THE LORD'S DAY

July 13, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE What a Friend We Have in Jesus Converse

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you his people!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise him as long

as life endures!

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose

hope is in the LORD his God.

People: God upholds the cause of the oppressed. He

feeds the hungry, sets the prisoners free, and

lifts up those who are bowed down.

Leader: Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 116 For the Beauty of the Earth

*Prayer of Confession

Unison: Our God and Father, enter not into judgment against us, because no man living is justified before you. Do not count it against us as a sin, that we are so unthankful for your unspeakable goodness, spiritual and physical, or that we stray into sin many times every day, more often than we can know or recognize. Do not look upon how good—or how wicked—we have been, but only upon the infinite compassion which you have bestowed upon us in Christ, your dear Son. Grant forgiveness also to those who have harmed or wronged us, as we forgive them from our hearts. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 10:14–15, 27–28

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep ... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 31:1-23 (p. 437)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Jesus Is All the World to Me Thompson

*Doxology 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 4:7–18 (p. 965)

**HYMN 128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

SERMON

LONGING FOR THE LORD ON THE DIFFICULT DAYS
Psalm 143 (p. 523)

Rev. Michael Nowling

*Hymn 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F

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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 – Jeff Currier, John Muhlfeld
Musician – Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall

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)

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Jas. 1:17



128 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.

Is. 42:16



- His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.
- Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1774

DUNDEE C.M. omsh Psatter, 1615

GOD'S WORK

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:

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Lead On, O King Eternal

I am the LORD your God ... who directs you in the way you should go. Is. 48:17



Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, we welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Michael Nowling, an ordained minister in the PCA who serves alongside Anees Zaka as a missionary with Church Without Walls. Michael married Sarah Schultz Nowling twelve years ago here at Covenant. Since then, they have been blessed with three wonderful daughters and are delighted to call Covenant their church home.

If you would like to help welcome the Balmer family to the area as they prepare to study at Westminster Seminary, please contact Aaron or Danielle Moyer. You may find more information in the latest *Covenant Update* or in the narthex.

An updated version of Covenant's directory will soon be published. Please take a moment to check the draft copy in the narthex and make any desired changes by July 27. Updated contact information and pictures may also be emailed to the church office.

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 September 14 to November 2 (no class October 5) in the far narthex.

All young adults are invited to the Car Show in Doylestown on July 19 at 5:00 p.m. and to Mini Golf at Freddy Hill on July 26 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Byron and Rebecca Childs for more information.

You are invited to stop by the narthex table to see a variety of new, free books to take and enjoy this summer.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 7/13			Sunday School Worship Service	
Monday 7/14	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting	
Tuesday 7/15	7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study	
Wednesday 7/16				
Thursday 7/17	7:00	p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting	
Friday 7/18				
Saturday 7/19			Women in Prayer Young Adult Doylestown Car Show	
Sunday 7/20	9:15 10:30		Sunday School Worship Service	

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



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related	Expecting
Rita Hageman	Rue Estevez (Due Aug 15)
Ethel Johnston	
Barbara Kolbe	Grieving
Gay Opdyke	Goering Family
Bob Thompson	Kane Family
David Wynn	Wambold Family

Missions

John and Sandy serve with Mission to the World in a sensitive North African country. They have had a full schedule of events over the last few months.

In late March, they combined a seminar at a church south of their city with a team retreat at a nearby oasis village. It was a much needed time of refreshment.

In April, they were invited to return to a neighboring province to teach on the subjects of Biblical Worldview and the Attributes of God. This seminar included workshops on the Parables, Acceptable Worship and the Imprecatory Psalms.

In conjunction with a local presbytery, John and Sandy participated in a conference for pastors in early May. One of their main emphases is on pastoral training, as they believe that true long-term change begins with church leaders.

In cooperation with another of their presbyteries, they had an opportunity to put on a seminar for elders, pastors and their wives at the end of May. It was a fruitful and intensive time of teaching on the covenants.

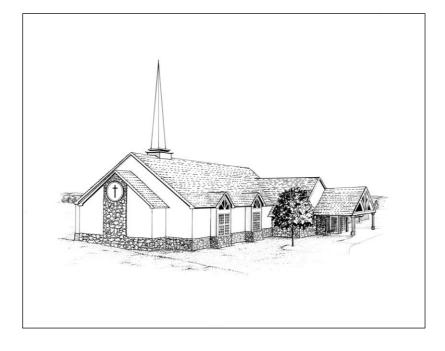
John and Sandy ask us to pray...

- -for their Pastoral Development Program, that their pastors would be encouraged to faithfully open God's Word to their congregations
- -for their national team, for strength and wisdom as they prepare for seminars and for the translation and printing of books
- -for them as they travel to the US for a short time this summer to visit with their families

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	July 13	July 20	July 27	Aug 3
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	A. Rohrman	George & Cathy Schmidt	Sarah Keating	C. Rutkowski
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Cathy Nagy	L. Gottschalk	Barb Markwalter	E. Waltenbaugh
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Jill Buhay Jasmine Muhlfeld	Sarah Iannotti Jasmine Muhlfeld	Caroline Smith Luke Snyder	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	Diane Dietterich Ruth Clement	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Pam Taylor	Sharon Muhlfeld	Amy Muhlfeld & Ruth Clement	Ruth Clement M. Wambold
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Jason Clement	Jason Clement	Katelyn Reist	M. Medendorp
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Linda McMillan	Darlene Bentley	K. Hoogenhuis
Greeters	Jonathon Leiser	Rick & Martha Moody	Jake & Melanie Medendorp	Ken & Barbara Markwalter
Ushers	Byron Childs Andy Ford Derek Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Dan Benoit Rick Castor Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Jim Taylor	Tom Buhay Mark Kleeman Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel	Steve Rutkowski George Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. 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.