

September 14, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations!

*HYMN 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Unison: Immortal, invisible, almighty God and Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in many ways this week. We have not always believed in you but have trusted in creatures and things rather than in you, our God and Creator. We have erected idols in our hearts, bowing down and serving them. We ask your forgiveness for these and all our sins through the merits of Christ our Savior, who lived and died for us. Cleanse, preserve, and direct us in him so that we may walk in your ways, live according to your word, and glorify you in all things. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader: For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	Heavenly Sunlight	Cook

*DOXOLOGY 731

**HYMN 301 Join All the Glorious Names

SERMON

HUNG ON A TREE
2 Samuel 18:1–18 (p. 269)
Dr. John Muhlfield

*HYMN 520 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro Bach

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

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

*Upon exiting the main lobby doors,
please accept a gift of welcome bread.*

Serving this morning:
Worship Leaders – Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk
Musician – Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GOD: HIS WISDOM

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in night;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.
Traditional Welsh hymn melody

Join All the Glorious Names

JESUS CHRIST:

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.
Phil. 2:9

1. Join all the glo - rious names of wis - dom, love, and pow'r,
2. Great Proph - et of my God, my tongue would bless thy name;
3. Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and died;
4. Thou art my Coun - sel - or, my pat - tern, and my Guide,
5. My Sav - ior and my Lord, my Con - qu'ror and my King,

that ev - er mor - tals knew, that an - gels ev - er bore: all are too
by thee the joy - ful news of our sal - va - tion came, the joy - ful
• my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri - fice be - side: his pow'r - ful
and thou my Shep - herd art; O keep me near thy side; nor let my
thy scep - ter and thy sword, thy reign - ing grace, I sing: thine is the

poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Sav - ior forth.
news of sins for - giv'n, of hell sub - dued and peace with heav'n.
• blood did once a - tone and now it pleads be - fore the throne.
feet e'er turn a - stray to wan - der in the crook - ed way.
pow'r; be - hold I sit in will - ing bonds be - neath thy feet.

Isaac Watts, 1707

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

JUSTIFICATION

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
Rom. 3:24

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught
3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less
5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy

are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through
• man - sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be
mer - cy hath for me— for me a full a -
ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
• all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.
glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1738
Tr. by John Wesley, 1740; alt.GERMANY L.M.
William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Practice for interested adult choir members begins today in the sanctuary after church. No long-term commitment is necessary, and altos are especially needed. Let us use music to praise our God from whom all blessings flow.

Small groups are a great way to get to know other members, grow in the Lord, and engage in prayer, fellowship, and acts of service. If you would be interested in learning more about Covenant’s small groups, please contact Pastor Muhlfeld. A brochure containing meeting times, locations, and topics of each group may be found in the narthex, in addition to the bulletin board in the nursery hallway.

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.

Covenant’s catered dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. with the annual meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to attend the dinner, or need childcare during the meeting, please complete an RSVP form located in your church mailbox and return it to Adrienne McMillan by Sunday, October 5. Extra forms are available in the narthex.

If you would like to join others from Covenant for North Care Women’s Clinic’s walk on October 11 at Franconia Park, please contact Denise Brill or stop by the narthex table after church.

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 9/14	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Monday 9/15			
Tuesday 9/16	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday 9/17			
Thursday 9/18	7:00	p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Friday 9/19	8:00	p.m.	Young Adult Outdoor Movie at Childs’ Home
Saturday 9/20	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 9/21	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Officer Meet & Greet
	11:45	a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	5:00	p.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	6:00	p.m.	Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & Youth Group


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>Walter Advena</i>	<i>Wynn/English Family</i>
<i>Carol Cornish</i>	<i>Yates Family</i>
<i>Rita Hageman</i>	
<i>Ethel Johnston</i>	
<i>Barbara Kolbe</i>	
<i>Jim & Diana Lowery</i>	
<i>David Wynn</i>	

Missions

Shibu Oommen and his wife Mary are serving with Evangelism Explosion International. Despite the hot weather this summer, Shibu and others continued their street evangelism in Lancaster Central Market and in Upper Darby. During the summer, Lancaster gets many tourists from different parts of the world. One woman, a Muslim from Chad, listened closely as Shibu explained how God met the punishment of our sins by providing Jesus as a perfect sacrifice and how we can have the assurance of eternal life by putting our trust in Him. She appreciated hearing the truth and accepted a tract to read. In Upper Darby, Shibu had a conversation with a woman from West Philadelphia who had questions about how to pray and about eternal life. She was very receptive to hearing the gospel and was interested in connecting with a Bible preaching church in her community. Please pray for the following:
-that the seeds that were planted during their street evangelism would bear fruit
-for their campus ministry that is resuming at Kutztown and Millersville Universities

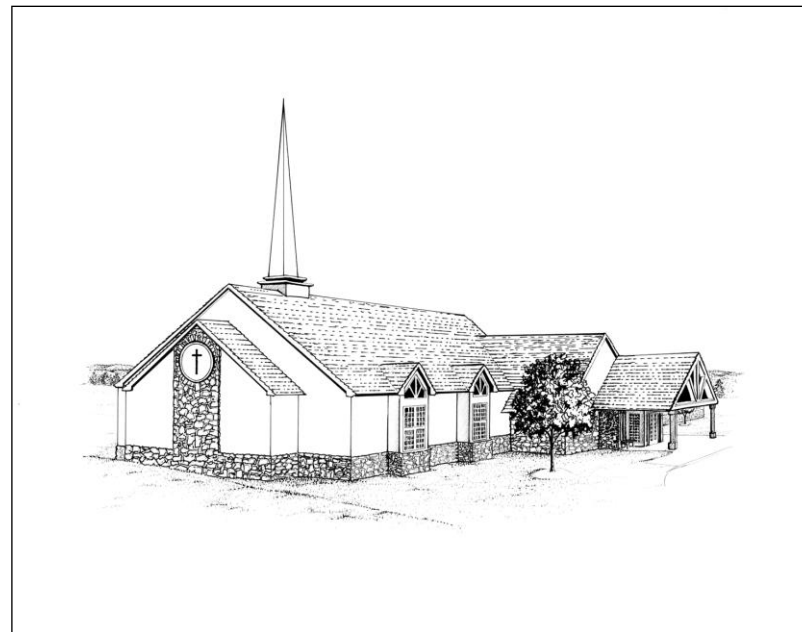


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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28	Oct 5
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	A. Rohrman	Abigail English	Becky Snyder	Ella Clement
Heart Hiders Room 110	Sharon Muhlfeld	Lydia Putnam	J. Leiser	Joy Schmidt
Worship Service Infants Room 120	E. Waltenbaugh	George & Cathy Schmidt	Kelly Little	Kristen Jones
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Jill Buhay Amy Muhlfeld	Pam Taylor D. Rutkowski	M. Medendorp Jasmine Muhlfeld	Nicole Yates Jessica Fox
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Nicole Yates Jessica Fox	Julia Smith Abbie Riggall	Ashley Benoit Aubree Riggall	Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan	A. McMillan	Jonathan & Ashley O'Hara
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	A. Rohrman	Debbie Schultz	Debbie Schultz
Greeters	Collier Kirkland	Bill Kramer	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Henry & Debbie Schultz
Ushers	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	Steve Rutkowski George Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski

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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.*