

THE LORD'S DAY

September 4, 2022

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Hiding in Thee Sankey

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 95:6-7

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,

People: Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker,

Leader: For he is our God,

People: And we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 13 O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, we confess that we do not deserve your forgiveness. We sin against you knowingly and unknowingly. We sin against you publicly and privately. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed. Our only hope is in the Savior who prayed for our forgiveness while we were nailing Him to the cross. Forgives us in His Name, we pray, and enable us to show others the grace that we have been shown. For we pray in the Name of Jesus, the Merciful One. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 53:5,6

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 22:1-22 (responsive, hymnal p. 790)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Jesus, Lover of My Soul Parry/Parks

*DOXOLOGY 731

**NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60 (p. 914)

SERMON FATHER, FORGIVE THEM
Luke 23:32-38 (p. 884)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 257 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 1-5 (hymnal p. 869)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 529 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I Sing the Mighty Power of God Krug

**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 — Steve Bikle, John Rohrman

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

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

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Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Ps. 95:1

1. O come, let us sing to the Lord, to him our voices raise;
2. Let us be before his presence come with praise and thankful voice;
3. For God's a great God and great King; above all gods he is.
4. To him the spacious sea belongs, for he the same did make;
5. O come, and let us worship him; let us bow down withal,

with joy - ful noise let us the Rock of our sal - va - tion praise.
let us sing psalms to him with grace, and make a joy - ful noise.
• The depths of earth are in his hand; the heights of hills are his.
the dry land al - so from his hands its form at first did take.
and on our knees be - fore the Lord, our Mak - er, let us fall.

Psalm 95:1-6
Scottish Psalter, 1650

CAITHNESS C.M.
Edinburgh Psalter, 1635

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PSALM 22:1-22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy

One; you are the praise of Israel.

In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

"Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

Dogs have surrounded me;

a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

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Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

JESUS CHRIST.

We considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4

1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

Thomas Kelly, 1804
All. 1951

© MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN 8.7.8.7.D.
Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850

1. **Q. What is the chief end of man?**
A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.
2. **Q. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?**
A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.
3. **Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?**
A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.
4. **Q. What is God?**
A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.
5. **Q. Are there more Gods than one?**
A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

THE WAY OF SALVATION:

529 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. John 14:21

Charles Wesley, 1747

BEECHER & ZUNDEL, 1870; alt. 1990

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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Ethel & Matt Johnston

Joan Keyt

Gloria Rich

Mary Lisa Vidunas

Expecting

Emily Waltenbaugh (due Sept 12)

Caroline Smith (twins due Mar 3)

Grieving

Freed Family

Pugh Family

Missions

Richard Crane is the Mission to the World liaison to Cuba, maintaining relationships with pastors and leaders in the church there. During the past year the Cranes have not only been able to teach through WhatsApp and Zoom, but they have also received donations enabling them to send aid to pastors in Cuba. This aid has helped the pastors to continue their ministries in the midst of shortages. Some examples of how the aid was used include a retreat for the spiritual renewal of families with children in need, a training workshop for church ministry leaders, air conditioning that made a church VBS more tolerable during mid-90's temperatures, building repairs and food deliveries. At another church with a significant ministry to unwed mothers and mothers with few resources, there was a need to expand their outreach in their daycare center. Donations enabled them to buy a refrigerator, an air conditioner, beds for the children to take naps, chairs and a television. This ministry provides them with great opportunities to reach the mothers with the gospel and to teach them parenting skills.

The Cranes would appreciate prayer for the following:

- that electrical outages in Cuba (in some cities up to 12 hours daily) would be remedied
- that a Dengue epidemic would be controlled
- for their trip to Cuba (September 8-17) to teach a masters course on marriage counseling - that God would continue to work the gospel in their hearts so they may exalt Him in all their teaching and mentoring
- for the health of Richard's sister Ruth who is dealing with great disorientation and confusion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for a brief congregational meeting after the worship service on Sunday, September 11. The sole item of business will be to vote on whether to authorize our building committee to secure architectural drawings and regulatory permits for a potential building addition. If so approved, official design and cost estimates would then be solidified over the next two or so years, while the congregation continues to develop the building fund line item in the budget. With detailed information in hand, there would then be a second congregational vote about proceeding with the project as a whole. While voting at the September 11 meeting is limited to members of Covenant, everyone is welcome to attend and to stay for the fall picnic that will follow.

