

# THE LORD'S DAY

September 19, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sweet Hour of Prayer Bradbury/Harris

Call to Worship Psalm 105

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Our gracious heavenly Father, we confess that far too often we serve sin rather than putting it to death. So our growth in holiness is stunted and our conformity to Christ is hindered. For our failure to put off those things that belong to our old way of life and our neglect to live now our life in Christ that is to come, we ask for your pardon, through Jesus, who alone has lived a life that fully pleases and glorifies you. For we pray in his Name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 8:12

Leader: When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

\*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1 (responsive, hymnal p. 785)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY What a Friend We Have in Jesus Converse/McDonald

\*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 6:1-14 (p. 942)

\*HYMN 523 My Hope Is in the Lord

SERMON PAUL'S INSTRUCTIONS  
Colossians 3:5-11 (p. 984)  
Dr. Jim Rich

\*HYMN 518 Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Miles Lane" Stockton

*\*Congregation standing*

*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 — Bob McIntyre, John Muhlfeld

Musician — Helen Ro

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

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# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8*

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
 3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;  
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace,  
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.  
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
 new life the dead receive;  
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
 your loosen'd tongues employ;  
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. Alt. 1961. AZMON C.M. Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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# Old Testament Reading Psalm 1 (responsive, hymnal p. 785)

Leader: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

People: **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

People: **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

People: **For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

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# My Hope Is in the Lord

THE WAY OF SALVATION

*Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27*

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave him-self for me,  
 2. No mer-it of my own his an-ger to sup-press,  
 3. And now for me he stands be-fore the Fa-ther's throne,  
 4. His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to be-lieve,

and paid the price of all my sin at Cal-va-ry.  
 my on-ly hope is found in Je-sus' righ-teous-ness.  
 He shows his wound-ed hands, and names me as his own.  
 and rec-og-nize his work of love and Christ re-ceive.

REFRAIN  
 For me he died, for me he lives,  
 For me he died, for me he lives,

and ev-er-last-ing life and light he free-ly gives.

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## Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

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*To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21*

1. Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of  
 2. Let your love my heart in - flame; keep your fear be -  
 3. Foun - tain of o'er - flow - ing grace, free - ly from your  
 4. Firm - ly trust - ing in your blood, noth - ing shall my  
 5. Thus, O thus, an en - trance give to the land of

all my joy, still in you may I be found, still for  
 fore my sight; be your praise my high - est aim; be your  
 • ful - ness give; till I close my earth - ly race, may I  
 heart con - found; safe - ly I shall pass the flood, safe - ly  
 cloud - less sky; hav - ing known it "Christ to live," let me

you my pow'rs em - ploy, still for you my pow'rs em - ploy.  
 smile my chief de - light, be your smile my chief de - light.  
 • prove it "Christ to live," may I prove it "Christ to live."  
 reach Im - man - uel's ground, safe - ly reach Im - man - uel's ground.  
 know it "gain to die," let me know it "gain to die."

Ralph Wardlaw, 1817  
Mod.HENDON 7.7.7.7. no.  
Henri A. César Malan, 1827CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS  
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**Health Related**

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

**Expecting**

Abigail English (due Nov 30)

**Missions**

Michael Goodlin serves with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) as Lehigh University's campus minister. Michael is amazed at the way the Lord has answered so many prayers. Prayers to draw all kinds of students to the ministry, for clear skies during welcome week, and for connections with new students have all been answered.

Given the wide variety of students getting involved with RUF this year, the new challenge is helping them to connect with one another. Pray that the students would both be and become genuine friends with each other.

Many students are overwhelmed by college, homework, and life in general, and spiritual pursuits like RUF meetings can easily be put on the back burner. Pray that God convicts these new students that large group and Bible studies are vital not just for eternity but for the here and now as well.

Some student leaders and freshmen have had to quarantine due to exposure to COVID. Pray that those in quarantine would be strengthened by God's presence and able to reconnect when they emerge from isolation.

This semester is going to be unpredictable, yet Michael is excited to see what God has in store.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim and Pat Day wish to thank the congregation for the expressions of care and support they have received while Jim progresses through his treatments. They would appreciate your continued prayers on their behalf.

Please join us under the pavilion for light refreshments at the Officer Meet and Greet following the worship service. Two candidates for elder (Bob McIntyre and Wayne Shaw) and five for deacon (Dan Benoit, Tom Buhay, Rick Castor, Byron Childs, and David Schmidt) will be present for informal conversation, questions, and encouragement before standing for election at the congregational meeting on October 15.

