

THE LORD'S DAY

September 11, 2022

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior Doane/McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his Name.

Leader: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, like the thief on the cross, our guilt and shame are fully exposed before your all-seeing eyes. Like him, we have no excuse. Like him, we have no hope except in your merciful grace. We cry out to you as he did, believing by faith that Jesus is the Christ and that there is forgiveness in His Name. Restore us once again, fixing our eyes on the paradise with Jesus yet to come that we might walk in renewed faith and holiness. For we pray in our Savior's Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:8-11

Leader: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 51 (responsive, hymnal p. 804)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY At the Cross Hudson/Shackley

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 7:1-10 (p. 863)

**HYMN 523 My Hope Is in the Lord

SERMON MERCY ON THE CROSS
Luke 23:39-43 (p. 884)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 486 God, Be Merciful to Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Promised Land Giamanco

**Please stand if able*

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

*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*

*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 — John Rohrman, Wayne Shaw

Musicians — Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

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

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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. The Lord ye know is God in deed; with -
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Psalm 100
 William Kethe, 1561

OLD HUNDREDETH L.M.
 Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalm, 1551

PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than

snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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My Hope Is in the Lord

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.

Norman J. Clayton, 1945

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God, Be Merciful to Me

THE WAY OF SALVATION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Ps. 51:1

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

From Psalm 51:1-15
 The Psalter, 1912

REDHEAD 76 7.7.7.7.7.
 Richard Redhead, 1853

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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

Shibu Oommen and his wife Mary are founders of India Village Ministry (IVM) which started its work in Dehradun in 2008. Since then, they have extended their work to address the spiritual and physical needs of women and children in areas of the community where people are completely ignored or unreached. They are helping women find self employment and providing after school education, counseling and hygiene. During the COVID lockdown, some schools had to be closed but are now reopened. In his latest newsletter, Shibu mentions two students who heard the gospel at one of IVM's learning centers and have now given up idol worship to follow Jesus. They are both growing in their faith. He also tells the story of a woman who came to the learning center to ask for prayer for her sick child. That child was completely cured in a few weeks, which caused the woman to seek to know more about Jesus. She started attending prayer and Bible studies and is now a committed believer who regularly attends a local church. All of these people are secretly following Jesus because of persecution from their families and community. The Oommens praise God for sustaining their work in difficult times and ask for prayer for the protection of Christians in Dehradun, as attacks against churches are increasing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is welcome to join us for our fall picnic following the worship service and brief congregational meeting. Food will be served in the far narthex with seating at the pavilion. Please note that additional tables have been set up closer to the building for those with mobility issues. The path to the pavilion is now also paved to allow easier access.

Today is the last day to request a book for the new women's Bible study on *God in Our Midst: The Tabernacle & Our Relationship with God* starting Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. Please sign up in the narthex.

All non-communicant members aged twelve and up are invited to sign up in the narthex for the next communicants' class. Students will meet in room 109 during the Sunday School hour from Sept. 25 through Feb. 5. For more information, please contact Pastor Muhlfeld.

The North Care Women's Clinic is hosting two upcoming events. Embraced by Grace, an 8-week confidential support group, starts Tuesday, September 27. The Grace Changes Everything Walk 2022 will be held September 24 to support North Care Women's Clinic.

Covenant's clothing exchange is scheduled for September 26 to October 1. Please bring gently used presorted clothing to church on Sunday, September 25 and leave items in the far narthex under the coat rack. Please sign up in the narthex to volunteer and check *Covenant Update* for more details. Contact Julia Smith or Holly Rorex for more information.

All men are invited to the Men's Retreat at Spruce Lake in the Pocono Mountains on October 14-16. Please check *Covenant Update* for a summary of the retreat, daily agenda, and registration form. Registration packets and more information may also be found in the narthex. Contact Jeff Currier with questions.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
Monday 9/12	7:00	p.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
Tuesday 9/13	11:30	a.m.	Senior Fellowship Lunch at Harleysville Hotel
	7:15	p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 9/14			
Thursday 9/15	7:00	p.m.	Missions Meeting
Friday 9/16			
Saturday 9/17	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 9/18	9:15	a.m.	Missions Sunday School with Kirklands
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	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



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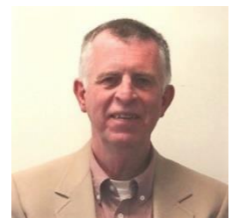
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Men Standing for Election

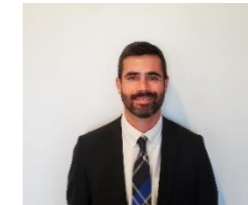
Please join us for an Officer Meet and Greet on September 25 following the worship service in the far narthex. Three candidates for deacon, will be present for informal conversation, questions, and encouragement before standing for election at the congregational meeting on October 21. Nate Wambold, who 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.



For the office of **Elder – Nate Wambold** was raised in a Christian home and was a member of Grace Brethren Church before joining Covenant in 2002. He has previously held the offices of deacon and elder. Nate has also taught Sunday School classes and led the Trailblazer Boys ministry. Nate and his wife, Laura, have three children, Ethan, Trevor, and Maggie. His interests include reading and enjoying the outdoors.



For the office of **Deacon – Andy Ford** was raised in a Christian home and began attending Covenant in 1982. He has enjoyed participating in the life of the church in many ways, watching it grow over the years. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two grown children and three grandchildren. One of Andy's favorite hobbies is wood cutting.



For the office of **Deacon – Mark Kleeman** grew up in a Christian home but cannot remember a specific time when he came to know the Lord. Through God's grace, his faith was strengthened during his high school and college years. He started attending Covenant with his family in 1998 and it was at that time he met his wife, Rebecca, who had attended Covenant her whole life. The Kleemans have participated in a number of short-term missions trips with Covenant and have taught the two and three year old Sunday School class. Mark enjoys spending time at home with his children Sam, Ben and Cora, as well as following Philadelphia sports teams.



For the office of **Deacon – Steve Rutkowski** was raised in a family that went to church every Sunday, but where the gospel was rarely preached. He came to faith at Bucknell University through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and some faithful Christians. One upperclassman who had an impact on his life during his freshman year was a member of the crew team named John Muhlfeld. Steve began attending Covenant in 1997 and is the chair of the Missions Committee. Steve and his wife, Carrie, have three children, Rachel, Sarah, and Daniel. During his free time, he enjoys all kinds of sports, reading, gardening and spending time with his family.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	September 11	September 18	September 25	October 2
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Nancy Hillman	Becky Snyder	Sarah Keating	Abigail English
Heart Hiders Room 109	Not meeting	Sharon Muhlfeld	Ella Clement	Sarah Keating
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Abigail English	C. Rutkowski	C. Iammatteo	Carolyn Ford
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Diane Dietterich Amy Muhlfeld	Caroline Smith Ruth Clement	Pam Taylor	Yvonne Marshall Makala Marshall
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Kimber Roberts	Cathy Schmidt George Schmidt	R. Kleeman	K. Hoogenhuis
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	Rachel Myers	Steve Rutkowski	George & Cathy Schmidt
Welcome Bread Bakers	A. Rohrman	Ashely O'Hara	Nancy Hillman	Diana Lowery
Greeters	Ken & Barb Markwalter	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Pete & Becky Snyder	Bob & Betty Peterson
Ushers	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	Ken Markwalter Steve Rutkowski Paul Baldwin Jim Lowery Byron Phillips Bill Propsner Greg Stine

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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.*