

THE LORD'S DAY

July 12, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Adagio Lau

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 97

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice!

**People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.**

Leader: For you, O LORD, are the Most High
over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**People: Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy Name!**

INVOCATION

*HYMN 363 We Gather Together

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Father, when we were enemies and strangers far from you, you called us to yourself and welcomed us through the atoning blood of Christ. Yet how often we fail to welcome others with the same grace we have received. Differences and preferences often keep us apart, as we focus more on ourselves than the needs of others. Forgive us our sin, we pray. Enable us to welcome others with the same love and mercy we have received, so that you may be glorified and your Church strengthened. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 43:25

Leader: I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 10:12–22 (p. 155)

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY How Can I Keep from Singing Lowry

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:31–46 (p. 831)

**HYMN 347 The Church's One Foundation

SERMON A THEOLOGY OF WELCOME
Romans 15:5–7 (p. 949)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 355 We Are God's People

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Come, Holy Ghost Telemann

**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 – Stuart Balmer, Jeff Currier

Musician – Helen Ro

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

COVENANT OFFICERS

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We Gather Together

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I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Ps. 32:8

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

Netherlands folk hymn
 Tr. by Theodore Baker, 1917
 Alt. 1990

KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
 Adrianus Valerius's *Nederlandsch Gebedenboek* 1626
 Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

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The Church's One Foundation

Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word;
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued,
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1895

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

We Are God's People

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We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Ps. 100:3

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
 to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
 on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
 gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

SYMPHONY 11.11.8.6.8.9.
 From Johannes Brahms, *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor*, 1876
 Arr. by Fred Back, 1976

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tyler Delk & Shae Medendorp cordially invite members of their Covenant family to join them for their wedding ceremony at Covenant on Saturday, July 25 at 3:00 p.m. No rsvp is needed, and even if you are not able to attend, thank you for praying for their new life together.

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.

Everyone is invited to a Philadelphia Phillies game on Friday, September 25 at 6:40 p.m. Covenant's seats are located in the 200 level in right field and cost \$58.00 per ticket. There will be a tailgate party prior to the game at 4:30 p.m. in parking lot N. Please sign up in the narthex by July 26 providing your name, number of tickets, and email address. Tickets will be distributed electronically. Please contact Bob or Sandy McIntyre with questions (215-828-4597).

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 7/12 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 11:45 a.m. Cake in Far Narthex with New Members
 12:45 p.m. New Members Lunch at Muhlfeld’s

Monday 7/13

Tuesday 7/14 7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday 7/15

Thursday 7/16

Friday 7/17

Saturday 7/18

Sunday 7/19 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

**SUNDAY MORNING
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

	July 12	July 19	July 26	Aug 2
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	E. Waltenbaugh	Nancy Hillman	George & Cathy Schmidt	Sarah Keating
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Cathy Nagy	Ella Clement	L. Gottschalk	Bob & Anna Strickland
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	M. Medendorp Janie Keating Ava Hackett	C. Grosshanten Anna Moyer	Makayla Marshall Jesse Moyer	Jamie Ford Sydney Ford
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Sarah Iannotti	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	Abigail English Lydia Moyer	Julia Smith Abbie Riggall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Joy Malysz	Joy Malysz	Sharon Muhlfeld	Jonathan & Ashley O’Hara
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Jason Clement	Steve Rutkowski	Sondra Cattich
Welcome Bread Bakers	S. Medendorp	Darlene Bentley	Linda McMillan	Marian Eurich
Greeters	Ken & Diane Dietterich	Darren Cornish	Thomas & Liana Potgieter	Ken & Barb Markwalter
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 Ken Markwalter 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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**CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER & PRAISE**

Health Related

*Rita Hageman
Bill Moore*

Expecting

*Sarah Walsh (Due Aug 30)
Colleen Iammatteo (Due Sept 14)
Joy Mahysz (Due Nov 21)*

Grieving

*Childs Family
Shabil Patel
Vonda Vannoy*

Engaged

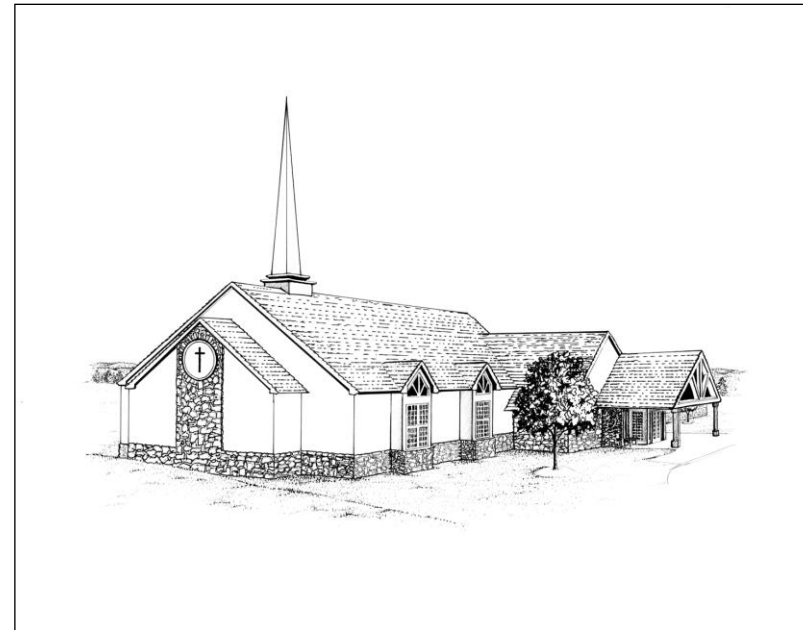
Tyler Delk & Shae Medendorp

Missions

David and Ruth are in Southeast Asia to assist churches as they explore, establish and expand campus ministries across the region. A local church had asked David to train people in their college group on how to study the Bible. The four training sessions went well, and he was asked to follow up with a series on how to lead Bible studies. Along with the study workshops, David's priority now is to define their work with four congregations that they have been interacting with. He would appreciate prayer for the following:

- developing a relationship with the seminarian interested in campus ministry and with his Baptist church
- next steps for the Presbyterian congregation where he has led the Bible study workshop
- how to help another Presbyterian congregation with their campus ministry
- plans for a new campus ministry sponsored by the Anglican Cathedral, a very conservative church
- for David as he mentors the campus minister at this new campus
- health and stamina for him and for Ruth

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.*