

THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile Morrison

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 24:7, 8, 10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

People: Who is this King of glory?

Leader: The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle!

People: Who is he, this King of glory?

Leader: The LORD Almighty- he is the King of glory!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 235 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Father in heaven, we confess how often we betray you in thought, word, and deed. We break the good commands you have proclaimed to us and neglect the good work you have given us to do. We have also denied you, sometimes by our words but more often by our silence. We have often failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Forgives us through the Savior who is ever faithful, Jesus Christ. May His fidelity and sacrifice on the cross cover even the worst of our sin, so that through His mercy we might grow in faithfulness and love others well for your glory. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 6:35, 40

Leader: Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will

never be thirsty. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 41 (responsive, hymnal p. 800)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Arise and Sing, Behold the King Sorenson

*DOXOLOGY 731

**NEW TESTAMENT READING John 13:1–17 (p. 900)

SERMON FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM
John 13:18–38 (p. 900)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 256 There Is a Green Hill Far Away

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 1–3 (hymnal p. 869)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 528 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The King's Trumpet Giamanco

**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 – Juan Estevez, Bob McIntyre

Musicians – Adult Choir, Junior Choir, Laura Hillman, Rebekah Hillman,
Heidi Moyer, Lydia Moyer, Helen Ro

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

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

JESUS CHRIST:

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

ST. THEODULPH 7 & 7 B D
Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

PSALM 41

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble.

The LORD will protect him and preserve his life;

he will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.

The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness.

I said, "O LORD, have mercy on me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."

My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

Whenever one comes to see me, he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander;

then he goes out and spreads it abroad.

All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me, saying,

"A vile disease has beset him; he will never get up from the place where he lies."

Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

But you, O LORD, have mercy on me; raise me up, that I may repay them.

I know that you are pleased with me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.

In my integrity you uphold me and set me in your presence forever.

Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen and Amen.

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HIS DEATH

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. Heb. 13:12, 13

1. There is a green hill far a - way, with - out a cit - y wall,
2. We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear;
3. He died that we might be for - giv'n, he died to make us good,
4. There was no oth - er good e - nough to pay the price of sin;
5. O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved, and we must love him too,

where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, who died to save us all,
but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
• that we might go at last to heav'n, saved by his pre - cious blood,
he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heav'n, and let us in,
and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

MEDITATION C.M.
John H. Gower, 1890

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Questions 1–3

1. **Q. What is the chief end of man?**
A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.
2. **Q. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?**
A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.
3. **Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?**
A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

SANCTIFICATION

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Heb. 12:1, 2

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

Ray Palmer, 1830

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Lowell Mason, 1832

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to complete and return mowing volunteer forms to Bob McClurken's mailbox.

Covenant will host a joint Good Friday service with Lansdale Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for our congregational Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday school that morning and the worship service will follow breakfast at 10:30 a.m.

The senior fellowship will gather at the church for an Easter lunch followed by a presentation by Dr. Dick O'Hara on Tuesday, April 14 at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, April 5 and contact Don & Lynn Kluzenaar with questions.

A sign-up sheet for the next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld is available in the narthex. Attending the class does not obligate one to apply for membership but is a requirement before meeting with the Session for a membership interview. The class will be held during the Sunday school hour (9:15–10:00 a.m.) and will meet April 19 to May 31.

Join us to celebrate Helen Ro's 25th anniversary as director of Covenant's music ministry on Sunday, May 31 at 3:45 p.m. at Covenant. The evening will consist of special music and worship followed by a time of fellowship over light refreshments. Please check your church mailbox for your invitation and sign up in the narthex by Sunday, April 26. If you'd like to contribute a dish, please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, May 24. For any questions, please contact Kerstin Trapp at 215-740-0216 or kerstintrapp17@gmail.com.

