

# THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound      Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP      From Psalm 105

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done!

**People: Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People: For he remembers his covenant forever,  
the word he commanded, for a thousand  
generations.**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 103      Holy God, We Praise Your Name

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Almighty Father, you have given us every reason for hope in Jesus Christ, and yet we confess before you our lack of faith. When hardships come, we are quick to forget your faithfulness, slow to turn to you in prayer, and willing to assume the worst. Even when you call us to suffer for righteousness, we rebel and seek our own comfort over your glory. Forgive us for these and all our sins in the Name of Jesus Christ and strengthen our faith this hour through the ministry of your Word. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Lamentations 3:22, 23

Leader: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

\*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING      2 Samuel 23:8–17 (p. 276)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY      Sing Praise      Ham

\*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Hebrews 11:1–16, 32–40 (p. 1007)

\*\*HMR 9      Alive in Christ

SERMON      THE HALL OF FAITH  
2 Samuel 23:8–39 (p. 276)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 345      Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      All Hail the Power      Forrest

*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 – Juan Estevez, Thomas Potgieter  
Musician – Rebekah Hillman, 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*

### Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Is. 6:3*

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;  
 2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred name to hal - low;  
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;

all on earth your scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing.  
 proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,

In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 fill the heav'n's with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."  
 and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on,  
 and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

Based on Te Deum, ca. 4th cent.  
 Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca. 1774  
 Tr. by Clarence A. Wilworth, 1853; alt. 1990, mod.

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 7.8.7.8.7.7.  
 Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774

### Alive in Christ

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*But . . . God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. Eph. 2:4-5*

1. I once was re - bel - lious, cor - rup - ted by  
 2. But God who is rich in com - pas - sion and  
 3. God liv - ted me up to the heav - en - ly  
 4. Since grace is the source of the life that is  
 5. Yet now I am liv - ing with work to be

sin, pur - su - ing the dev - il's dark path,  
 love, not leav - ing my soul to the grave,  
 realms where seat - ed with Christ I am free,  
 mine and faith is a gift from on high,  
 done for I am God's work - man - ship too,

— O - bli - vi - ous, dead to the state I was  
 — Has giv - en me life; born a - gain from a -  
 — In a - ges to come he will show me more  
 — I'll boast in my Sav - ior, all mer - it de -  
 — Cre - a - ted in Christ with a race to be

in, an ob - ject of God's dread - ful wrath.  
 bove, by God's sov - reign grace I've been saved.  
 grace so great is his kind - ness to me.  
 cline, and glo - ri - fy God 'til I die.  
 run, which God has or - dained me to do.

Based on Ephesians 2:1-10  
 James Montgomery Boice, 2000

SOLA GRATIA  
 11.8.11.8.  
 Paul S. Jones, 2000

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### Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3*

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;  
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,  
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:  
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst 't'as - suage?  
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

John Newton, 1779

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D  
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice with Niv and Sade Lemoine on the birth of their daughter, Reiah Grace, born Sunday, April 12, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 19 ¼ in. Reiah joins siblings Ellaniah, Hosea, Ezra, Jonah, and Olivia. A basket for gifts and cards may be found in the narthex.

Covenant's first softball game of the season is on Thursday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Line Lexington Field. For the full schedule and field locations, check Covenant Update or grab a paper copy in the narthex.

If you have a 2026 graduate in your household, please contact the church office with their graduation information and a picture so we may recognize them during the worship service on June 7.

All women are invited to a Spring Tea on Saturday, May 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. here at Covenant. Please sign up in the narthex by April 26.

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. Please sign up in the narthex by May 3.

Support the youth mission trip by returning a Mother's Day flower order form and \$25 donation to Juan Estevez's mailbox by May 3 for pickup on May 10.

The Senior Fellowship's Byer's Choice tour and lunch at Zoto's Diner is on Tuesday, May 12 at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex by May 3.

The deadline to sign up in the narthex for Helen Ro's 25th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 31 at 3:45 p.m. has been extended to May 10.

Please return volunteer forms for this year's Vacation Bible School (June 28–July 2) to Sharon Muhlfeld by May 3.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, May 3.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 4/26</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00 a.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	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.	Teen Bell Choir Practice
<b>Monday 4/27</b>		
<b>Tuesday 4/28</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Potluck Picnic
<b>Wednesday 4/29</b>		
<b>Thursday 4/30</b>	6:30 p.m.	Softball Game at Line Lexington Field
<b>Friday 5/1</b>		
<b>Saturday 5/2</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women in Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Women's Spring Tea
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	11:45 a.m.	Teen Bell Choir Practice
	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](http://www.covpreschurch.org)



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## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

### *Health Related*

*Bill Moore*

*Glenda Childs*

### *Engaged*

*Tyler Delke &*

*Shae Medendorp*

### *Expecting*

*Steph Balmer (Due June 21)*

*Sarah Walsh (Due Aug 30)*

*Colleen Iammatteo (Due Sept 14)*

*Joy Mahysz (Due Nov)*

### *Missions*

Covenant member Andy Reed is serving as an intern with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Andy reports that they recently had the pleasure of taking a crew of fourteen students on a missions trip to Yakama, Washington to serve with Sacred Road. It was an honor for them to be the hands and feet of Christ as they served people on the reservation. While there, they chopped firewood, helped to paint a house, installed a roof and assisted with a kids' club where the youth are getting fed the truths of the Bible.

This semester has been a blessing in many ways. The student Leadership Team has been stepping up in their commitment to creating the gospel-centered, Christ-loving community that RUF is meant to be.

Large Group meetings have really resonated with the students as their campus minister preaches through the life of David.

Andy is also happy to report that he has become an associate member of a local Presbyterian church. As a temporary resident, he may become an associate member without ceasing to be a communicant member of his home church.

Please pray for the following:

-for students' endurance during their finals and that Christ would be their rest

-that the Lord would continue to guide the steps of RUF staff as they best serve their students

-that the upcoming Summer Conference would be an enriching time of learning and fellowship for students that will be attending

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Apr 26	May 3	May 10	May 17
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Sarah Keating	George & Cathy Schmidt	Ashley Benoit	Ella Clement
<b>Heart Hiders</b> Room 110	Sarah Keating	Lydia Putnam	Jonathon Leiser	Joy Schmidt
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	E. Waltenbaugh	Sarah Walsh	Cathy Nagy	Jill Buhay
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Danielle Moyer Jesse Moyer	C. Grosshanten Lindsey Henry	Nicole Yates Aubrey Riggall	Ashley O'Hara Alexis O'Hara
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Carrie Rutkowski Emry Evans	Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall
<b>Junior Church 5s – grade 1</b> Room 112	Sharon Muhlfeld	Amy Muhlfeld M. Wambold	Laura Wambold	Joy Malysz
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Jason Clement	M. Medendorp	Katelyn Reist	Katelyn Reist
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Jane Reagan	Diane Dietterich	Katelyn Reist	C. Propsner
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Bob & Kim Kenderdine	Jim & Diana Lowery	Larry & Pat Stoner
<b>Ushers</b>	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	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

# 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.*