

September 20, 2026

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE O Love of God, How Strong and True Knapp

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 149:1-3

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Sing to the LORD a new song,

Leader: His praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

Leader: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

People: Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and
lyre!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 15 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Lord and our God, be merciful to us, we pray!
Great and wondrous things you have accomplished for us in
Christ, and yet we so often treat the Gospel as commonplace.
Forgive us for failing to cherish your Son as we ought. Forgive us
for being slow to trust in him when we fall short. Forgive us for
failing to honor the name of Christ as we ought in thought,
word, and deed. Forgive us our sins, O Lord, for the sake of your
Son! Teach us to live in light of our confession that Jesus Christ
has come in the flesh. For we ask these things in Christ's Name.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 2:11–14

Leader: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us...”

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 40:1–8 (p. 468)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY More About Jesus Howell

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 1 (p. 1001)

**HYMN 140 O Word of God Incarnate

SERMON

TESTING THE SPIRITS
1 John 4:1–6 (p. 1023)
Mr. Juan Estevez

*HYMN 162 Of the Father's Love Begotten

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	Holy, Holy, Holy	Lasky
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**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 worshiping 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 – John Muhlfeld, Nate Wambold

Musician – Helen Ro

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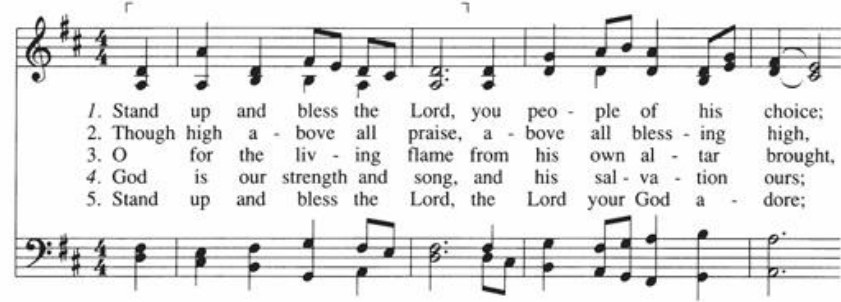
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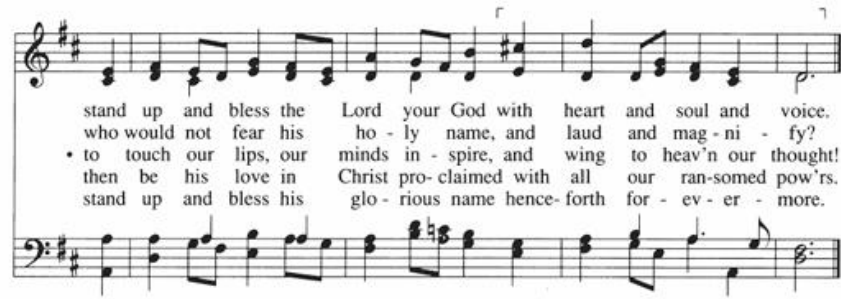
Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.
Neh. 9:5



1. Stand up and bless the Lord, you peo - ple of his choice;
2. Though high a - bove all praise, a - bove all bless - ing high,
3. O for the liv - ing flame from his own al - tar brought,
4. God is our strength and song, and his sal - va - tion ours;
5. Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God a - dore;



stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
who would not fear his ho - ly name, and laud and mag - ni - fy?
to touch our lips, our minds in - spire, and wing to heav'n our thought!
then be his love in Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed pow'rs.
stand up and bless his glo - rious name hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

James Montgomery, 1824, 1825
Mod.

CARLISLE S.M.
Charles Lockhart, 1769

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O Word of God Incarnate

GOD'S WORD:

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
Ps. 119:130



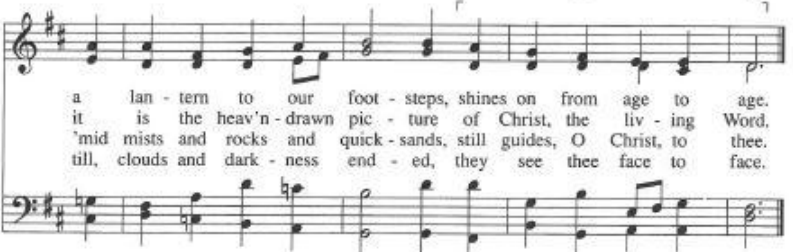
1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.
it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world,
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
it is the heav'n - drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word,
'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

