

THE LORD’S DAY

August 31, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE God So Loved the World Stainer

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above!

People: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

People: Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 110 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Gracious Father, we confess how often we attempt to do your work in our strength. We rush ahead with little prayer, then wonder why nothing good or lasting comes from our efforts. We face many trials and wonder why our defense seems so weak. Fill us with your Spirit once again that we might turn to you in prayer, being encouraged by your countless answers in the past. Make us a praying people who rest secure in the grace of the Savior who prayed, and died, and rose again for our salvation, Jesus Christ. For we pray in his Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 3:4–7

Leader: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us so generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 15:24–31 (p.267)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY His Eye Is on the Sparrow Choplin

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 5:13–21 (p. 1023)

**HYMN 629 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

SERMON ANSWERED PRAYER
2 Samuel 17:1–14 (p. 268)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 628 Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Callahan

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

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.
Ps. 148:1

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, from the heav - ens praise his name;
2. Let them prais - es give Je - ho - vah, they were made at his com - mand;
3. All you fruit - ful trees and ce - dars, all you hills and moun - tains high,

praise Je - ho - vah in the high - est, all his an - gels, praise pro - claim.
them for - ev - er he es - tab - lished, his de - cree shall ev - er stand.
creep - ing things and beasts and cat - tle, birds that in the heav - ens fly,

All his hosts, to - geth - er praise him, sun and moon and stars on high;
From the earth, O praise Je - ho - vah, all you seas, you mon - sters all;
kings of earth, and all you peo - ple, princ - es great, earth's judg - es all;

praise him, O you heav'ns of heav - ens, and you floods a - bove the sky.
fire and hail and snow and va - pors, storm - y winds that hear his call.
praise his name, young men and maid - ens, a - ged men, and chil - dren small.

GOD'S WORK.

CREATION

REFRAIN

Let them prais - es give Je - ho - vah, for his
Let them prais - es

name a - lone is high, and his glo - ry is ex -
and his glo - ry

alt - ed, and his glo - ry is ex - alt - ed, and his
and his glo - ry

glo - ry is ex - alt - ed far a - bove the earth and sky.
and his glo - ry

Psalm 148:1-13
Bible Songs Hymnal, 1927; mod.

PRAISE JEHOVAH 8.7.6.7.D.ref.
William J. Kirkpatrick, 1898-1921

PRAYER

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6*

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

Joseph Scriven, ca. 1855

WHAT A FRIEND 8.7.6.7.D.
Charles C. Converse, 1868

Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

Ask and it will be given to you. Matt. 7:7

1. Come, my soul, thy suit pre - pare: Je - sus loves to
2. Thou art com - ing to a King, large pe - ti - tions
3. With my bur - den I be - gin: "Lord, re - move this
4. "Lord, I come to thee for rest, take pos - ses - sion

an - swer prayer; he him - self has bid thee pray, there - fore
with thee bring; for his grace and pow'r are such, none can
load of sin; let thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, set my
of my breast; there thy blood - bought right main - tain, and with -

will not say thee nay; there - fore will not say thee nay.
ev - er ask too much; none can ev - er ask too much.
con - science free from guilt; set my con - science free from guilt.
out a ri - val reign; and with - out a ri - val reign.

5. "While I am a pilgrim here,
let thy love my spirit cheer;
as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,
lead me to my journey's end;
lead me to my journey's end.
6. "Show me what I have to do,
ev'ry hour my strength renew:
let me live a life of faith,
let me die thy people's death;
let me die thy people's death."

John Newton, 1779

HENDON 7.7.7.7 rep.
Herrn A. César Malan, 1827

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the Senior Fellowship lunch at the Harleysville Hotel on Tuesday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. followed by dessert at Whitney & Julia Smith’s home located behind the hotel. Come and enjoy lunch and fellowship around the table. Contact George & Cathy Schmidt with questions.

On September 7, the Sunday School hour will be devoted to Covenant's annual Promotion Sunday. The program will begin at 9:15 a.m., but instead of staying in the sanctuary the whole time as we've done in past years, we're adopting an Open House format where adults will get a chance to visit students in their classrooms. Everyone will gather in the sanctuary at the beginning, but after a short introduction, we'll dismiss the students to their classrooms, followed by the adults a few minutes later. At 5-minute intervals, we'll ring the bell, and adults can switch to a new classroom. For the last 10 minutes, students will have a chance to meet with their teachers for the upcoming year, and when everything is finished, we'll serve refreshments. Join us as we rejoice in what the Lord has taught our students over the past year and to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to our congregation.

All ladies are invited to the Women in Prayer group which meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings. A new year of corporate prayer will begin on September 6. Please contact Abigail English with questions.

