

July 20, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Chorley Southbridge

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

People: He determines the number of stars and calls them each by name.

Leader: Great is our LORD and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 57 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Heavenly Father, you are the God of truth in whom there is no falsehood. We confess that we, however, often distort, stretch, deny, or manipulate the truth. We think that deception and coercion are easy ways to achieve our ends, forgetting that they always lead to death. Worst of all, our manipulation is an offense against you, the God who sees and knows all things. Forgive us, we pray. Reconcile us to yourself and others through the blood of Jesus Christ so that we may be agents of true reconciliation for your glory. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader: This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 14:1–20 (p. 265)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Every Time I Feel the Spirit Choplin

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:11–21 (p. 966)

**HYMN 524 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

SERMON

MANIPULATION WITHOUT RECONCILIATION
2 Samuel 14 (p. 265)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 528 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE On the Jordan's Banks Letson

**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, Thomas Potgieter
Musician – Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall

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Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free;
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends,
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Psalm 146
 The Psalter, 1912
 Mod.

RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Gregorian chant
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

GOD: HIS GOODNESS

JUSTIFICATION

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.
 Titus 3:5

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart; they
 2. Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, up - on the shame - ful tree, have
 3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the aw - ful load of
 4. Thy righ - teous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me; no

REFRAIN
 tell me all is done; they bid my fear de - part.
 paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for me. To whom, save
 sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.
 righ - teous - ness a - vails save that which is of thee.

thee, who canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Horatius Bonar, 1857

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.6.6.
 John Darwall, 1770

SANCTIFICATION

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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

CLIVET 6.6.4.6.6.4.
 Lowell Mason, 1832

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

All women are invited for a tour of Freed's Produce, owned and led by Nancy Welby, followed by a time to pick your own flowers on Saturday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Freed’s Produce (175 Morwood Road Harleysville). Pack a lunch and meet afterwards at Branchwood Park (984 Camp Road, Telford). Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, August 3 and contact Liana Potgieter with any questions.

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 7/20	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 7/21			
Tuesday 7/22			
	10:00	a.m.	Senior Fellowship Committee Meeting
Wednesday 7/23			
Thursday 7/24			
Friday 7/25			
Saturday 7/26	7:00	p.m.	Young Adult Mini Golf at Freedy Hill
Sunday 7/27	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	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

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

Missions

David and Ruth went to Southeast Asia to assist churches as they explore, establish, and expand campus ministries across the region. When the pastor of their congregation resigned, David offered to help the church in this transition period. That “help” turned out to be a full-time job. David preached about half the Sundays, and he and Ruth did their best to minister to those who remained in the congregation. Despite many meetings with church leaders and pastoral candidates, they were not able to find anyone who could lead this congregation. David put forward several proposals for continuing, but in the end the church decided to close and set Easter as the final worship service. He and Ruth had come to love the congregation and spent weeks after Easter meeting with the people, helping them to find other congregations, and making sure no one gets lost in the transition. They are now back to their original work. David has been compiling a list of churches, people, and universities to visit with the goal of gaining a comprehensive picture of the current status and future possibilities for campus ministry there. He has also attended a very productive campus ministry conference and is preparing a seminar for students on Evangelism for Ordinary Christians. David and Ruth ask us to pray for a growing picture of campus ministry there and how they can assist.



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SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	July 20	July 27	Aug 3	Aug 10
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	George & Cathy Schmidt	Sarah Keating	C. Rutkowski	Nancy Hillman
Worship Service Infants Room 120	L. Gottschalk	Barb Markwalter	E. Waltenbaugh	Cathy Nagy
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Sarah Iannotti Jasmine Muhlfeld	Caroline Smith Luke Snyder	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder	Diane Dietterich Addie Witmer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Diane Dietterich Ruth Clement	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer	Abigail English Sam Kleeman
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Sharon Muhlfeld	Amy Muhlfeld & Ruth Clement	Ruth Clement M. Wambold	Laura Wambold
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Jason Clement	Katelyn Reist	M. Medendorp	M. Medendorp
Welcome Bread Bakers	Linda McMillan	Darlene Bentley	K. Hoogenhuis	K. Kenderdine
Greeters	Rick & Martha Moody	Jake & Melanie Medendorp	Ken & Barbara Markwalter	Thomas & Liana Potgieter
Ushers	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	Byron Childs Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson

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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.*