

September 13, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	The Lord's My Shepherd	Smith
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People: His love endures forever!

*HYMN 2 O Worship the King

Unison: Heavenly Father, we confess the weakness of our fallen natures in Adam. Sin has robbed us of strength, and what little strength we have, we spend on thoughts, words, and deeds of disobedience. Apart from you, we have no hope. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our strength and help us to see that your power is made perfect in our weakness. For we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, who is our strength. Amen.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" - and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 5:1–14 (p. 311)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
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NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:1–11 (p. 981)

SERMON

GOD'S STRENGTH IN OUR WEAKNESS
2 Corinthians 1:1-2 (p. 964)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE An Affirmation of Faith Ritter

***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

*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.*

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O Worship the King

All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. O wor-ship the King all-glo-rious a-bove, O grate-ful-ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won-ders un-told, Al-might-y, your
 4. Your boun-ti-ful care what tongue can re-cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De-fend-er, the
 light, whose can-o-py space. His char-iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found-ed of old; has 'stab-lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de-

An-cient of Days, pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird-ed with praise.
 thun-der-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change-less de-cree, and round it has cast, like a man-tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Based on Psalm 104
 Robert Grant, 1833
 Mod.

LYONS: 10, 10, 11, 11.
 Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806
 Arr. in William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

GOD:

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Since we have a great high priest ... let us ... approach the throne of grace
 with confidence. Heb. 4:14, 16

1. Ap-proach, my soul, the mer-cy seat where Je-sus an-swers prayer;
 2. Thy prom-ise is my on-ly plea; with this I ven-ure nigh:
 3. Bowed down be-neath a load of sin, by Sa-tan sore-ly pressed,
 4. Be thou my shield and hid-ing place, that, shel-tered near thy side,
 5. O won-drous love! to bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame,

there hum-bly fall be-fore his feet, for none can per-ish there.
 thou call-est bur-dened souls to thee, and such, O Lord, am I.
 • by war with-out and fears with-in, I come to thee for rest.
 I may my fierce ac-cus-er face, and tell him thou hast died.
 that guilt-y sin-ners, such as I, might plead thy gra-cious name!

John Newton, 1779

DALEHURST C.M.
 Arthur Cotman, 1874

GOD:

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 F 9

Unison

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

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-

HIS LOVE AND GRACE

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

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-

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

Final ending

Horatius Bonar, 1858
Mod.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant’s catered dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. with the annual meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to attend the dinner, please complete an RSVP form located in your church mailbox and return it to Adrienne McMillan’s church mailbox by Sunday, October 4. Extra forms are available in the narthex.

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 19. Please contact Abigail English with questions.

The Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, and Youth Group will resume Sunday, September 20 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.

All men, women, and high school students are invited to join us every Monday at 12:15 p.m. in room 107 starting on September 28 for a new daytime Bible study entitled *Person of Jesus: A Study of Love* by Paul E. Miller beginning with a pilot study of Unit 1: Compassion. For questions, contact Maggie Snyder at 540-454-2777 or maggiesnyder77@gmail.com.

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.

People of all ages are invited to join the senior fellowship for a trip to The Museum at Hoppenville on Tuesday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m. The cost for the trip is \$15.00 per person. You may order a lunch box through Tosco’s for \$11.00 per person. Please place the bottom completed portion of the signup sheet found in your church mailbox, along with your payment for the trip and lunch in Don & Lynn Kluizenaar’s church mailbox by October 4. Please contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with questions at don_lynn94@msn.com.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 9/13	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School (Promotion Sunday)
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00	p.m.	Annual Picnic

Monday 9/14

Tuesday 9/15	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
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Wednesday 9/16

Thursday 9/17	7:00	p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
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Friday 9/18

Saturday 9/19	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
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	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	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



