

THE LORD’S DAY

August 23, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE The Sanctified Hour Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 28:6–7
Leader: Blessed be the LORD!
People: For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
Leader: The LORD is my strength and my shield;
People: in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
Leader: my heart exults,
People: and with my song I give thanks to him!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 83 O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Unison: Our merciful and gracious God and Father, look upon us with compassion for we are but dust, O Lord! Forgive us for failing to lay our lives down for our brothers and sisters, even as Christ has laid down his life for us. Forgive us for loving in word and in talk and not always loving in deed and in truth. Forgive us for not always demonstrating that we are your children and the Lord Jesus’ disciples. According to your steadfast love and mercy, forgive us, O Lord. For we ask in Christ’s Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Micah 7:19–20
Leader: He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 15:1–11 (p. 158)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Create in Me a Clean Heart Beaney

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 2:14–26 (p. 1012)

**HYMN 586 Take My Life, and Let it Be

SERMON KNOWING LOVE, REASSURING OUR HEARTS
1 John 3:16–24 (p. 1022)
Mr. Juan Estevez

*HYMN 383 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

*CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE Take the Name of Jesus with You Doane

*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 worshipping 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 – Bob McIntyre, Thomas Potgieter
Musician – Helen Ro

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O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Ps. 107:1

1. O praise the Lord, for he is good, his mer - cies still en - dure;
 2. He gath - ered them from out the lands, from north, south, east and west.
 3. Their wea - ry soul with - in them faints when thirst and hun - ger press;
 4. He made the way be - fore them straight, him - self be - came their guide,

thus say the ran - somed of the Lord, from all their foes se - cure.
 They strayed in de - sert's path - less way, no cit - y found for rest.
 in trou - ble then they cried to God, he saved them from dis - tress.
 that they might to a cit - y go where - in they might a - bide.

5. O that men would Jehovah praise
 for all his kindness shown,
 and for his works so wonderful
 which he to men makes known!

6. Because the longing soul by him
 with food is satisfied,
 the hungry soul that looks to him
 with goodness is supplied.

Psalm 107:1-9
 Book of Psalms, 1940

RICHMOND C.M.
 Thomas Haweis, 1794
 Arr. by Samuel Webbe, Jr., 1770-1843

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:

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Take My Life, and Let It Be

Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness. Rom. 6:19

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.

Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my lips, and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure-store.
 Take my self, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

ST. BEES 7.7.7.7.
 John B. Dykes, 1862

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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The one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop. Matt. 13:23

1. Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
 2. Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
 3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
 4. Oft as the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick - 'ning grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend, and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy,
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive, its sav - ing pow'r may know.

John Carwood, 1819

DUNFERMLINE C.M.
 Scottish Psalmist, 1615

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All junior church volunteers are invited to attend a brief meeting immediately following the worship service today in room 110. During this time, we will introduce the new junior church curriculum and walk through what you can expect as you teach it this fall. Thank you for your dedication to this important ministry!

The Senior Fellowship will enjoy lunch at Henning’s Market on Tuesday, September 8 at 11:30 a.m. followed by dessert at Whitney & Julia Smith’s home. Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, September 6. Contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with questions.

All women are invited to join us this fall as we study Ecclesiastes using the study guide *Life in Light of Eternity* by David Gibson. The study will begin on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. To receive a study guide, please sign up in the narthex by September 20.

All men are invited to the Men’s Retreat at Spruce Lake in the Pocono Mountains on October 2–4. Registration packets and more information may be found in the narthex or in *Covenant Update*. Contact Jeff Currier with questions.