Heart Hiders is a memory work program for children age 3 through grade 12 that encourages students to begin the life-long process of hiding God’s Word in their heart. It will resume on September 14 at 10:00 a.m. in room 109. Please contact Emily Waltenbaugh for more information, to request a Memory Work Notebook, or if you wish to volunteer as a listener to recitations.

A new women’s Bible study utilizing the book *The Gospel-Centered Life* will begin on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. Please sign up by September 7 in the narthex to receive a study guide. You may contact the church office with questions.

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, September 7.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 8/31	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 9/1			Office Closed
Tuesday 9/2	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday 9/3			
Thursday 9/4	7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 9/5			
Saturday 9/6	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 9/7	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
			(Promotion Sunday)
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00	p.m.	Annual Picnic
	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



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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Carol Cornish

Rita Hageman

Ethel Johnston

Barbara Kolbe

Jim & Diana Lowery

David Wynn

Grieving

Wynn/English Family

Yates Family

Missions

Bryan Stoudt is serving in Arizona with the Western Division of Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). He and his wife Sharon are also working with the Paraclete Mission Group as they mentor young couples who are preparing for marriage.

For the first few years of ministry in Phoenix, Bryan focused on establishing a strong and healthy community. As God answered that prayer attention began to be turned outward.

This year, members of their community have led or joined medical mission trips to Lebanon, Malawi, Mexico and some other places. Earlier this summer, they continued their focus on mission at their retreat. Local physicians encouraged their community to develop a kingdom mindset and live missionally regardless of where God has them.

Fresh off of their retreat, each of their five healthcare campuses is back up and running. Interest in CMDA has been better than anticipated, with over sixty students signing up for their chapter at one of their campuses. In other news, Bryan’s book Holy and Happy: Biblical and Premarital Wisdom for Christian Couples is now edited and complete. He hopes to release it later this year.

Bryan would appreciate prayer for the following:

-that students in their community will be spurred to live missionally for Jesus

-for God to bring many new students to campus activity fairs and first CMDA meetings

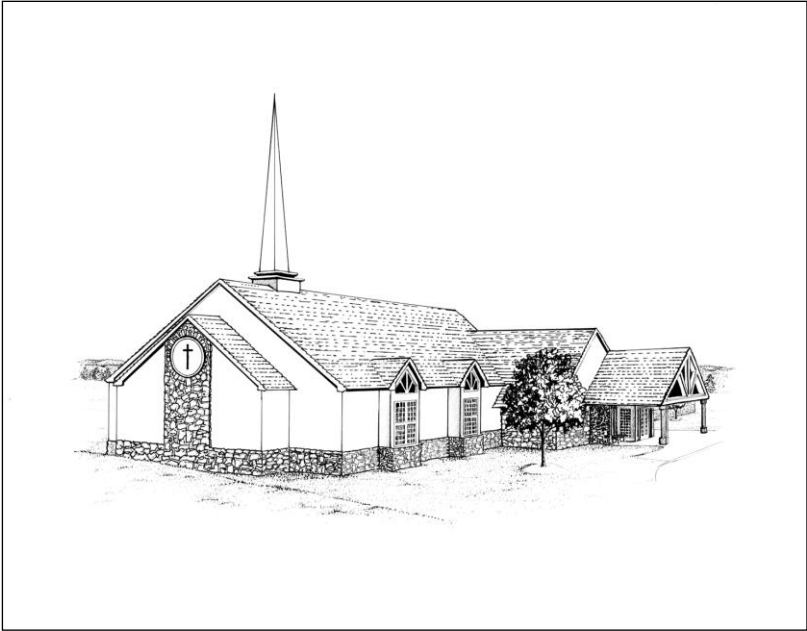
-favor for his new book so many couples can benefit and honor Him with marriages that reflect the gospel

-praise that they have been able to reduce their son’s anti-seizure medication by 50% with improvement in his ability to focus/ pray that seizures will not be reintroduced

SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Aug 31	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Becky Snyder	Nancy Hillman	A. Rohrman	Abigail English
Heart Hiders Room 110	Resumes September 14	Resumes September 14	Sharon Muhlfeld	Lydia Putnam
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Kelly Little	Sarah Walsh Lindsey Henry	E. Waltenbaugh	George & Cathy Schmidt
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	C. Grosshanten Aubree Riggall	Caroline Smith Anna Moyer	Jill Buhay Amy Muhlfeld	Pam Taylor D. Rutkowski
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold	Sarah Keating Janie Keating	Nicole Yates Jessica Fox	Julia Smith Abbie Riggall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	J. English	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Katelyn Reist	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	Megan Ford	Denise Brill	Debbie Schultz	A. Rohrman
Greeters	Larry & Pat Stoner	Darren Cornish	Collier Kirkland	Bill Kramer
Ushers	Ken Markwalter TBD Frank Evans Bob Lagonegro M. McMillan J. Medendorp Paul Wichert	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	Dan Benoit Rick Castor Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Jim Taylor

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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.*