All women are invited to a new hybrid Women's Bible Study and book discussion beginning this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Please join us at the church or find the Zoom link in *Covenant Update*. You may contact Betty Peterson, Adrienne McMillan, or Adrienne Rohrman with questions.

The deacons would appreciate help with a fall workday on Saturday, October 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may arrive any time and stay as little or as long as your schedule allows. Contact Bob McClurken or Mark Kleeman with questions.

The Covenant Senior Fellowship invites you to join a guided tour by Arch Hunter of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on October 12. The trip includes lunch at the MacArthur Dining Room consisting of a sandwich buffet with salad and dessert. You will find more details on the registration forms in the narthex. Please return the form, along with a check for lunch made payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church, to Joan Freed by September 26.

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.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

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

**Monday 9/20**

**Tuesday 9/21**  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
 7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday 9/22**  
 9:00 a.m. MOPS

**Thursday 9/23**  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Meeting

**Friday 9/24**

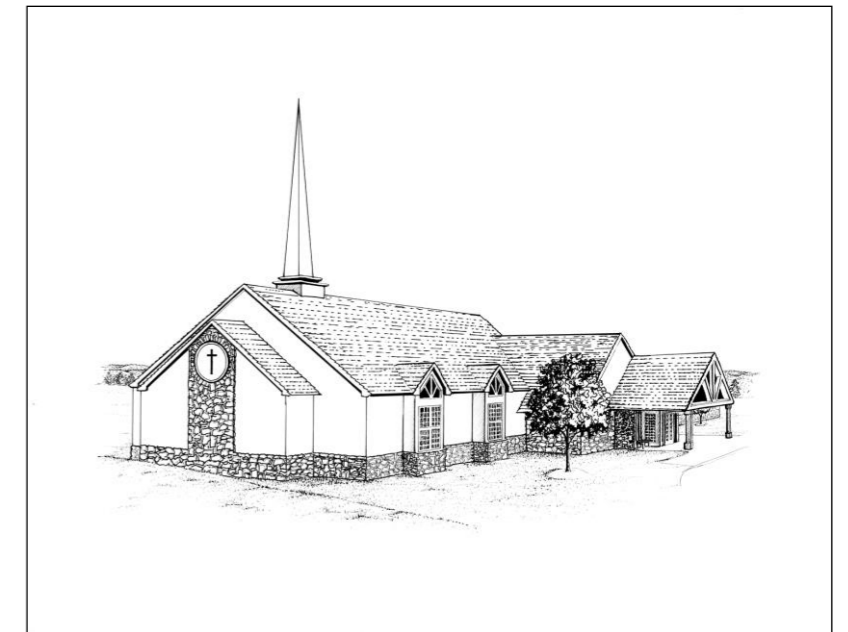
**Saturday 9/25**

**Sunday 9/26**  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Heart Hiders  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group pack Care Pkgs  
 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study (Muhlfeld home)

**SUNDAY MORNING  
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

	Sept 19	Sept 26	Oct 3	Oct 10
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	C. Rutkowski	E. Waltenbaugh	Nancy Hillman	Sarah Keating
<b>Heart Hiders</b> Room 109	Sharon Muhlfeld	Ella Clement	Sarah Keating	Mary Slemmer Diana Lowery
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Sandra Phillips	Cathy Nagy Abbie Riggall	C. Rutkowski Sarah Rutkowski	Pam Taylor Brooke Fenchel
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	K. Hoogenhuis Ruth Clement	Barb Nelson Amy Muhlfeld	Cheryl Sharadin Scott Sharadin	Cathy Schmidt George Schmidt
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Pam Taylor	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold	Kimber Roberts D. Rutkowski	K. Dietterich Ben Rohrman
<b>Junior Church 5s - grade 1</b> Room 112	Sharon Muhlfeld	A. McMillan	A. McMillan	Sharon Muhlfeld
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski	Rachel Myers	Rachel Myers
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Ethel Johnston	K. Kenderdine	Diana Lowery	Ashley O'Hara
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill Kramer	Bob & Betty Peterson	Roy & Kerstin Trapp	Kimber Roberts
<b>Ushers</b>	Mitch Keating George Schmidt Charles Freed Bob Peterson Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Scott Sharadin	Andy Ford David Schmidt Jack Kane John Kane J. Nederostek T. Potgieter Pete Snyder	Ken Markwalter Steve Rutkowski Byron Childs Jim Lowery Byron Phillips Bill Propsner Greg Stine	Mark Kleeman Bob McClurken Dan Benoit D. Dietterich Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine

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