

# THE LORD’S DAY

November 22, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE We Gather Together Kremser/Lau

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:1,15,24

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**People: The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!**

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Merciful Father, you have given us every reason to be thankful, but we confess that we are so often an unthankful people. Our sinful hearts do not recognize the many blessings that you have bestowed, nor do we worship you for the mighty God that you are. Forgive us our sin in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. May His own Spirit of thankfulness dwell in us richly, that we might worship and glorify you forever. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 10:11-14

LEADER: Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

\*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 86 (p.421)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY For the Beauty of the Earth Kocher/Hustad

\*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18:1-8 (p.742)

\*HYMN 629 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

SERMON LAYING HOLD OF GOD’S WILLINGNESS  
Luke 11:1-13 (p. 735)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 628 Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Cruger/Smith

*Welcome to all worshiping with us today.  
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you  
through our fellowship together.*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders — Jim Nagy, Steve Rutkowski

Musicians — Anna Clement, Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians — Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Greg Fisher

*\*Congregation standing*

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Matt. 13:39*

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;  
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;  
 4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;  
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown:  
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
 gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;  
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear:  
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy pres-ence to a-bide;

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

Henry Allford, 1844, 1867

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR 7.7.7.D.  
George J. Elvey, 1859

SPECIAL TOPICS:

PRAYER

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6*

1. What a Friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri-als and temp-tations? Is there trou-ble an-y-where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav-y-lad-en, cum-b-ered with a load of care?

What a priv-i-lege to car-ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-u-ge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of-ten for-feit, O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith-ful, who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be-cause we do not car-ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer.  
 Je-sus knows our ev-'ry weak-ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

Joseph Soliven, ca. 1855

WHAT A FRIEND 5,7,6,7,D  
Charles C. Converse, 1868

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:

## Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

*Ask and it will be given to you. Matt. 7:7*

1. Come, my soul, thy suit pre- pare: Je- sus loves to  
 2. Thou art com- ing to a King, large pe- ti- tions  
 3. With my bur- den I be- gin: "Lord, re- move this  
 4. "Lord, I come to thee for rest, take pos- ses- sion

an- swer prayer; he him- self has bid thee pray, there- fore  
 with thee bring; for his grace and pow'r are such, none can  
 load of sin; let thy blood, for sin- ners spilt, set my  
 of my breast; there thy blood- bought right main- tain, and with-

will not say thee nay; there- fore will not say thee nay.  
 ev- er ask too much; none can ev- er ask too much.  
 con- science free from guilt; set my con- science free from guilt.  
 out a ri- val reign; and with- out a ri- val reign.

5. "While I am a pilgrim here,  
 let thy love my spirit cheer;  
 as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,  
 lead me to my journey's end;  
 lead me to my journey's end.

6. "Show me what I have to do,  
 ev'ry hour my strength renew:  
 let me live a life of faith,  
 let me die thy people's death;  
 let me die thy people's death."

John Newton, 1779

HENDON 7.7.7.7 rep.  
Henri A. César Malin, 1827

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the rising number of COVID cases in our area, the church officers recommend that members participate in our worship service via livestream for the next few weeks. With that in mind, the nursery will not be staffed with volunteers. We also ask that any in attendance exit the building immediately after the worship service to enjoy conversations outside. The risk remains elevated, especially for our senior members, and we wish to limit the spread of infection within our community as well as the stress placed on local healthcare providers.

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox drop-off will take place curbside at Covenant today and tomorrow. Church members may drop off their boxes this morning, using the carts positioned by the entrances. Check *Covenant Update* for more details. For \$25 you can also build a shoebox online, which includes the \$9 shipping. Please contact Anna Strickland with questions.

There will be a special holiday meal collection at the church on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Henry Schultz will receive frozen turkeys, hams, or other roasts as well as any items you wish to donate to the clients of Manna on Main Street in Lansdale.

There will be a Senior's Fellowship meeting via Zoom on December 8 at 10:00 a.m. Following the Zoom meeting, those who are interested are invited to a luncheon at the Plumsteadville Inn located at 5902 Easton Rd, Pipersville at 12:15 p.m. Please RSVP for the luncheon to Jim & Diana Lowery by December 3. There is no plan to meet at the church. All those going are responsible to meet at the restaurant.

