

THE LORD'S DAY

September 12, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Children of the Heavenly Father Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145:10-13

Leader: All you have made will praise you, O LORD;

People: Your saints will extol you.

Leader: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Leader: The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 115 All Creatures of Our God and King

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Glorious Father, you have rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and delivered us into the kingdom of your Son. You have redeemed us from the fallen city of man and made us citizens of your heavenly city. Nevertheless, too often we live as mere worldly citizens, forgetting what is already ours, and forgetting what is yet to come. We value what the world values, love what the world loves, and think the way the world thinks. Forgive us our many sins and renew us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Enable us to live as kingdom citizens while we await the glorious return of Jesus, our King. For we pray in his Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 2:24-25

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 99 (responsive, hymnal p. 820)

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Nearer, My God, to Thee Mason/Wilson

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:18-30 (p. 944)

*HYMN 520 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

SERMON

ALREADY AND NOT YET

Luke 17:20-37 (p. 876)

Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 441

Jesus Shall Reign

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE How Firm a Foundation Wood

**Congregation standing*

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

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders — Jim Rich, Wayne Shaw

Musician — Abigail, Anna, and Ruth Clement, Helen Ro

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

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

GOD'S WORK:

1. All crea- tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush- ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow- ing wa- ter, pure and clear, make mu- sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten- der heart, for- giv- ing oth- ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre- a- tor bless, and wor- ship him in

with us sing al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia! Thou bum- ing
 heav'n a- long, O praise him, al- le- lu- ia! Thou ris- ing
 • Lord to hear, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al- le- lu- ia! Ye who long
 hum- ble- ness, O praise him, al- le- lu- ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold- en beam, thou sil- ver moon with soft- er gleam,
 • morn in praise re- joice, ye lights of eve- ning, find a voice,
 • mas- ter- ful and bright, that giv- est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa- ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir- it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al- le- lu- ia,

CREATION

al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
 Tr. by William H. Draper, 1928
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LASST UNS ERPREUEN L.M.M.
 Göttliche Frühlingssiedelge, Cologne, 1823

Old Testament Reading Psalm 99 (responsive, hymnal p. 820)

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;

People: he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Leader: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name -he is holy.

Leader: The King is mighty, he loves justice—

People: you have established equity;

Leader: in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

People: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name;

People: they called on the LORD and he answered them.

Leader: He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

People: they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

Leader: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

People: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

JUSTIFICATION

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

520

Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
 Rom. 3:24

1. Je- sus, thy blood and righ- teous- ness my beau- ty
 2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught
 3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my
 4. Je- sus, be end- less praise to thee, whose bound- less
 5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy

are, my glo- rious dress; 'midst flam- ing worlds, in
 to my charge shall lay? Ful- ly ab- solved through
 • man- sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be
 mer- cy hath for me— for me a full a-
 ban- ished ones re- joice; their beau- ty this, their

these ar- rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head,
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 • all my plea, Je- sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
 tone- ment made, an ev- er- last- ing ran- som paid.
 glo- rious dress, Je- sus, thy blood and righ- teous- ness.

Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739
 Tr. by John Wesley, 1740, etc.

GERMANY L.M.
 William Gardner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

441

Jesus Shall Reign

THE CHURCH

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8

Chords: G D A7 D G Cdim D A E7 A7 D

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 thron - g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more,
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Based on Psalm 72
Isaac Watts, 1719

DUKE STREET L.M.
John Hatton, 1793

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Health Related

Winnie Bikle
Trudy Carpenter
Jim Day
Jonathon Leiser
Gloria Rich
Mary Lisa Vidunas

Expecting

Abigail English (due Nov 30)

Grieving

Wynn/English Family

Missions

Shibu Oommen and his wife Mary are serving with Evangelism Explosion International. With a few other like-minded people in Lancaster City, the Oommens are now taking their weekly S4 (Seek, Share, Serve, Sustain) ministry to the Central Market area of Lancaster. The Oommens thank God for using them and their team as a channel to spread His Truth. The following are a few of their recent conversations:

-After being asked what would happen to him when he dies, one man answered by saying that he would go to hell because of his many sins. He allowed Shibu to share the gospel and explain how the assurance of eternal life is not based on our good deeds. After a long conversation, the man prayed to commit his life to Christ and will stay in contact with Shibu.

-Another man approached one of the S4 team members asking for prayer. He had some knowledge of the Bible but was confused and hurting. He listened to a presentation of the gospel but was not ready to receive Christ. The team member encouraged him to read his Bible and has been keeping in touch with him.

-One team member spoke with two men who were on a park bench. The first man said he wasn't interested, but the second man had recently come to faith and started a conversation with the team member about the joy of the gospel. The first man was clearly listening to the conversation and decided to accept a tract and to hear more of the gospel story.

Please pray that God would continue to open the hearts of those people who hear the gospel message and ongoing growth for those who make professions of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we recognize the twelve newest members of Covenant. Each will be wearing a white carnation so that you may easily identify and welcome them. A sheet with their photos and biographies has also been placed in church mailboxes. Praise the Lord for these newest additions to our church family!