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. There are many ways you can volunteer to help with this exciting event. Check your church mailbox for a volunteer form or pick one up in the narthex. Please return the form to Sharon Muhlfeld by May 3 or simply email her with your preference for serving. This year's VBS dates are June 28–July 2.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 3/29 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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 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday 3/30

Tuesday 3/31 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 4/1

Thursday 4/2 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 4/3 7:00 p.m. Joint Good Friday Service at Covenant

Saturday 4/4 9:00 a.m. Women in Prayer

Sunday 4/5 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Health Related

Bill Moore
Glenda Childs

Expecting

Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)
Steph Balmer (Due June 21)
Sarah Walsh (Due Aug 30)
Colleen Iammatteo (Due Sept 14)

Grieving

Cliff & Caroline Heizmann

Missions

Bruce and Anne McDowell are PCA missionaries serving the Santiago Theological Seminary in the Dominican Republic, where Bruce is cofounder and President. They are praising God for a wonderful class in January on the doctrines of Christ and salvation, taught by a church planter in Santiago. The feedback from the sixty students in attendance was overwhelmingly positive.

Bruce has been teaching a class on the mission of the church to the residential certificate students. They had an eye-opening cross-cultural experience when visiting a local mosque, and one student has even expressed an interest in becoming a missionary to the unreached people groups.

The seminary's Executive Director recently taught at a Haitian church leaders conference. Through that connection, Bruce was invited to preach at a Haitian Baptist church and then teach their leaders in training. Plans are being made for him to teach a course on church leadership and governance to a large group of Haitian church leaders.

Please pray for the following:

- that the plans for the course on church leadership would come to fruition and bear lasting fruit
- for God's provision to hire an executive administrative assistant to support the growing ministry
- for funding to complete the next stage of constructing the seminary classroom

**SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

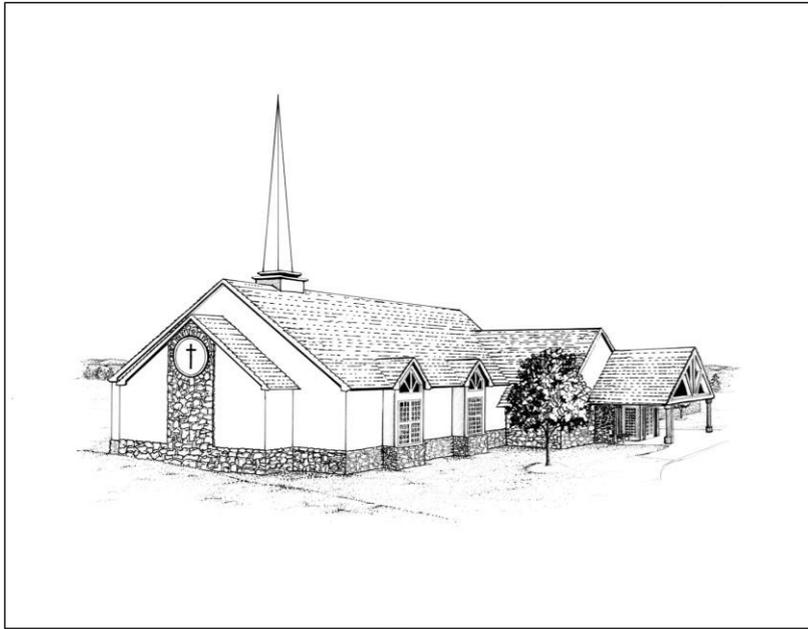
| | Mar 29 | Apr 5 | Apr 12 | Apr 19 |
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| Sunday School Nursery Room 120 | Ella Clement | Easter Breakfast | Nancy Hillman | George & Cathy Schmidt |
| Heart Hiders Room 110 | A. McMillan | Easter Breakfast | Diana Lowery Mary Slemmer | L. Barbadoro |
| Worship Service Infants Room 120 | Lydia Evans Emry Evans | Cathy Nagy | Ella Clement | L. Gottschalk |
| Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123 | Jill Buhay Abbie Riggall | Kelly Little Amy Muhlfeld | Caroline Smith Heidi Moyer | Danielle Moyer Jesse Moyer |
| Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122 | Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall | Sarah Iannotti Luke Snyder | Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski | Abigail English Abbie Riggall |
| Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112 | L. Barbadoro | Jonathan & Ashley O'Hara | Jamie Ford | Kathy McHale |
| Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110 | Amy Muhlfeld M. Wambold | David & Joy Schmidt | Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis | Jason Clement |
| Welcome Bread Bakers | Holly Rorex | Debbie Schultz | Heidi Fisher | Jane Reagan |
| Greeters | Andy & Carolyn Ford | Henry & Debbie Schultz | George & Cathy Schmidt | John & Melanie Medendorp |
| Ushers | Andy Ford Ken Markwalter 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 |



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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.*