

THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 49:6,7

Leader: The LORD says of his Son, "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

People: Praise be to God for sending his Son to be our Redeemer!

Leader: The LORD says, "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see you and bow down, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen you."

People: Praise be to God for sending Jesus, the Light of the World!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 346 Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Father, we confess that our sinful thoughts, words, and actions come from hearts that have been darkened by sin. Left to ourselves, we actually love the darkness because our deeds are evil. Forgive us, we pray. Lift our eyes to Jesus, the Light of the world. Enable us to trust in his atoning work on the cross so that we may walk in his light and reflect it to others. May the world see your glory and give all praise to you. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 2:12, 3:1

Leader: I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:1–17 (p. 259)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 8:12–30 (p. 894)

**HYMN 518

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

SERMON

POST TENEBRAS, LUX!

2 Samuel 23:1–7 (p. 275)

Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 598

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**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 – Jeff Currier, Juan Estevez

Musician – Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

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

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Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning! 346

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you... Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Is. 60:1, 3

1. Hail to the bright-ness of Zi-on's glad morn-ing!
 2. Hail to the bright-ness of Zi-on's glad morn-ing!
 3. Lo, in the des-ert rich flow-ers are spring-ing,
 4. See, from all lands, from the isles of the o-cean,

Joy to the lands that in dark-ness have lain!
 Long by the proph-ets of Is-rael fore-told!
 streams ev-er co-pious are glid-ing a-long;
 praise to Je-ho-vah as-cend-ing on high;

Hushed be the ac-cents of sor-row and mourn-ing;
 Hail to the mil-lions from bond-age re-turn-ing!
 loud from the moun-tain-tops ech-oes are ring-ing,
 fall'n are the en-gines of war and com-mo-tion,

Zi-on in tri-umph be-gins her mild reign.
 Gen-tiles and Jews the blest vi-sion be-hold.
 wastes rise in ver-dure and min-gle in song,
 shouts of sal-va-tion are rend-ing the sky.

Thomas Hastings, 1831

WESLEY 11.10.11.10,
Lowell Mason, 1830

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground 518

To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21

1. Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of
 2. Let your love my heart in-flame; keep your fear be-
 3. Foun-tain of o'er-flow-ing grace, free-ly from your
 4. Firm-ly trust-ing in your blood, noth-ing shall my
 5. Thus, O thus, an en-trance give to the land of

all my joy, still in you may I be found, still for
 fore my sight; be your praise my high-est aim; be your
 ful-ness give; till I close my earth-ly race, may I
 heart con-found; safe-ly I shall pass the flood, safe-ly
 cloud-less sky; hav-ing known it "Christ to live," let me

you my pow'r's em-ploy, still for you my pow'r's em-ploy.
 smile my chief de-light, be your smile my chief de-light.
 prove it "Christ to live," may I prove it "Christ to live."
 reach Im-man-uel's ground, safe-ly reach Im-man-uel's ground.
 know it "gain to die," let me know it "gain to die."

Ralph Wardlaw, 1817
Mod.

HENDON 7.7.7.7, rep.
Henri A. Casar Malan, 1827

598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je-ho-vah, pil-grim through this
 2. O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain, whence the heal-ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx-ious

bar-ren land; I am weak, but thou art might-y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar lead me all my
 fears sub-side; Death of death, and hell's De-struc-tion, land me safe on

pow'r-ful hand; Bread of heav-en, Bread of heav-en,
 jour-ney through; strong De-liv-'rer, strong De-liv-'rer,
 Ca-naan's side; songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev-er give to thee, I will ev-er give to thee.

William Williams, 1745
St. 1-3; by Peter Williams, 1771
St. 2-3 tr. by William Williams, 1772

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7, rep.
John Hughes, 1907

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your church mailboxes you will find a communicational update from the Session keeping you posted on the latest regarding our church staffing and facility plans. The message also provides some historical perspective on the commitments of our congregation, as well as our prayerful plans for the future. We pray this update will come as an encouragement to you of the wonderful things God is doing in our midst as we follow Him together.

Easter lily order forms are available in the narthex. Please return the form and payment to the church office by March 22.

Due to Easter falling on a first Sunday this year, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on March 29 rather than April 5. Thank you for taking note and preparing your heart accordingly.

The grass will soon be growing, and volunteers are needed to help keep our property in great shape. Whether you are a seasoned mower or a novice, we invite you to join a three-person team and help a few times a year. If interested, please complete the form found in your church mailbox and return it to Bob McClurken's mailbox or the church office by March 29.

A congregational Easter breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex to contribute a dish. There will be no Sunday school that morning and the worship service will follow breakfast at 10:30 a.m.

Covenant's softball team offers men (age 15 and older) fun and fellowship in an athletic environment. The league also endeavors to point the unsaved to Christ by encouraging teams to invite friends and co-workers to join. Spectators are always welcome to attend games. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Jeff Carrier with questions.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 3/8	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.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group High School Panel Discussion
Monday 3/9		
Tuesday 3/10	11:30 a.m.	Senior Fellowship Potluck Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 3/11		
Thursday 3/12	7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Friday 3/13		
Saturday 3/14	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Henning's Market
Sunday 3/15	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
	11:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Progressive Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Sonflower Girls & Trailblazer Boys

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



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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Glenda Childs

Ray Trauger

Expecting

Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)

Steph Balmer (Due June 21)

Grieving

Balmer Family

Cliff & Caroline Heizmann

Dan & Kathy McHale

Missions

Bryan Stoudt is serving in Arizona with the Western Division of Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). He and his wife Sharon are also working with the Paraclete Mission Group as they mentor young couples who are preparing for marriage.

At a recent CMDA dinner God gave them an amazing night with the CEO of CCHF, a national organization helping Christians live out the gospel through healthcare among the poor and marginalized. His main challenge was to spend ourselves for something that matters in the service of Christ and His Kingdom.

Pray that God uses his message and example to inspire their community to live big lives, following wherever Jesus leads.

Over Valentine's Day weekend, Bryan and Sharon had the opportunity to speak to fifty couples at a marriage conference on the theme of Forgiveness and Reconciliation grounded in God's forgiveness of us in Christ.

Pray that these couples would live this out in their marriages and seek the church's help when needed.

Bryan is looking forward to their next CMDA dinner in March when they will be partnering with Voices for the Voiceless, a local ministry working to address the root causes of abortion and affirm the dignity of every human life.

Pray that God would use this dinner topic to to deepen their community's commitment to honoring all who bear God's image, and that a few might even sense a calling to make this central to their own practice of healthcare.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	C. Rutkowski	Marie Baldwin	Abigail English	Ella Clement
Heart Hiders Room 110	Ella Clement	Diane Dietterich	Nancy Hillman	A. McMillan
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Kristen Jones	George & Cathy Schmidt	Sarah Walsh	Lydia Evans Emry Evans
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder	Pam Taylor Anna Moyer	M. Medendorp Jasmine Muhlfeld	Jill Buhay Abbie Riggall
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold	C. Grosshanten Aubrey Riggall	Nicole Yates Sam Kleeman	Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan	A. McMillan
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Steve Rutkowski	Amy Muhlfeld M. Wambold
Welcome Bread Bakers	Betty Peterson	Sarah Nowling	Martha Moody	Holly Rorex
Greeters	Bob & Betty Peterson	Bill Kramer	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Andy & Carolyn Ford
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 Dan Benoit G. Estevez Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman	Andy Ford Ken Markwalter Frank Evans Bob Lagonegro M. McMillan J. Medendorp Paul Wichert

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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.*