

THE LORD'S DAY

April 12, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE I Know That My Redeemer Liveth Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 47:5–7

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Leader: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**People: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!**

INVOCATION

*HYMN 11 Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Merciful and gracious God, you are the source of all life and light. And you have given us your Son, the true light. And although we believe and confess His glorious Gospel, often we behave as though we were still children of wrath and darkness. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Send your light and your truth and lead us to the ultimate light and truth, that we might become more like Jesus day by day. For we pray it in Christ's name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Joel 2:12–13

Leader: “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:9–18 (p. 97)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Living Hope Wickham

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:1–18 (p. 886)

**HYMN 397 Light of Light, Enlighten Me

SERMON THE COMMAND TO LOVE
1 John 2:7–14 (p. 1021)
Mr. Juan Estevez

*HYMN 590 Jesus, Master, Whose I Am

*CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE Crown Him with Many Crowns Elvey

*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 – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier
Musicians – Adult Bell Choir, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk, Greg Fisher

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

**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*

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God 11

Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.
Ps. 72:18

Capo: 1 Γ Unison

1. Now bless - ed be the Lord our God, the
2. And bless - ed be his glo - rious name to
3. His wide do - min - ion shall ex - tend from
4. Yea, all the kings shall bow to him, his

God of Is - ra - el, for he a - lone does
all e - ter - ni - ty; the whole earth let his
sea to ut - most sea, and un - to earth's re -
rule all na - tions hail; he will re - gard the

won - drous works in glo - ry that ex - cel.
glo - ry fill A - men, so let it be.
mot - est bounds his peace - ful rule shall be.
poor man's cry when oth - er help - ers fail.

Psalm 72:8, 11, 12, 18, 19
Scottish Psalter, 1650
Mod.

McKEE C.M.
Spiritual
Arr. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

Light of Light, Enlighten Me 397

With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Ps. 36:9

1. Light of light, en - light - en me, now a - new the day is dawn - ing;
2. Fount of all our joy and peace, to thy liv - ing wa - ters lead me;
3. Kin - dle thou the sac - ri - fice, that up - on my lips is ly - ing;
4. Let me with my heart to - day, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" sing - ing,
5. Hence all care, all van - i - ty, for the day to God is ho - ly;

sun of grace, the shad - ows flee; bright - en thou my Sab - bath morn - ing;
thou from earth my soul re - lease, and with grace and mer - cy feed me;
clear the shad - ows from mine eyes, that, from ev - ery er - ror fly - ing,
rapt a - while from earth a - way, all my soul to thee up - spring - ing,
come, thou glo - rious Maj - es - ty, deign to fill this tem - ple low - ly;

with thy joy - ous sun - shine blest, hap - py is my day of rest.
bless thy Word, that it may prove rich in fruits that thou dost love.
no strange fire may in me glow that thine al - tar doth not know.
have a fore - taste in - ly giv'n how they wor - ship thee in heav'n.
naught to - day my soul shall move, sim - ply rest - ing in thy love.

Benjamin Schmolck, 1714
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858

HINGHAMAN 7.8.7.8.7.7.
Uzziah C. Burnap, 1869

Jesus, Master, Whose I Am 590

The God whose I am and whom I serve. Acts 27:23

1. Je - sus, Mas - ter, whose I am, pur - chased thine a - lone to be
2. Je - sus, Mas - ter, I am thine: keep me faith - ful, keep me near;
3. Je - sus, Mas - ter, whom I serve, though so fee - bly and so ill,
4. Lord, thou need - est not, I know, ser - vice such as I can bring;

by thy blood, O spot - less Lamb, shed so will - ing - ly for me,
let thy pres - ence in me shine all my home - ward way to cheer.
strength - en hand and heart and nerve all thy bid - ding to ful - fil.
yet I long to prove and show full al - le - giance to my King.

let my heart be all thine own, let me live to thee a - lone.
Je - sus, at thy feet I fall, O be thou my all in all.
O - pen thou mine eyes to see all the work thou hast for me.
Thou an hon - or art to me: let me be a praise to thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1865

WELLS 7.7.7.7.7.7.
Dmitri Botvinnik, 1752-1825; arr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex to attend the adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld. 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.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex to serve as a table host at the women's ministry's spring tea on Saturday, May 2. Hosting a table will require decorating and providing a table setting for 6-8 guests. Tablecloths, food, and hot water for tea will be provided. Please contact Liana Potgieter with any questions.

This year's spring workday will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The rain date for this event is April 25. Please contact Byron Childs with questions.

The men's ministry is hosting a one-day spring retreat at Covenant on Saturday, May 9 from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The theme is "Everyday Evangelism." Please sign up in the narthex by May 3 and contact Jeff Currier with questions.

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 4/12	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
Monday 4/13		
Tuesday 4/14	11:30 a.m.	Senior Fellowship Easter Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 4/15		
Thursday 4/16		
Friday 4/17	10:00 a.m.	Family Greeting Hour
	11:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life Service for Ernie Heizmann
Saturday 4/18	8:00 a.m.	Spring Workday (until 1:00 p.m.)
	9:00 a.m.	Women in Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Softball Practice (Upper Salford Park)
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	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45 a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & 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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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)

Joy Malysz (Due Nov)

Missions

Michael Goodlin serves with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) as Lehigh University's campus minister. Michael is praising God for RUF's mission trip to Detroit.

While there, the students assisted with housing projects, tutored disadvantaged kids, helped to renovate a church kitchen and engaged in outreach at a college within the community with the highest Muslim population in North America.

Part of the preparation for the trip included asking students to give up their phones so they could be more present with the work and people they were serving. This caused some tension before the trip but turned out to be an advantage. Instead of scrolling during downtime, students talked, laughed and reflected together about what they were seeing and experiencing.

Michael shares the following praises and prayer requests:

-praise for their sermon series on Song of Songs which has opened the door for lots of good conversations about the beauty of God's design for sexual relationships

-pray for endurance, insight and joy as they work through their new sermon series on Ecclesiastes, and pray that all students would seriously consider how brief their lives are

-pray that the Lord would give their campus intern renewed strength and joy in the work He has called her to

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Nancy Hillman	George & Cathy Schmidt	Sarah Keating	Becky Snyder
Heart Hiders Room 110	Diana Lowery Mary Slemmer	L. Barbadoro	Sarah Keating	Lydia Putnam
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Ella Clement	L. Gottschalk	E. Waltenbaugh	Sarah Walsh
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Caroline Smith Heidi Moyer	Jamie Ford Sydney Ford	Danielle Moyer Jesse Moyer	C. Grosshanten Lindsey Henry
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Sarah Iannotti D. Rutkowski	Abigail English Abbie Riggall	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Jamie Ford	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfeld	Amy Muhlfeld M. Wambold
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Jason Clement	Jason Clement	M. Medendorp
Welcome Bread Bakers	Heidi Fisher	Jane Reagan	Pat Stoner	Diane Dietterich
Greeters	George & Cathy Schmidt	John & Melanie Medendorp	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Bob & Kim Kenderdine
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 George Schmidt G. Estevez Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman	Byron Childs David Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. 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.*