The first day of Advent is Sunday, Nov 29.

## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

### *Health Related*

*Winnie Bickle*

*Ethel Castor*

*Rich Fisher*

*Peg Hasson*

*Herb McCarter*

*Fred Putnam*

*Sally Tomlinson*

### *Expecting*

*Ashely Benoit*

*Brianne Heffron*

### *Grieving*

*Nagy Family*

*Stager Family*

### *Missions*

Richard and Robyn Crane serve with Mission to the World at Miami International Seminary. Due to the pandemic, the Cranes have continued with online teaching of their counseling courses in Cuba. They are currently in the midst of a 12-week course on "Grace Based Parenting" and have been very blessed to see God at work in the hearts of their students. One student commented, "Studying this book has been a transforming experience for me. How marvelous it is to see our parenting the way God parents us, full of grace." Unfortunately, the Cuban people are still dealing with major shortages of food and basic goods. The Cranes are praising God for the pastors and leaders in Cuba who are sacrificially spreading the gospel during this time of extreme need.

Please pray for the following:

-for Richard and Robyn as they daily interact and counsel their students in Cuba and that they would remain centered on the gospel in their counseling

-for Robyn's sister-in-law Sue who is undergoing cancer treatment

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 11/22</b>	8:30	a.m.	Adult Sunday School (virtual)
	9:00	a.m.	Gr. 3-6 Sunday School (virtual)
	9:00	a.m.	Sr High Sunday School (virtual)
	9:15	a.m.	Communicant's Class (virtual)
	9:30	a.m.	Age 3-Gr.2 Sun School (virtual)
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00	p.m.	OCC Collection ( to 2:00 p.m.)
<b>Monday 11/23</b>	9:00	a.m.	OCC Collection (to 11:00 a.m.)
<b>Tuesday 11/24</b>	7:15	p.m.	Men's Bible Study (far narthex)
	7:30	p.m.	Women's Bible Study (virtual)
<b>Wednesday 11/25</b>			
<b>Thursday 11/26</b>			Thanksgiving
<b>Friday 11/27</b>			
<b>Saturday 11/28</b>			
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**For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit [www.covpreschurch.org](http://www.covpreschurch.org)**



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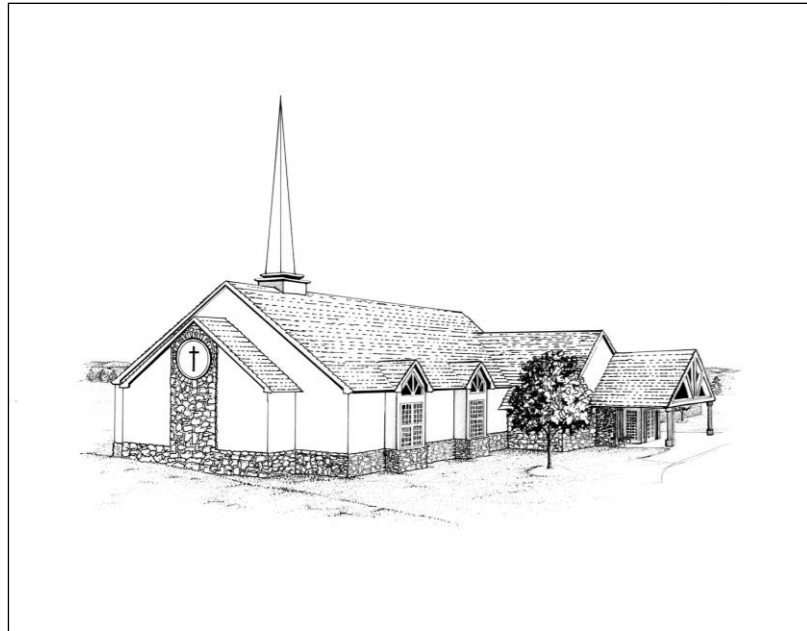
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is to help people know Christ,  
grow together in the grace of Christ,  
and advance the kingdom of Christ,  
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*