

THE LORD'S DAY

January 2, 2022

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord Martin/Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 102

Leader: From heaven the LORD looked down from his holy height;

People: from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die.

Leader: You who are gathered together: declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

People: and in Jerusalem his praise, and worship the LORD.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 55 To God Be the Glory

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, we confess that so often we fail to trust you for even the most basic things of life. At times we ignore you because of our extreme self-sufficiency, while at other times we are too faint-hearted to trust that you will fulfill your promises. So we plead that through Christ's blood you would grant us pardon, and that by your Spirit you would sanctify us for your glory. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 9:15

Leader: For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance – now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 5:1-15 (p. 778)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Morning Has Broken Dixon

*DOXOLOGY 731

**NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 9:1-14 (p. 1005)

SERMON SOVEREIGNLY FULFILLED!
Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 808)
Dr. Jim Rich

*HYMN 234 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 36-38 (hymnal p. 872)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 75 O Father, You Are Sovereign

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Beethoven/Limbaugh

**Please stand if able*

***Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5-grade 1: Room 112; grades 2-3: Room 110)*

*Welcome to all 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 — Rob Barbadoro, Bob McIntyre
Musician — Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians — Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

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

To God Be the Glory

GOD:

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives,
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

HIS GOODNESS
 Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt. Mod. TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11. William H. Doane, 1875

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:27

1. Tell me the sto - ry of Je - sus, write on my heart ev - 'ry word;
 2. Fast - ing a - lone in the des - ert, tell of the days that are past,
 3. Tell of the cross where they nailed him, writh - ing in an - guish and pain;

HIS LIFE, MINISTRY, AND OBEDIENCE

tell me the sto - ry most pre - cious, sweet - est that ev - er was heard.
 how for our sins he was tempt - ed, yet was tri - um - phant at last.
 tell of the grave where they laid him, tell how he liv - eth a - gain.

Tell how the an - gels, in cho - rus, sang as they wel - comed his birth.
 Tell of the years of his la - bor, tell of the sor - row he bore;
 Love in that sto - ry so ten - der, clear - er than ev - er I see:

"Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace and good tid - ings to earth."
 he was de - spised and af - flict - ed, home - less, re - ject - ed, and poor.
 stay, let me weep while you whis - per; love paid the ran - som for me.

REFRAIN
 Tell me the sto - ry of Je - sus, write on my heart ev - 'ry word;

tell me the sto - ry most pre - cious, sweet - est that ev - er was heard.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1880. STORY OF JESUS 8.7.8.7.D.ref. John R. Sweeney, 1880

36. Q. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

37. Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

38. Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

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O Father, You Are Sovereign

GOD: HIS SOVEREIGNTY

The Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Is. 14:27

1. O Fa-ther, you are sov-ereign in all the worlds you made;
 2. O Fa-ther, you are sov-ereign in all af-fairs of man;
 3. O Fa-ther, you are sov-ereign, the Lord of hu-man pain,
 4. O Fa-ther, you are sov-ereign! We see you dim-ly now,

your might-y word was spo-ken and light and life o-beyed.
 no pow'rs of death or dark-ness can thwart your per-fect plan.
 trans-mut-ing earth-ly sor-rows to gold of heav'n-ly gain.
 but soon be-fore your tri-umph earth's ev-ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com-mands the sea-sons and bounds the o-cean's shore,
 All chance and change tran-scend-ing, su-preme in time and space,
 All e-vil o-ver-rul-ing, as none but Con-qu'ror could,
 With this glad hope be-fore us our faith springs up a-new:

sets stars with-in their cours-es and stills the tem-pest's roar.
 you hold your trust-ing chil-dren se-cure in your em-brace.
 your love pur-sues its pur-pose—our souls' e-ter-nal good.
 our sov-ereign Lord and Sav-ior, we trust and wor-ship you!

Margaret Clarkson, 1982
 ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7 S.D.
 Melchor Teschner, ca. 1616

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Health Related

Trudy Carpenter
 Joan Keyt
 Gloria Rich
 Mary Lisa Vidunas

Expecting

Michelle Nederostek (due May 20)

Grieving

Bikle Family
 Day Family
 Hillman Family
 McHale/Ford Family
 Muench Family
 Profsner Family
 Sharadin (T&A) Family

Missions

Philip and Joy Kirkland serve as missionaries in Greece, where they have been involved in the launching of the Greek International Church in Athens. After a very strict national lockdown during the first half of the year, the church has now been meeting in person every Sunday for worship. The Lord has called some from the church's core group to move on to other fields of ministry, but several new families have joined the church this year. In October, Philip had the great joy of baptizing a young man who came to Athens from the Middle East and has since committed to follow Christ.