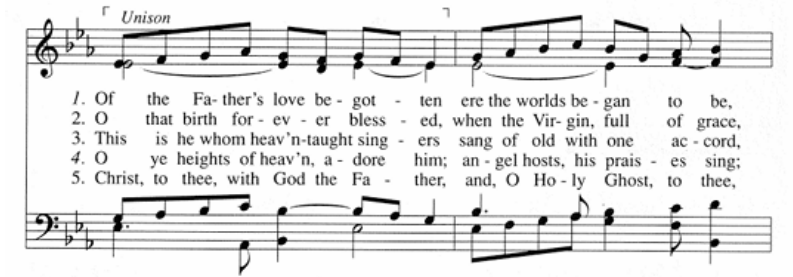
William Walsham How, 1867

MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.
Mehringen, Gesangbuch, 1693

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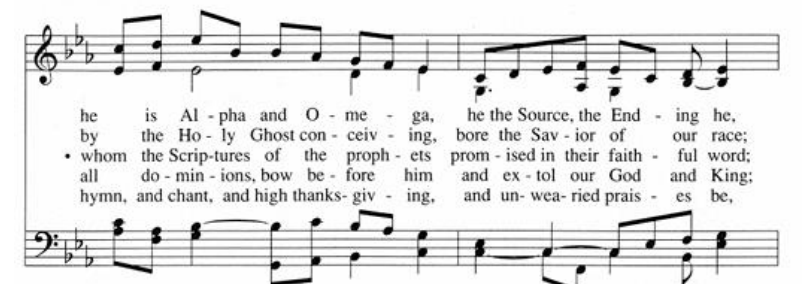
Of the Father's Love Begotten

In the beginning was the Word.... The Word was made flesh ... and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. John 1:1, 14 KJV

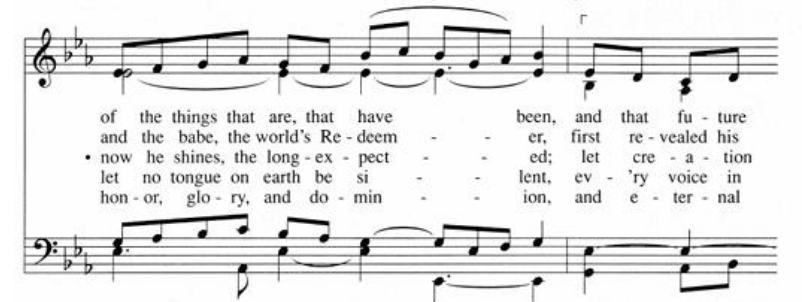


1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

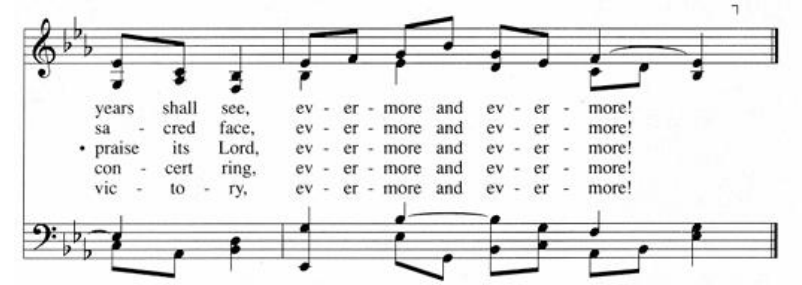
HIS DEITY



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;
hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
now he shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; let cre - a - tion
let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854;
Henry W. Baker, 1859

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
Plainsong, 12th cent.
Arr. by Charles Winfred Douglas, 1916

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to return completed registration packets for the Men’s Retreat to Spruce Lake in the Pocono Mountains on October 2–4 to Jeff Currier.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the women’s Bible study starting on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110.

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.

Please join us for an officer meet and greet on Sunday, October 11 following the worship service 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 16.

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.

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 is \$15.00 per person, plus \$11.00 for a Tosco’s lunch box. Please return your completed signup sheet and payment to Don & Lynn Kluizenaar’s church mailbox by October 4. Please contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with questions at don_lynn94@msn.com.