Please join us for an officer meet and greet on September 25 following the worship service in the far narthex. Three candidates for deacon, Andy Ford, Mark Kleeman and Steve Rutkowski, will be present for informal conversation, questions, and encouragement before standing for election at the congregational meeting on October 21. Nate Wambold, who will be standing for reelection as an elder, will be away on September 25 but will be happy to speak with anyone after church any Sunday in October.

Covenant's clothing exchange is back and scheduled for September 26 to October 1. Please bring gently used presorted clothing to church on Sunday, September 25. Adult clothing is welcome (on hangers, if possible). Donations may be left in the far narthex under the coat rack. Please sign up in the narthex to volunteer for various roles and check *Covenant Update* for hours and more details. Contact Julia Smith or Holly Rorex for more information.

Everyone is welcome to join the senior fellowship for a tour of the General Carl A. Spaatz National USAAF Museum in Boyertown on October 11 at 10:30 a.m. More information may be found in *Covenant Update* and in church mailboxes.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 9/4	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Studies
Monday 9/5		
Tuesday 9/6	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday 9/7		
Thursday 9/8	7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Friday 9/9		
Saturday 9/10	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Henning's
Sunday 9/11	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Church Picnic

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

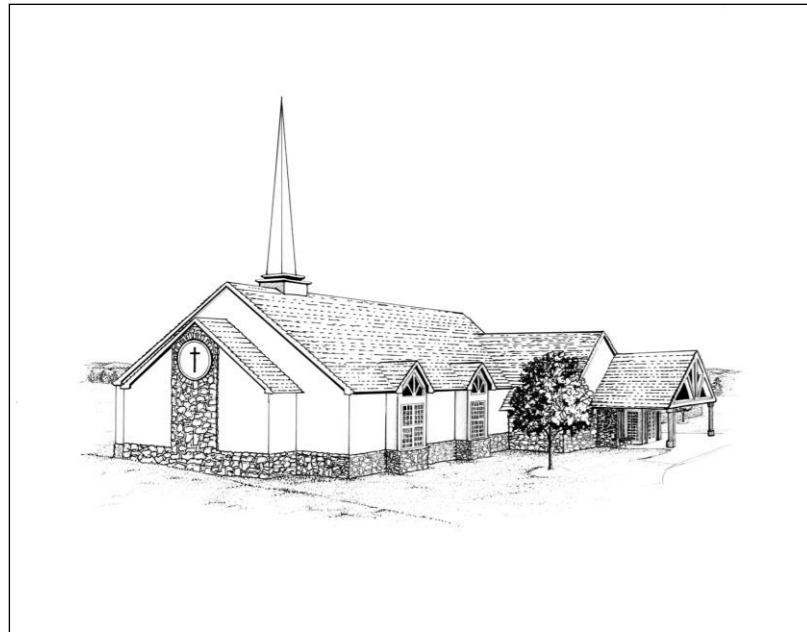


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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	E. Waltenbaugh	Nancy Hillman	Becky Snyder	Sarah Keating
Heart Hiders Room 109	Not meeting	Not meeting	TBD	TBD
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Sandra Phillips	Abigail English	C. Rutkowski	C. Iammatteo
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Barb Nelson Addie Witmer	Diane Dietterich Amy Muhlfeld	Caroline Smith Ruth Clement	Pam Taylor
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Alexa Sparks	Kimber Roberts	Cathy Schmidt George Schmidt	R. Kleeman
Junior Church 5s - grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan	A. McMillan
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Rachel Myers	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	A. Rohrman	Ashely O'Hara	Carolyn Ford
Greeters	Larry & Pat Stoner	Ken & Barb Markwalter	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Pete & Becky Snyder
Ushers	Ken Markwalter Steve Rutkowski Jim Lowery Byron Phillips Bill Propsner Greg Stine Paul Baldwin	Dan Benoit Mark Kleeman D. Dietterich 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 Jack Kane John Kane G. Iammatteo J. Nederostek T. Potgieter Drew Sparks

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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.*