

September 7, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 150

People: Praise him in his mighty heavens!

People: Praise him for his surpassing greatness!

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

*HYMN 12 Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

Unison: Our Father, we confess how often we forget that our lives are in your hands. Unless you preserve and sustain us, we perish and return to the dust from which we were formed. We can neither protect nor secure our lives, nor can we add a single hour to them apart from your decree. Forgive us our sin of self-reliance and enable us to rest in your preserving grace alone. For we pray in the Name of the Savior who died and rose again so that we might live in him eternally, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’”

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 2:1–21 (p. 178)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross Doane

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 1:1–9 (p. 1014)

SERMON

PRESERVED BY GOD
2 Samuel 17:15–29 (p. 269)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 420 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 82–85 (hymnal, p. 875)

*HYMN 81 O Love of God, How Strong and True

POSTLUDE God Is Our Refuge and Strength Davis

***Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5–grade 1: Room 112; grades 2–3: Room 110)*

Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex

Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

*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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Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD. Ps. 135:1

1. Ex - alt the Lord, his praise pro - claim; all ye his ser - vants,
2. I know the Lord is high in state, a - bove all gods our
3. Ex - alt the Lord, his praise pro - claim; all ye his ser - vants,

praise his name, who in the Lord's house ev - er stand and hum-bly
Lord is great; the Lord per - forms what he de - crees, in heav'n and
praise his name, who in the Lord's house ev - er stand and hum-bly

serve at his com - mand. The Lord is good, his praise pro - claim; since
earth, in depths and seas. He makes the va - pors to as - cend in
serve at his com - mand. For - ev - er praise and bless his name, and

it is pleas - ant, praise his name; his peo - ple for his
clouds from earth's re - mot - est end; the light - nings flash at
in the church his praise pro - claim; in Zi - on is his

own he takes and his pe - cu - liar trea - sure makes.
his com - mand; he holds the tem - pest in his hand.
dwell - ing place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

Psalm 135:1-7, 21
The Psalter 1912

CREATION, L.M.D.
From Franz Joseph Haydn, *The Creation*, 1798; arr.

GOD:

THE LORD'S SUPPER

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Cor. 5:7

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

Latin hymn, 6th cent.
Tr. by Robert Campbell, 1849; alt.

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.
George J. Elvey, 1859

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 82–85

82. Q. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A. No mere man, since the fall, is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

83. Q. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

84. Q. What doth every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

85. Q. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

O Love of God, How Strong and True

I pray that you ... may have power ... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Eph. 3:17-19

Introduction Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

Unison C F C F

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2. O heav'n-ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

C Am⁷ F C Am⁷

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

F#dim Em Am⁷ Em D C Dm A

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - em -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -

GOD:

HIS LOVE AND GRACE

Dm⁷ Gm Dm G F C

God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est
 brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
 pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
 alt you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

F C Dm⁷ G⁷ C F

hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change-less, e -
 bove; we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
 grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
 name; we will ex - tol - you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

Interlude C F G C Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
 swell, and streams that flow.
 ful - ness of your might.
 more your praise pro - claim.

Final ending! C C⁷ Am F C

Horatius Bonar, 1858
Mod.

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JERUSALEM (PARRY) L.M.D.
C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916
Arr. by Janet Wyatt, 1977

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld. Attending the class does not obligate one to apply for membership but is a requirement before meeting with the Session for a membership interview. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15–10:00 a.m.) and will meet September 14 to November 2 (no class October 5) in the far narthex.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex to receive a study guide for the new women's Bible study utilizing the book *The Gospel-Centered Life*, which will begin on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. You may contact the church office 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.

As the leaves begin to fall, we are reminded that a new choir season is upon us. All adult singers are welcome to join us as we sing praises to our God. Practices begin in the sanctuary after church on Sunday, September 14. No long-term commitment is necessary, and altos are especially needed. Covenant musicians will resume playing during the service on Sunday, September 14 as well. Let us use music to praise our God from whom all blessings flow.

The Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, and Youth Group will resume Sunday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. These ministries encourage lifelong friendships centered on Christ, with the hope that strong Christian bonds will play a key role in our children's spiritual maturity.