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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27	Oct 4
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Abigail English	Marie Baldwin	Ashley Benoit	Ella Clement
Heart Hiders Room 110	Sharon Muhlfeld	Lydia Putnam	Jonathon Leiser	Jane Reagan
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Jill Buhay	George & Cathy Schmidt	Kristen Jones	Cathy Nagy
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Jamie Ford Nathan Ford	Nicole Yates Heidi Moyer	Becky Snyder Luke Snyder	C. Grosshanten Anna Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Caroline Smith Eileen Gramp	C. Grosshanten Jesse Moyer	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	Kelly Little Aubrey Riggall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	Joy Malysz	Joy Malysz	Jonathan & Ashley O'Hara
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Jason Clement	Jason Clement	J. English
Welcome Bread Bakers	Lynn Kluizenaar	Ella Clement	Carolyn Ford	Debbie Schultz
Greeters	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Andy & Carolyn Ford	Jake & Melanie Medendorp	Steve & Carrie Rutkowski
Ushers	Dan Benoit Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Ken Markwalter George Schmidt Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Steve Rutkowksi	Rick Castor Dan Benoit G. Estevez Jack Kane John Kane Keating Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman	Byron Childs David Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

Health Related

Rita Hageman
Gay Opdyke
Tim Sharadin
Andrea Thompson

Expecting

Joy Malysz (Due Nov 21)
Emily Waltenbaugh (Due Feb 6)

Grieving

O'Hara Family

Missions

Covenant member Andy Reed is serving as an intern with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. July training has become one of Andy's favorite events of the summer. This year over 500 RUF interns, campus staff, campus ministers, and national staff came together in Colorado to spend a week in fellowship, training, and prayer. Along with some amazing training sessions, Andy was also excited to hear how the Lord is working in RUF and in the lives of interns across the United States and worldwide.

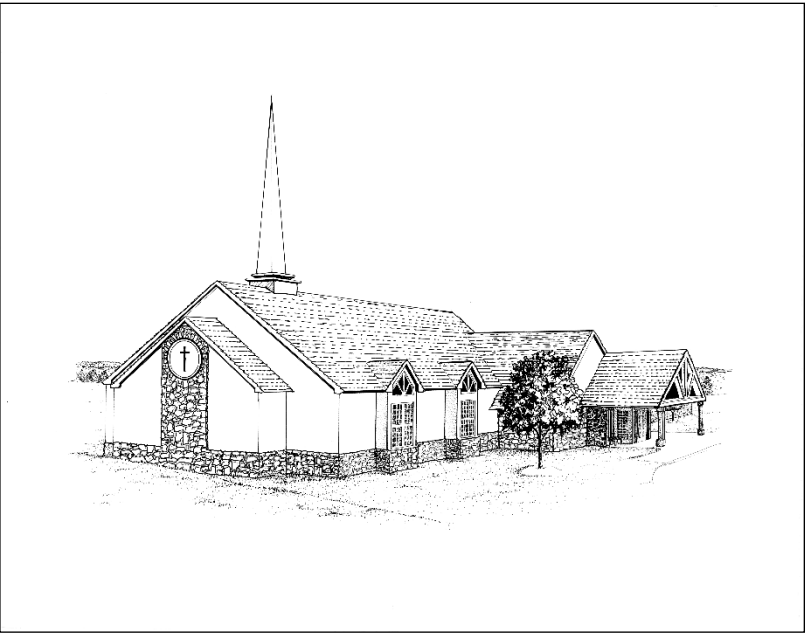
Another favorite summer event was an overnight retreat on Watts Bar Lake for the new Leadership Team students. This trip was a sweet time of playing on the lake, singing worship songs, breaking out into their new Leadership Team teams, and delighting in the love of God with friends. They also spent time equipping students to do one-on-ones, going over the Philosophy of Ministry, talking about cultivating culture, and spending time in prayer for the new semester.

Please pray for the following:

-that the Lord would give endurance to their campus minister, to Andy, the other intern, as well as their Leadership Team as they begin the new semester

-that the Lord would use their one-on-one ministry to draw students closer to Himself, and to learn to enjoy time in the Word and in prayer

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.*