

THE LORD'S DAY

August 16, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Open My Eyes, that I May See Scott/Shackley

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 119

Leader: May my cry come before you, O LORD;

People: give me understanding according to your word.

Leader: May my supplication come before you;

People: deliver me according to your promise.

Leader: May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.

People: May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our gracious Father, together we confess that so often we fail to wholeheartedly trust in your gracious work in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We admit that left to our own devices, we too often vacillate between legalistic and lawless living. For our lack of faith in your grace, and for all our other sins, we ask for your pardon though Christ, who intercedes before your throne on our behalf. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 3:18, 4:11

LEADER: For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.... To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY My Faith Looks Up to Thee Mason/Larson

*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 1:1-10

*HYMN 448 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

SERMON THE GOSPEL: THE WORD OF TRUTH
Colossians 1:3-8
Dr. Jim Rich

*HYMN 141 God, in the Gospel of His Son

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Recessional on 'St. Denio' Wagner/Young

**Congregation standing*

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

*If you are a visitor, please complete a
Welcome card on the table outside the sanctuary.*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders – John Rohrman, Jim Rich

Musician – Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians - Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Greg Fisher

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us on September 9 at 9:00 a.m. as we celebrate Promotion Sunday in a different way – on Zoom! Everyone is invited as we encourage both Sunday school teachers and students through this special program. We will be hearing from our dedicated and gifted teachers, and we will also get a glimpse into the Heart Hiders’ ministry. Be sure to check the latest edition of *Covenant Update* for the Zoom link to join the program.

The Senior Fellowship invites everyone to participate over the next two weeks in a Card Shower of Encouragement for both Herb McCarter and Sally Tomlinson, two of our seniors who have had recent health challenges. Please note that Sally enjoys cards with images of nature scenes or flowers. You will find their addresses in the church directory.

The next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld will take place Sept 13 – Oct 25. Attending the class does not obligate one to apply for membership but is a requirement of the membership process 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.) meeting for seven Sundays in the far narthex. Please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office for more information. Lord willing, a communicant’s class will be coming this fall as well.

A last reminder to send your updated information and photos to the church office for Covenant’s directory which will be finalized by the end of August.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Winnie Bikle

Ethel Castor

Rich Fisher

Peg Hasson

Herb McCarter

Denis Stager

Sally Tomlinson

Expecting

Brianne Heffren

Caroline Smith

Christine Verbasselt

Grieving

Garver Family

Hasson Family

Schmidt Family

Missions

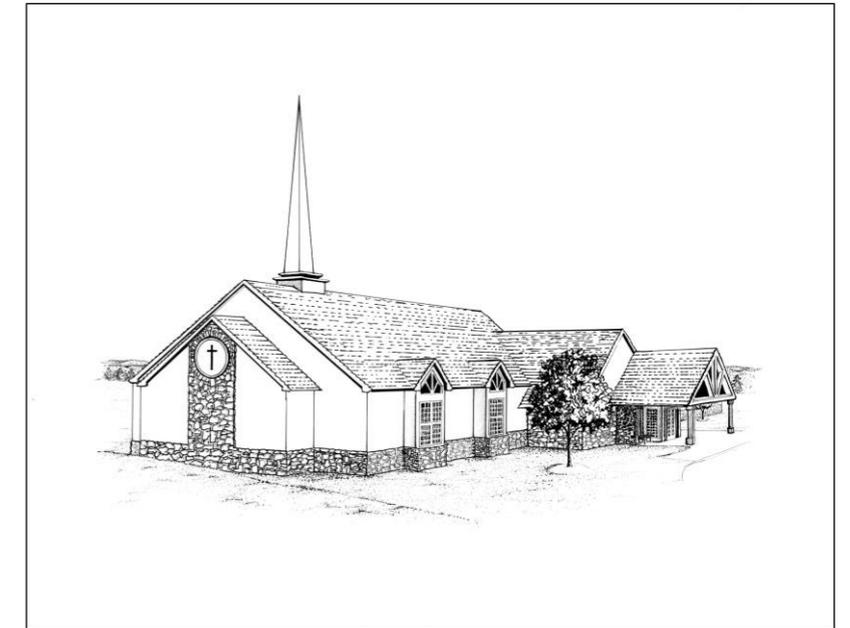
Bryan Stoudt is currently serving in Arizona with the Western Division of Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). He and his wife Sharon are also working with the Paraclete Mission Group as they mentor young couples who are preparing for marriage.

The Stoudts are thankful their move and car trip to Arizona went well. Their family enjoyed some sightseeing along the way. Since they arrived, their two younger children have already started school online and are forming some potential friendships.

Bryan and Sharon have had an opportunity to jump right into ministry by coming alongside a local healthcare couple facing a crisis in their marriage. They are also finishing premarital counseling for a couple from Philadelphia and beginning counseling with another. Bryan took part in a CMDA Phoenix Council meeting and is reaching out to local professionals and leaders at each medical school campus to lay a solid foundation for the ministry there.

Please pray that God would prepare hearts to share in the work he is calling CMDA to undertake together with local professionals; for student leaders as they seek to serve under less-than-ideal circumstances with COVID restrictions on campus; for wisdom and favor with the school district as they are facing resistance in having the school provide for the needs of their autistic son.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*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.*

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. Gläser, 1784-1829
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

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Proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations. Ps. 96:2, 3

1. We have heard the joy-ful sound: Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 2. Waft it on the roll-ing tide: Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 3. Sing a-bove the bat-tle strife, Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 4. Give the winds a might-y voice, Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!

Spread the tid-ings all a-round: Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 Tell to sin-ners far and wide: Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 By his death and end-less life, Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 Let the na-tions now re-joice— Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!

Bear the news to ev-'ry land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
 Sing, ye is-lands of the sea; ech-o back, ye o-cean caves;
 Sing it soft-ly through the gloom, when the heart for mer-cy craves;
 Shout sal-va-tion full and free, high-est hills and deep-est caves;

on-ward! 'tis our Lord's com-mand; Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 earth shall keep her ju-bi-lee: Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 sing in tri-umph o'er the tomb— Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!
 this our song of vic-to-ry— Je-sus saves! Je-sus saves!

Priscilla J. Owens, 1868

JESUS SAVES 7.6.7.6.7.7.6.
 William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

God, in the Gospel of His Son

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The task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. Acts 20:24

1. God, in the gos-pel of his Son, makes his e-
 2. Here sin-ners of a hum-ble frame may taste his
 3. The pris-'ner here may break his chains; the wea-ry
 4. Here faith re-veals to mor-tal eyes a bright-er
 5. O grant us grace, al-might-y Lord, to read and

ter-nal coun-sels known; where love in all its
 grace, and learn his name; may read, in char-ac-
 rest from all his pains; the cap-tive feel his
 world be-yond the skies; here shines the light which
 mark your ho-ly Word; its truths with meek-ness

glo-ry shines, and truth is drawn in fair-est lines.
 ters of blood, the wis-dom, pow'r, and grace of God.
 bond-age cease; the mourn-er find the way of peace.
 guides our way from earth to realms of end-less day.
 to re-ceive, and by its ho-ly pre-cepts live.

Benjamin Biddome, 1787
 Alt. by Thomas Cottenil, 1819; mod.

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