This year's fall workday will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Men, women, youth age 12 & up, and well-supervised children (due to the presence of heavy equipment) are welcome. The rain date for this event is October 24.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 9/20	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00	a.m.	Junior Bell Choir Practice
	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

Monday 9/21

Tuesday 9/22	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
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Wednesday 9/23

Thursday 9/24	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Ministry Committee Meeting
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Friday 9/25	6:40	p.m.	Phillies Game
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Saturday 9/26	1:00	p.m.	Celebration of Life Service for Dick O’Hara (followed by light refreshments)
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	11:45	a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group College Care Packages 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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SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Sept 20	Sept 27	Oct 4	Oct 11
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ashley Benoit	Marie Baldwin	Ella Clement	Becky Snyder
Heart Hiders Room 110	Lydia Putnam	Jonathon Leiser	Jane Reagan	Ashley O’Hara
Worship Service Infants Room 120	George & Cathy Schmidt	Kristen Jones	Cathy Nagy	Abigail English
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Nicole Yates Heidi Moyer	Becky Snyder Luke Snyder	C. Grosshanten Anna Moyer	Pam Taylor Janie Keating
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	C. Grosshanten Jesse Moyer	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	Kelly Little Aubrey Riggall	Sarah Iannotti Luke Snyder
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Joy Malysz	Joy Malysz	Jonathan & Ashley O’Hara	Kathy McHale
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Jason Clement	Jason Clement	J. English	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis
Welcome Bread Bakers	Ella Clement	Carolyn Ford	Debbie Schultz	Debbie Schultz
Greeters	Andy & Carolyn Ford	Jake & Melanie Medendorp	Steve & Carrie Rutkowski	Darren Cornish
Ushers	Ken Markwalter Dan Benoit George Schmidt Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jack Kane Jeremy Riggall John Kane Keating Henry Schultz Bob McClurken Steve Rutkowski	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	Dan Benoit Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

Health Related

Carol Cornish

Rita Hageman

Gay Opdyke

Tim Sharadin

Andrea Thompson

Expecting

Joy Mahys̳ (Due Nov 21)

Emily Waltenbaugh (Due Feb 6)

Grieving

O'Hara Family

Missions

Bryan Stoudt is serving in Arizona with the Western Division of Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). He and his wife Sharon are also working with the Paraclete Mission Group as they mentor young couples who are preparing for marriage.

The students from their five major healthcare campuses are back, and this year there is a new sixth campus. ASU is different than most medical schools, as students will earn both an MD and MS in Medical Engineering. The goal is not just to train physicians to work within the healthcare system, but to equip some to redesign it. After much prayer, they met a Christian neuroscientist who will teach there and help to establish a CMDA chapter. Since ASU's administration is fairly resistant to faith, they will need to ensure the chapter is clearly student led.

Bryan and Sharon have just begun premarital counseling with a new kind of couple. They have both been married before and have multiple children between them. God has brought them together in a special way, and the Stoudts are excited for them.

Bryan's new book for dating and engaged couples, Holy and Happy, is now in print. He has been humbled by the warm reception it has received.

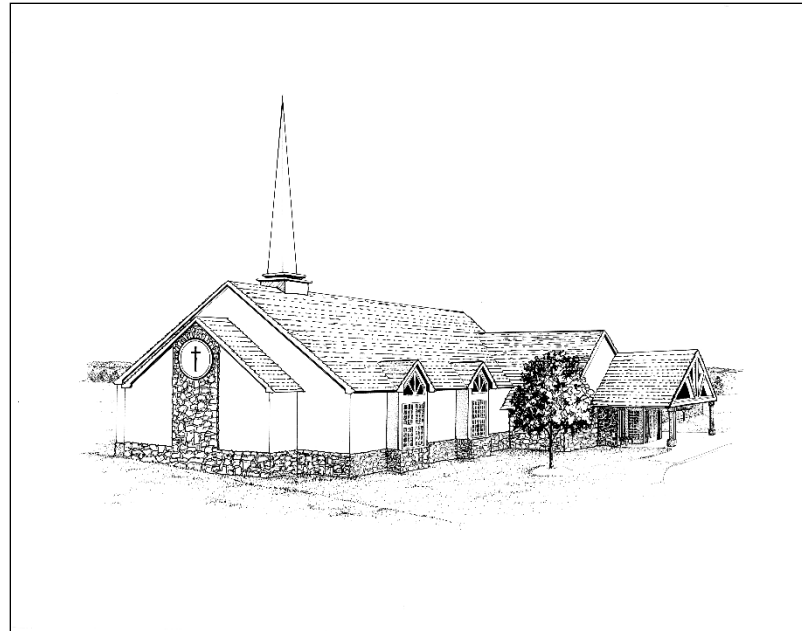
Please pray for the following:

-for first year students to get plugged into their CMDA chapters and good churches right away

-for the Christian faculty member at ASU to identify believing students there

-that God would give the Stoudts great wisdom as they counsel the new couple

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.*