

THE LORD'S DAY

July 5, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Group Publishing

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 147

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 76 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Gracious Father, you have announced freedom from sin through the sacrifice of your Son, but we are slow to recognize the year of your favor. We often continue in sin as though freedom never came, remembering neither our Lord's sovereign rule nor His certain return. Forgive us these and all our sins. Restore to us the joy of your salvation through the Savior died that we might be set free to live for Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 2:24–25

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you

have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1–7 (p. 620)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched Owen

*DOXOLOGY 731

**NEW TESTAMENT READING John 8:31–38 (p. 894)

SERMON INDEPENDENCE DAY
Revelation 1:5b, 6 (p. 1028)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 424 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 8–12 (hymnal p. 870)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 713 Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Homage Elgar

**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, Jim Nagy

Musicians – VBS Singers, Helen Ro

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

COVENANT OFFICERS

Elders

Rob Barbadoro

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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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*Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,
O my soul. Ps. 103:22*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

From Psalm 103
Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
John Goss, 1869

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*Our forefathers ... all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink;
for they drank from the spiritual rock ... and that rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:1-4*

1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless your cho - sen pil - grim flock
2. Hun - gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, as you when here be - low,
3. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by that Word of grace,
4. Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;
5. There sup with us in love di - vine; your bod - y and your blood,

with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
our souls the joys ce - les - tial seek which from your sor - rows flow.
in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.
Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
that liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

St. 1-3, anon.
St. 4-5, James Montgomery, 1825; mod.

ST. AGNES C.M.
John B. Dykes, 1866

CONFESSION OF FAITH
Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 8-12 (hymnal p. 870)

8. Q. How doth God execute his decrees?
A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.
9. Q. What is the work of creation?
A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.
10. Q. How did God create man?
A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.
11. Q. What are God's works of providence?
A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.
12. Q. What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?
A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

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Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. Luke 1:50

1. Great King of na - tions, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
 2. The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not a - way;
 3. Our fa - thers' sins were man - i - fold, and ours no less we own,
 4. When dan - gers, like a storm - y sea, be - set our coun - try round,

and hum - bly, with u - nit - ed cry, to you for mer - cy call.
 but hear us from your loft - y throne, and help us when we pray.
 yet won - drous - ly from age to age your good - ness has been shown,
 to you we looked, to you we cried, and help in you was found.

5. With one consent we meekly bow
 beneath your chast'ning hand,
 and, pouring forth confession meet,
 mourn with our mourning land.

6. With pitying eye behold our need,
 as thus we lift our prayer;
 correct us with your judgments, Lord,
 then let your mercy spare.

John H. Gurney, 1838
Mod.ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice with Stuart & Steph Balmer on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Harley, born on Tuesday, June 30, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring nearly 21 in. Isabella joins siblings Grace and Sophia. A basket for gifts and cards may be found in the narthex.

Please join us on Saturday, July 11, 2026, for a Celebration of Life Service for Glenda Childs, who entered glory on June 1, 2026. The service will be at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Church in Souderton with a time of family visitation at 9:00 a.m.

All non-communicant members age twelve and up are invited to sign up in the narthex for the next communicants' class. The course covers essential elements of the Christian faith, preparing students to make a public profession of faith in Christ and be admitted to the Lord's Supper. Students will meet in room 110 during the Sunday School hour from September 20 through January 24 (excluding December 20 and 27). For more information, please contact Pastor Muhlfeld, and thank you for your prayers for our students as they take this important step of faith.

The contents of Covenant's lost and found bin will be emptied this week. If you are missing any items, please check the table 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 26. Updated contact information and pictures may also be emailed to the church office.