On the home front, the Kirklands' three kids are happy to be back to in-person school. Their oldest daughter will graduate this year as valedictorian of her class and will be heading off to college in the US next fall.

Philip has started work on a MA in Global Leadership from Wheaton and is finding his studies to be very practical in his current ministry. Joy is the psychosocial lead at Faros, a non-governmental organization for unaccompanied refugee minor boys, and also offers regular counseling both locally and via telehealth with clients from all over the world.

The Kirklands are planning to be in the US for 6 months this coming summer and fall.

They would appreciate prayer for the following:

-that the Lord would raise up new leaders in their church, specifically for a full-time intern who can share the pastoral load with Philip

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld. Attending the class does not obligate one to apply for membership, but it is a requirement before meeting with the Session for a membership interview and is an excellent way to learn more about what we believe as a congregation and denomination. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15 – 10:00 a.m.) and will meet January 9 to February 27.

The Senior Fellowship will begin the new year with a breakfast at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant on Tuesday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m. Come and enjoy delicious food and good fellowship around the breakfast table. Transportation is available if needed. Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex. Please contact Joan Freed with questions.

In light of escalating COVID numbers in our area and congregation, the following reminders are offered to help reduce the number of infections. Our Sunday morning livestream remains available for anyone experiencing illness or who has had a known exposure to someone with COVID (defined as closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more). If you test positive during the week, please reach out directly to any close contacts you had the previous Sunday. As always, disposable masks remain available by the main entryways and are encouraged for anyone who is unsure of their status, or who just wishes to have an additional measure of protection. And take heart, the Lord has delivered us through previous waves of infection and we trust He will do so again for His glory!

The contents of Covenant's lost and found bin will be emptied at the end of January. If you are missing any items, please check the bin in the coat storage area by the front entrance.

Gretchen Ryan writes, "Thank you, families of Covenant, for your prayers and Christmas cards. Thank you, Sonflower Girls, for singing Christmas songs to me on my front porch. They were a joy to hear and see, especially since I had forgotten the time! What a nice surprise! Blessings to you all, with His love."

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 1/2 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Studies

Monday 1/3 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday 1/4 7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 1/5

Thursday 1/6 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 1/7

Saturday 1/8 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 (Henning's Market)

Sunday 1/9 9:15 a.m. Sunday School,
 New Member's Class Begins
 10:00 a.m. Heart Hiders
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ashley Benoit	Nancy Hillman	Becky Snyder	E. Waltenbaugh
Heart Hiders Room 109	Not Meeting	Sharon Muhlfeld	Sarah Keating	Diana Lowery Mary Slemmer
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Sandra Phillips	Carolyn Ford	Cathy Nagy	C. Rutkowski
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Join Room 120 or 122	Cheryl Sharadin Scott Sharadin	K. Hoogenhuis Addie Witmer	Cathy Schmidt George Schmidt
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Yvonne Marshall Makayla Marshall	Nicole Yates Abigail Clement	Judy Colombo Anna Clement	E. Waltenbaugh
Junior Church 5s - grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	Jim & Pam Taylor	Jim & Pam Taylor	Laura Wambold
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Rachel Myers	G. Iammatteo Colleen Taylor	G. Iammatteo Colleen Taylor	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Erna Fenchel	E. Waltenbaugh	Betty Peterson
Greeters		Bob & Betty Peterson	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Henry & Debbie Schultz
Ushers	Mark Kleeman George Schmidt Paul Baldwin Byron Phillips Bill Proppsner Greg Stine	Dan Benoit Mark Kleeman D. Dieterich Andy Ford Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Clair Lucas	Byron Childs George Schmidt Charles Freed Bob Peterson Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Scott Sharadin	Rick Castor Mitch Keating G. Iammatteo Jack Kane John Kane J. Nederostek T. Potgieter Henry Schultz

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