Our weekly church e-newsletter, *Covenant Update*, is an excellent way to stay informed of congregational news and events. Please contact the church office to subscribe. You may also read the latest edition on our church website, www.covpreschurch.org.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 8/23 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 11:45 a.m. Junior Church Volunteer Meeting

Monday 8/24

Tuesday 8/25 7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday 8/26

Thursday 8/27

Friday 8/28

Saturday 8/29 3:00 p.m. Youth Group Back to School Swim Party

Sunday 8/30 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 11:45 a.m. Share Your Faith Meeting

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

	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sept 6	Sept 13
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ella Clement	C. Rutkowski	Nancy Hillman	Nancy Hillman
Heart Hiders Room 110	Resumes September 13	Resumes September 13	Resumes September 13	Sharon Muhlfeld
Worship Service Infants Room 120	L. Gottschalk	Kristen Jones	E. Waltenbaugh	Jill Buhay
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	E. Waltenbaugh Lindsey Henry	Kelly Little Aubrey Riggall	Laura Wambold Lydia Moyer	Becky Snyder Luke Snyder
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall	Abigail English Jesse Moyer	Sarah Keating Janie Keating	Caroline Smith Eileen Gramp
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Paul & Lynn Wichert	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Katelyn Reist Carolyn Muench	Katelyn Reist Carolyn Muench	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman
Welcome Bread Bakers	K. Kenderdine	Megan Ford	Debbie Schultz	Lynn Kluizenaar
Greeters	Bob & Betty Peterson	Bill Kramer	Amy Sharadin	Paul & Marie Baldwin
Ushers	Rick Castor George Schmidt G. Estevez Jack Kane John Kane Keating Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman	Byron Childs David Schmidt Frank Evans Bob Lagonegro M. McMillan J. Medendorp Paul Wichert	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

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

Health Related

Rita Hageman

Expecting

Sarah Walsh (Due Aug 30)

Colleen Iammatteo (Due Sept 14)

Grieving

O'Hara Family

Joy Mahysz (Due Nov 21)

Emily Waltenbaugh (Due Feb 6)

Missions

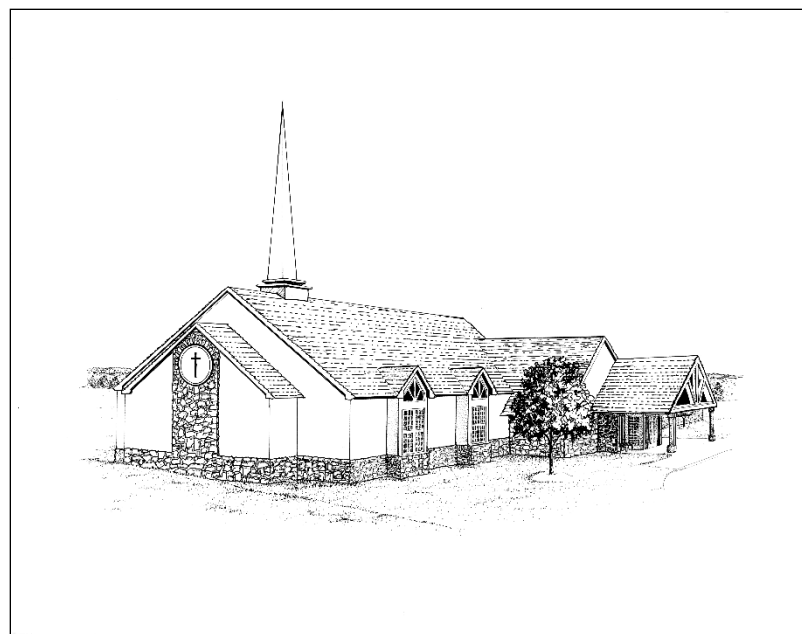
John and Sandy serve with Mission to the World in a sensitive North African country.

In their recent newsletter, they share how God has blessed their family in an extraordinary way. The blessings came in pairs as both their children, who have been living in the US, got engaged just six days apart.

John and Sandy were here in July to celebrate both weddings. They write that their son's wife is a lovely young woman with a deep, strong faith, and they could not be happier to welcome her into their family. Their daughter's husband is a kind, gentle and godly man, and they are thankful for the marriage God is beginning through them.

They give all glory to God for His faithful guidance, perfect timing and the gift of bringing two wonderful couples together. Their prayer is that each marriage will be firmly rooted in Christ, marked by love, grace and a lifelong commitment to one another.

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.*