All ladies are invited to join us for a special time of fellowship, planting, and lunch at our Sow, Grow, & Gather event on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at Covenant! We'll plant herbs and edible plants together and then listen to a devotional titled "Feasting on the Word of God" while eating lunch. All plants, drinks, and desserts will be provided for you. Please bring an 8" to 10" pot and a brown bag lunch. Please contact Liana Potgieter at pennie17@outlook.com with any questions. More details to follow next week.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 7/5	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	11:45 a.m.	Mission Trip Meeting
Monday 7/6	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday 7/7	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 7/8		
Thursday 7/9	7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Friday 7/10		
Saturday 7/11	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Henning's Market
	9:00 a.m.	Greeting Hour for Glenda Childs (at Calvary Church in Souderton)
	11:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life Service for Glenda Childs (at Calvary Church in Souderton)
Sunday 7/12	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:45 p.m.	New Members Lunch at Muhlfeld's

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

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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ella Clement	Becky Snyder	Nancy Hillman	George & Cathy Schmidt
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Abigail English	Cathy Nagy	Ella Clement	L. Gottschalk
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Jill Buhay Abbie Riggall	M. Medendorp Janie Keating	C. Grosshanten Anna Moyer	Makayla Marshall Jesse Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Kelly Little Aubrey Riggall	Sarah Iannotti Luke Snyder	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	Abigail English Abbie Riggall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Laura Wambold M. Wambold	Joy Malysz	Joy Malysz	Sharon Muhlfeld
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	David & Joy Schmidt	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Jason Clement	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	S. Medendorp	Darlene Bentley	Linda McMillan
Greeters	Jason & Ella Clement	Ken & Diane Dietterich	Darren Cornish	Thomas & Liana Potgieter
Ushers	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	Rick Castor Ken Markwalter G. Estevez Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

Health Related

Rita Hageman

Grieving

Childs Family

Shabil Patel

Vonda Vannoy

Expecting

Sarah Walsh (Due Aug 30)

Colleen Iammatteo (Due Sept 14)

Joy Malysz (Due Nov 21)

Engaged

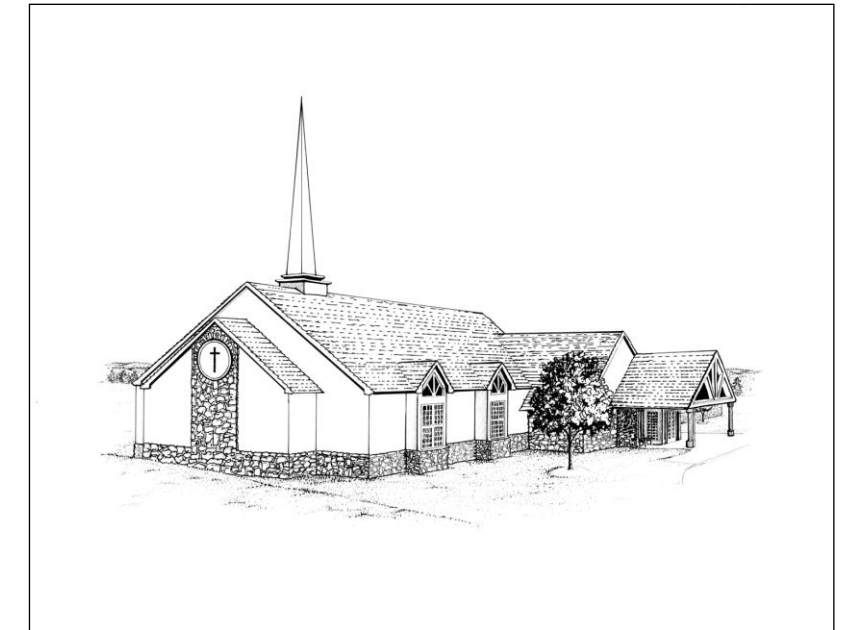
Tyler Delk & Shae Medendorp

Missions

Bruce and Anne McDowell are PCA missionaries serving the Santiago Theological Seminary (STS) in the Dominican Republic, where Bruce is cofounder and President. The McDowells share the following praises and prayer requests:

- praise God that they have been able to add two new board members
- praise God that some satellite sites are being set up in the USA and Columbia for their Biblical Counseling Conference in Santo Domingo August 21-22
- praise God the diploma program in Missions, Evangelism and Church Planting will start in October
- praise God for a major church gift allowing them to resume construction of their classroom
- praise God for the opportunity to visit family, friends and churches in the USA this summer
- pray for the sale of their house in Philadelphia
- pray for God to open doors for a future new extension site for STS in Barranquilla, Columbia
- pray for God's leading regarding starting an expository preaching diploma in 2027
- pray for the recruiting of teachers for their new Missions, Evangelism and Church Planting program
- pray for the Lord to provide the seminary with a much-needed administrative assistant

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.*