

THE LORD’S DAY
September 27, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Be Still and Know Giamanco

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 146
Leader: Praise the LORD, all you his people!
People: Praise the LORD, O my soul.
Praise him as long as life endures!
Leader: Do not put your trust in princes who cannot save.
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God.
People: God upholds the cause of the oppressed.
He feeds the hungry, sets the prisoners free,
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
Leader: Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 57 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Father, we confess that when afflicted, we often seek comfort everywhere else than in you. We look to other people, other things, other circumstances, and even our own resources to get through the hardest trials of life, yet to no avail. We confess our need for the forgiveness of sins and comfort that you alone provide through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Enable us to trust in His present and future deliverance, and to help others do the same. For we pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 86:5
Leader: For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:1–7 (p. 603)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY My Jesus, I Love Thee Johnson

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:21–33 (p. 857)

**HYMN 486 God, Be Merciful to Me

SERMON THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT
2 Corinthians 1:3–11 (p. 964)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 689 Be Still, My Soul

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jesus, Lover of My Soul Parry

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 – Juan Estevez, Thomas Potgieter
Musicians – Sondra Cattich, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

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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

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Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free;
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Psalm 146
 The Psalter, 1912
 Mod.

RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Gregorian chant
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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God, Be Merciful to Me

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Ps. 51:1

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

From Psalm 51:1-15
 The Psalter, 1912

REDHEAD 76 7.7.7.7.7.
 Richard Redhead, 1853

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Be Still, My Soul

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Jas. 5:7

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
 bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

Friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 pay from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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.

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.

Covenant’s Harvest Festival on Friday, October 23 is fast approaching! You may sign up in the narthex to donate food and drinks, as well as to volunteer for set-up, clean-up, serving, or other activities. Postcards are also available in the narthex to use as invitations for your friends and neighbors.

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, October 4.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 9/27	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
	11:45	a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group College Care Packages Service Project

Monday 9/28	12:15	p.m.	Daytime Bible Study
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Tuesday 9/29	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday 9/30

Thursday 10/1	7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting
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Friday 10/2			Men’s Retreat
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Saturday 10/3	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
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Sunday 10/4	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments in Far Narthex
	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
	6:00	p.m.	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 27	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Marie Baldwin	Ella Clement	Becky Snyder	C. Rutkowski
Heart Hiders Room 110	Jonathon Leiser	Jane Reagan	Ashley O’Hara	Ella Clement
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Kristen Jones	Cathy Nagy	Abigail English	Ella Clement
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Becky Snyder Luke Snyder	C. Grosshanten Anna Moyer	Pam Taylor Janie Keating	Carrie Rutkowski Lydia Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	Kelly Little Aubrey Riggall	Sarah Iannotti Luke Snyder	M. Medendorp Sam Kleeman
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Joy Malysz	Jonathan & Ashley O’Hara	Kathy McHale	Kathy McHale
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Jason Clement	J. English	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Sondra Cattich
Welcome Bread Bakers	Carolyn Ford	Debbie Schultz	Debbie Schultz	Liana Potgieter
Greeters	Jake & Melanie Medendorp	George & Cathy Schmidt	Darren Cornish	Amy Sharadin
Ushers	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	Ken Markwalter George Schmidt Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Steve Rutkowski

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

Health Related

Carol Cornish

Sarah Fisher

Rita Hageman

Gay Opdyke

Tim Sharadin

Andrea Thompson

Expecting

Joy Malysz (Due Nov 21)

Emily Waltenbaugh (Due Feb 6)

Grieving

O'Hara Family

Missions

The Mission to North America Disaster Response Team (MNA DR) exists to come to the aide of churches when disaster hits them and their communities.

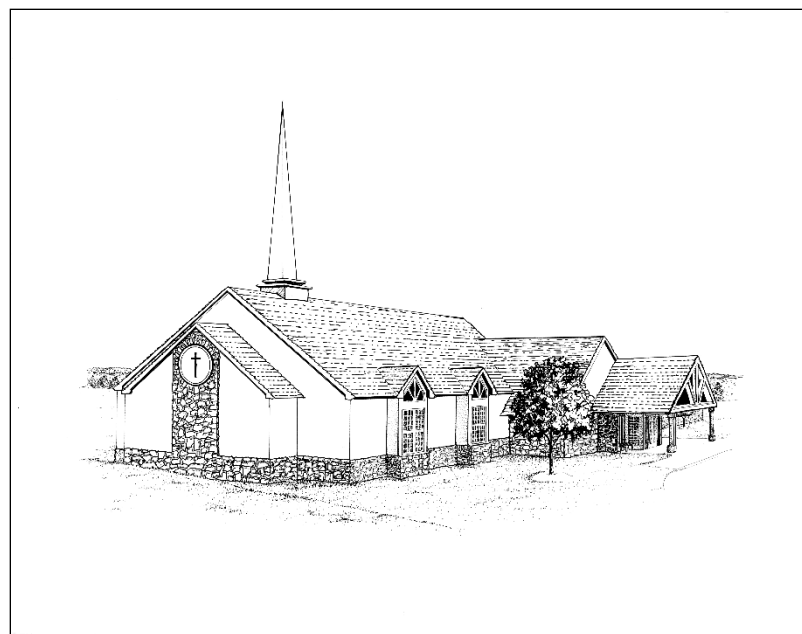
After much prayer, Ruling Elder Dr Mike Kennemer was selected to be the new Director of the Disaster Response Team.

Mike is known as an outstanding leader, thinker and strategist with an immense amount of experience with MNA DR.

In his Annual Warehouse Report, Dr Kennemer shares some highlights from 2025. During the year they deployed Sheds of Hope to Arden and Jonas Ridge, North Carolina, as well as Clanton, Alabama and Saint Louis, Missouri. They coordinated fourteen warehouse workdays and fully implemented their inventory system. Nine groups scheduled work trips to the warehouse, including teams from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Please pray for the Disaster Team as they continue their work of building warehouse inventory, training volunteers and reaching out to those impacted by storms.

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.*