

THE LORD’S DAY

September 21, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sanctum Sanctorum Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!
People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice
in the LORD.
People: Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 173 Praise Him! Praise Him!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Merciful Father, we confess with David that we know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so, you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely, we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. We pray this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Joel 2:12–13

Leader: “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 25:19–34 (p. 19)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Holy, Holy, Holy Purifoy

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:10–17 (p. 818)

**HYMN 170 Fairest Lord Jesus

SERMON HIDDEN TREASURE; PRICELESS PEARL
Matthew 13:44–46 (p. 819)
Rev. John Rohrman

*HYMN 696 I’ve Found the Pearl of Greatest Price!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Justified by Faith Broughton

*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, John Muhlfeld
Musician – Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher

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Praise Him! Praise Him!

They sang a new song: "You are worthy ... because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God." Rev. 5:9

1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!

Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
 For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
 Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
 he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
 hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

JESUS CHRIST:

HIS PRAISE

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

REFRAIN

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1869

JOYFUL SONG Irreg.
Chester G. Allen, 1869

Fairest Lord Jesus

You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever. Ps. 45:2

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677
Tr. 1850, 1873CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8 5.5.8.
Silesian folk song
Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

I’ve Found the Pearl of Greatest Price! 696

A merchant [was] looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he ... sold everything he had and bought it. Matt. 13:45, 46

1. I've found the pearl of great - est price! My heart doth sing for joy;
2. Christ is my Proph- et, Priest, and King; my Proph- et full of light,
3. For he in - deed is Lord of lords, and he the King of kings;
4. Christ is my peace; he died for me, for me he shed his blood;
5. Christ Je - sus is my all in all, my com- fort and my love;

and sing I must, for Christ is mine! Christ shall my song em - ploy.
my great High Priest be - fore the throne, my King of heav'n - ly might.
• he is the Sun of Righ- teous-ness, with heal - ing in his wings.
and as my won- drous sac - ri - fice, of - fered him - self to God.
my life be - low, and he shall be my joy and crown a - bove.

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John Mason, 1683; alt.

JERUSALEM C.M.D.
Charles H. Purday, 1799-1885

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for an officer meet and greet following the worship service today in the far narthex. Candidates for elder and deacon will be present for informal conversation, questions, and encouragement before standing for election at the congregational meeting on October 17. The list of three candidates may be found in mailboxes, the narthex, and *Covenant Update*.

There are a variety of books available for free on the brown desk in the library. Stop by the library and browse the selection today before they are donated.

The Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, and Youth Group will resume tonight at 6:00 p.m.

This year’s fall workday will be held on October 11 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Men, women, and families are welcome. Please bring work gloves if you have them. Feel free to come anytime and leave when needed. The rain date will be October 18.

All are invited to join the Senior Fellowship on Tuesday, October 14 at 12:00 p.m. on their trip to Bach at Noon, a free, public concert series presented by The Bach Choir of Bethlehem at the Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA. Cars will depart Covenant at 10:00 a.m., or you may meet there at 12:00 p.m. Carpooling, however, is strongly recommended. Lunch will follow at The Coopersburg Diner at 1:30 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, October 5 and contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with any questions.

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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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

Monday 9/22

Tuesday 9/23	10:00	a.m.	Senior Fellowship Committee Meeting
	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday 9/24

Thursday 9/25	7:30	p.m.	Women’s Ministry Committee Meeting
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Friday 9/26

Saturday 9/27

Sunday 9/28	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
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Service Project

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

Walter Advena

Carol Cornish

Rita Hageman

Lynn Kluizenaar

Barbara Kolbe

Jim & Diana Lowery

David Wynn

Grieving

Wynn/English Family

Yates Family

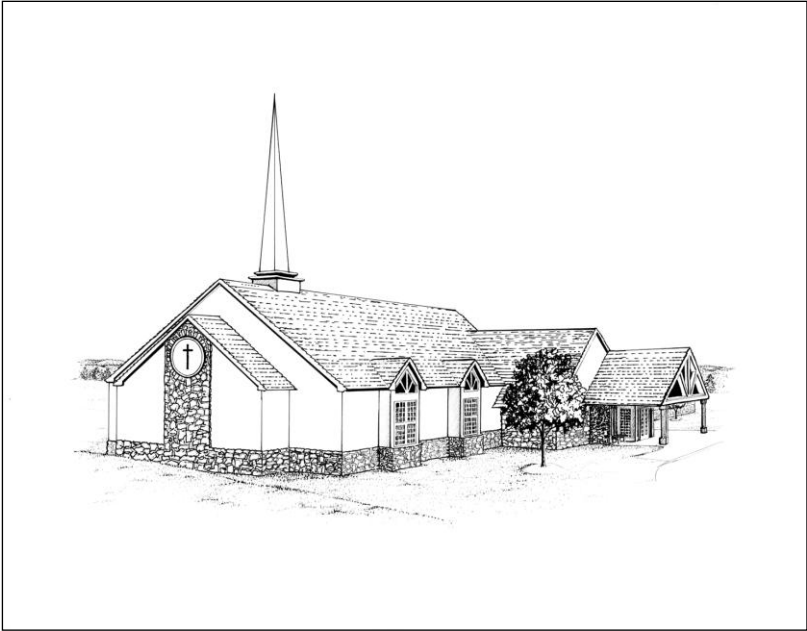
Missions

Flavien and Inyange are missionaries stationed in the US serving churches and church planters in sensitive countries. During the past few months Flavien has been occupied with multiple study/research endeavors. He has done quite a bit of digging into the context and history of the Westminster Assembly, as he was working on a few speaking engagements related to its documents. He also has been busy sharpening his skills with Biblical Hebrew in conjunction with preaching through the book of Micah, while also diving into the book of Revelation for a Bible study. Another subject that has taken his attention is the Reformed doctrine of the covenant of works, as he is preparing to write an essay on the subject for a multi-author book. He is in conversation with a couple of journals and publishers to turn some of his research into a few articles and books, mostly in the French language. In addition to his research endeavors, Flavien has had a chance to meet with ministry partners who have traveled to the US from other parts of the world. Each visit has been an opportunity to talk about how he might best serve them the next time he is able to travel to their locations. Any travel plan has to be tentative as there has not been any movement yet on his green card application. Please pray for the following:
-for action on Flavien’s green card application
-Inyange’s health, which has experienced a setback in recent months – a promising support application submitted to a nearby church

SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Sept 21	Sept 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Abigail English	Becky Snyder	Ella Clement	Ashley Benoit
Heart Hiders Room 110	Lydia Putnam	J. Leiser	Joy Schmidt	Ashley O’Hara
Worship Service Infants Room 120	George & Cathy Schmidt	Kelly Little	Kristen Jones	Cathy Nagy
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Pam Taylor D. Rutkowski	M. Medendorp Jasmine Muhlfeld	Nicole Yates Jessica Fox	Diane Dietterich Lydia Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Julia Smith Abbie Riggall	Ashley Benoit Aubree Riggall	Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall	Abigail English Luke Snyder
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	A. McMillan	A. McMillan	Jonathan & Ashley O’Hara	Kathy McHale
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	David & Joy Schmidt
Welcome Bread Bakers	A. Rohrman	Debbie Schultz	Debbie Schultz	John Cattich
Greeters	Bill Kramer	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Henry & Debbie Schultz	George & Cathy Schmidt
Ushers	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	Byron Childs Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson

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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.*