
 tongue rejoices; my body also will rest  
 secure,

**because you will not abandon me to  
 the grave, nor will you let your Holy One  
 see decay.**

You have made known to me the path of  
 life;

**you will fill me with joy in your pres-  
 ence, with eternal pleasures at your right  
 hand.**

## According to Thy Gracious Word

Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

1. Ac - cord - ing to thy gra - cious word, in meek hu - mil - i - ty,  
 2. Thy bod - y, bro - ken for my sake, my bread from heav'n shall be;  
 3. Geth - sem - a - ne can I for - get? Or there thy con - flict see,  
 4. When to the cross I turn mine eyes, and rest on Cal - va - ry,  
 5. Re - mem - ber thee, and all thy pains, and all thy love to me:

this will I do, my dy - ing Lord, I will re - mem - ber thee,  
 thy tes - ta - men - tal cup I take, and thus re - mem - ber thee.  
 • thine ag - o - ny and blood - y sweat, and not re - mem - ber thee?  
 O Lamb of God, my sac - ri - fice, I must re - mem - ber thee,  
 when thou shalt in thy king - dom come, Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

James Montgomery, 1825

DALEHURST C.M.  
Arthur Cottman, 1874

**92. Q. What is a sacrament?**

A. A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

**93. Q. Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?**

A. The sacraments of the New Testament are, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

**96. Q. What is the Lord's Supper?**

A. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

**97. Q. What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?**

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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*You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28*

*Capo 3: F (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (G) (D) (A)*

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love:  
2. Be - fore the Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear;  
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us in - ward pain;  
  
the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
  
5. This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,  
while each in expectation lives,  
and longs to see the day.  
  
6. From sorrow, toil and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS S.M.  
Hans G. Nägeli, 1773-1836  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day (extended due to snow cancellations) to update your information for the new church directory. Please check the draft in the narthex or contact the office.

Today is the last day to check the lost and found in the narthex coat closet before its contents are donated on February 2.

Join Covenant's Senior Fellowship for a brown bagged lunch on Tuesday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Covenant. Bring your own lunch and your favorite family photos to share. Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP in the narthex by February 8 and contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with questions.

All women are invited to meditate on 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. Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex to receive a book and study guide.

The youth group will host its 26th Annual Italian Dinner on Saturday, February 14. Please review the flyer in church mailboxes and the narthex for the menu and the suggested donation amount. The youth will serve the meal, and all donations will support their summer mission trip. Note the earlier hors d'oeuvres start time of 4:30 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, February 8 and contact Juan Estevez with questions.

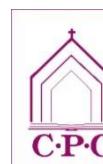
The Sonflower Girls and Trailblazer Boys will be assembling cleaning supply kits for local families. Please drop off donations in the narthex bin by Sunday, February 15. Contact Kimberly Roberts with questions.

Small groups are a great way to get to know other members, grow in the Lord, and engage in prayer, fellowship, and acts of service. If you would be interested in learning more about Covenant's small groups, please contact Pastor Muhlfeld. A brochure containing meeting times, locations, and topics of each group may be found in the narthex, in addition to the bulletin board in the nursery hallway.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 2/1	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	11:45 a.m.	Hope Explored Preparations
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Bell Choir Practice (Far Narthex)
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group Leaders' Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 2/2	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday 2/3	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 2/4		
Thursday 2/5	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 2/6		
Saturday 2/7	9:00 a.m.	Women in Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Hope Explored (until 12:00 p.m.)
Sunday 2/8	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	11:45 a.m.	Baldwin Shepherding Group
		Lunch
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Bell Choir Practice (Far Narthex)

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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## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

<b>Health Related</b>	<b>Expecting</b>
Walt Adrena	Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)
Bill Moore	Steph Balmer (Due June 21)
<b>Grieving</b>	
Balmer Family	
Dan & Kathy McHale	

## Missions

Bridge of Hope Buxmont is a local Christian organization providing help and hope to single mothers and children in Bucks and Montgomery counties who are facing homelessness. It launched in 2000 as the community discerned a need and churches desired to help with that need.

They strive to support the women and children facing homelessness by achieving safe and sustainable housing, strong and resilient families and supporting neighboring relationships. The model they use is a three-way partnership that includes a family facing homelessness, a Case Manager and a group of Neighboring Volunteers from within a Christian faith community. With training from Bridge of Hope, these volunteers simply do life with the family by offering tangible and emotional support and encouragement as they engage with the family in faith and life.

Please pray for Bridge of Hope and the families they serve. For more information go to [buxmont.bridgeofhopeinc.org](http://buxmont.bridgeofhopeinc.org).

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Sarah Keating	Becky Snyder	Ashley Benoit	Ella Clement
<b>Heart Hiders</b> Room 110	Ashley O'Hara	Denise Brill	D. Dietterich	Dan Hillman
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Barb Markwalter	Sarah Walsh	Cathy Nagy	Jill Buhay
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Diane Dietterich Anna Moyer	E. Waltenbaugh Lindsey Henry	C. Grosshantenn Aubrey Riggall	Ashley O'Hara Alexis O'Hara
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Abigail English Sam Kleeman	Nicole Yates Heidi Moyer
<b>Junior Church 5s - grade 1</b> Room 112	Amy Muhlfeld M. Wambold	Laura Wambold	Kathy McHale	Paul & Lynn Wichert
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Katelyn Reist	Katelyn Reist	M. Medendorp	Sondra Cattich
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Pam Taylor	Becky Snyder	Debbie Schultz	Marie Baldwin
<b>Greeters</b>	Ryan Smith	Steve & Carrie Rutkowski	Roy & Kerstin Trapp	Darren Cornish
<b>Ushers</b>	Byron Childs David Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	Dan Benoit Andy Ford D. Dietterich Brandon Jones Kris Malyusz Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Ken Markwalter George Schmidt G. Estevez Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman	Rick Castor David Schmidt G. Estevez Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman

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*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.*