Gloria Rich writes, "I feel truly blessed and am very grateful for all the prayers said on my behalf during my hospitalization and recuperation. Thank you too for all the cards, visits, and phone calls. By the grace of God, I am healing much faster than anticipated and I appreciate your continued prayers. I treasure the kindness and love from my brothers and sisters in Christ at Covenant Presbyterian Church."

Junior Church has resumed for families who wish to participate. Children may be dismissed during the last stanza of the hymn before the sermon and proceed to room 112 (age 5 – grade 1) or room 110 (grades 2 & 3).

A new women's Bible Study and book discussion will begin Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. Please sign up today in the narthex if you would like to join the group and indicate if you need a book.

Covenant's annual dinner will take place on Friday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. and the annual meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. RSVP forms for the catered dinner provided by the church have been distributed to mailboxes. Childcare during the meeting will be provided for infants through grade 4.

We continue to monitor COVID numbers in our area and remain in discussion regarding prudent safety measures. As a reminder, disposable masks are available by the entryways for those who wish to use them during the worship service. Our outdoor pavilion also remains an open-air worship option. Thank you for your prayers as we seek to make wise decisions that honor the Lord and serve His people.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 9/12 9:15 a.m. Promotion Sunday
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Annual Picnic
 12:00 p.m. Youth Bible Studies
 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study
 (Muhlfeld home)

Monday 9/13

Tuesday 9/14 11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship Lunch
 (Franconia Heritage)
 7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 9/15

Thursday 9/16 7:00 p.m. Elder Prayer Meeting

Friday 9/17

Saturday 9/18 9:00 a.m. Women in Prayer

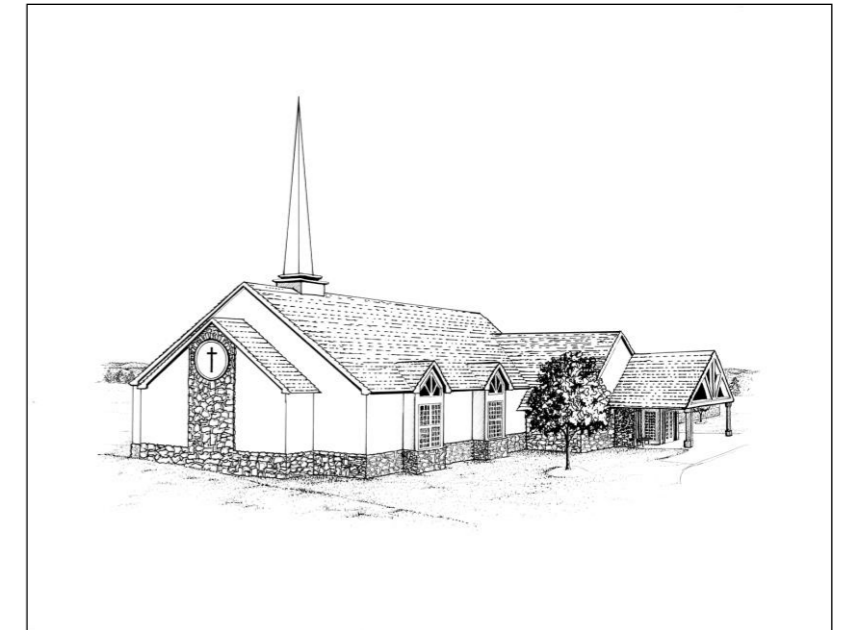
Sunday 9/19 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 11:45 a.m. Officer Meet-and-Greet
 6:00 p.m. Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer
 Boys, & Youth Group

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org

**SUNDAY MORNING
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

	Sept 12	Sept 19	Sept 26	Oct 3
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Sarah Keating	C. Rutkowski	E. Waltenbaugh	Nancy Hillman
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Carolyn Ford E. Waltenbaugh	Cathy Nagy	Sandra Phillips Abbie Riggall	C. Rutkowski Sarah Rutkowski
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	K. Dieterich Ben Rohrman	K. Hoogenhuis	Barb Nelson Amy Muhlfeld	Cheryl Sharadin Scott Sharadin
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Judy Colombo Sarah Rutkowski	Pam Taylor	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold	Kimber Roberts D. Rutkowski
Junior Church 5s - grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan	A. McMillan	Sharon Muhlfeld
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Kerstin Trapp	Kerstin Trapp	Rachel Myers
Welcome Bread Bakers	Nancy Hillman	Ethel Johnston	K. Kenderdine	Diana Lowery
Greeters	Henry & Debbie Schultz	Bill Kramer	Bob & Betty Peterson	Roy & Kerstin Trapp
Ushers	Mark Kleeman Bob McClurken Dan Benoit D. Dieterich Dan Hillman B. Kenderdine	Mitch Keating George Schmidt Charles Freed Bob Peterson Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Scott Sharadin	Andy Ford David Schmidt Jack Kane John Kane J. Niderostek T. Potgieter Pete Snyder	Ken Markwalter Steve Rutkowski Byron Childs Jim Lowery Byron Phillips Bill Propsner Greg Stine

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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.



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