Additional assistance is needed in the rotation of volunteers who operate our livestream and soundboard. If you would be interested in learning more about this opportunity for service, please speak with Steve Bikle or Tyler Delk.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
Monday 9/8			
Tuesday 9/9	11:30	a.m.	Senior Fellowship Lunch at Harleysville Hotel followed by desserts at Smith’s home
	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday 9/10			
Thursday 9/11	7:00	p.m.	Deacons’ Meeting
Friday 9/12	7:00	p.m.	Youth Group Movie Night
Saturday 9/13	7:30	a.m.	Men’s Breakfast at Henning’s Market
Sunday 9/14	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice

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

Health Related	Grieving
<i>Carol Cornish</i>	<i>Wynn/ English Family</i>
<i>Rita Hageman</i>	<i>Yates Family</i>
<i>Ethel Johnston</i>	
<i>Barbara Kolbe</i>	
<i>Jim & Diana Lowery</i>	
<i>David Wynn</i>	
Missions	
Bruce and Anne McDowell are PCA missionaries serving the Reformed Theological Seminary (STS) in Santiago, Dominican Republic (DR), where Bruce is cofounder and president. The McDowell's share the following praises and prayer requests: -praise God for answered prayer in bringing students to begin their residential Certificate in Theology and Ministry program -praise that between forty and fifty students will begin the two-year twelve course Diploma in Theology -praise that Bruce’s daughter had a safe delivery with their new granddaughter -praise that their daughter Kaleah made good progress in her reading this summer with Anne’s instruction -pray for wisdom in how they should respond to the many requests they receive to bring their programs to cities in the DR and to various countries -pray that the Lord will provide a fundraiser for STS as that is a primary need for them to move forward -pray for their Christian counseling courses being taught in Liberia -pray for their coordinator for Christian counseling as he travels to the US to meet with important contacts regarding training in counseling and fundraising -pray for Anne and Kaleah to have a blessed new school year at Santiago Christian School	

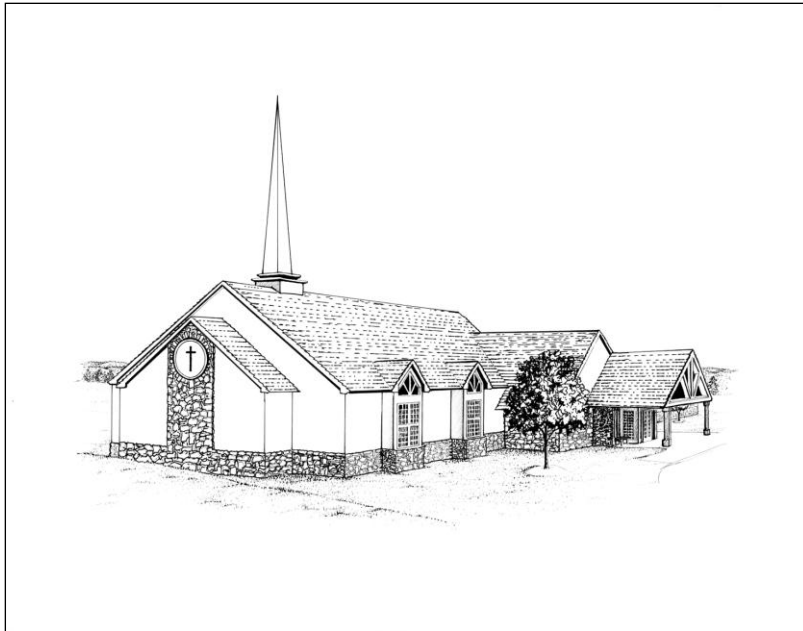
SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Nancy Hillman	A. Rohrman	Abigail English	Becky Snyder
Heart Hiders Room 110	Resumes September 14	Sharon Muhlfeld	Lydia Putnam	J. Leiser
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Sarah Walsh Lindsey Henry	E. Waltenbaugh	George & Cathy Schmidt	Kelly Little
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Caroline Smith Anna Moyer	Jill Buhay Amy Muhlfeld	Pam Taylor D. Rutkowski	M. Medendorp Jasmine Muhlfeld
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Sarah Keating Janie Keating	Nicole Yates Jessica Fox	Julia Smith Abbie Riggall	Ashley Benoit Aubree Riggall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan	A. McMillan
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	Denise Brill	Debbie Schultz	A. Rohrman	L. Kluizenaar
Greeters	Darren Cornish	Collier Kirkland	Bill Kramer	Paul & Lynn Wichert
Ushers	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	Tom Buhay Mark Kleeman Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken



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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.*