



Covenant Presbyterian Church

...a spiritual home where 'God's love has the run of the house'...

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Sunday Worship Service

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, October 13, 2024

10 a.m.

To our guests: Welcome! We invite you to respond with bolded words during prayers and readings.

*All those who are able, please stand

Assemble in God's Name

The church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus bids welcome to our Lord's house.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, here we are again

with our hearts' desires,

with our pleas and our hopes.

We bring them all -

everything that makes us who we are -

and we hand it all to you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN.....610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, life is complicated. It is full of ups and downs, of good times and hard times, of pleasure and pain. Sometimes we feel alone, but you are always present, even when we fail to notice. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by all that the world throws at us and those we love, but evil will never have the final say. Love wins every time. Forgive us for all our sins and for not trusting fully in you.

Remind us that your love conquers all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Proclaim God's Word

The God who speaks in Scripture addresses us now.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE **Rev. Alex Becker**

Children are always welcome to remain in worship! Or, after the children's message, children ages 5 - gr. 5 are invited upstairs for Children's Church during the service. Please pick up your children after the benediction.

SCRIPTURE **I Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20**

SERMON **Rev. Alex Becker**

I Have Asked

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION **12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs 1, 3, 4)

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Children and Youth

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Offerings may also be given online at covenantfrazer.org/give or in the offering box in the Gathering Space.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Go in God's Name

*The Holy Spirit sends us forth to be instruments of God's peace:
To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.*

*SENDING HYMN **839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* This worship service is livestreamed and recorded (covenantfrazer.org/live)

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are working together to create comfortable worship spaces for all our members and visitors.

- Join us in the sanctuary. Children's activities for the pew are located through the back doors of the sanctuary or on the windowsill near the front of the sanctuary.
- Adults and children are also invited to the Gathering Space for worship. A children's table with quiet activities and a rack with children's books are available for little ones.
- If you need a quieter worship space, the parlor is available.
- The nursery/preschool (Rm. 114) is open for children, birth through Kindergarten starting at 9 a.m. for those whose parents/guardians are participating in Adult Christian Education or music programs.
- The nursery/preschool (Rm. 114) is open for children birth through age 4 during the service.
- A mother's nursing room is available at the end of the hallway past the bathrooms (Rm. 108).
- Please join us in the Gathering Space following the service for Covenant Connect, a time of food & fellowship.

Thank you for your continued support of Covenant! As we plan for the year ahead, we invite you to fill out an estimated giving card, which helps us prepare for 2025. You can take an estimated giving card from the welcome desk or complete the form online at covenantfrazer.org/estimatedgiving. Please complete your form by **November 17th** to best help with our planning. Your support helps us explore new ministries, missions, and opportunities to serve our community!

Worship Choir has begun! The Worship choir consists of members of the Chancel Choir PLUS any and all singers who want to join in to perform music for the Concerts for the Christ Child on Sunday, Dec. 22nd. Join us in the choir room at 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays.

The People's Pantry had 237 families shop in the month of September which means a lot of boxes of cereal are needed. Please consider picking up an extra 1 or 2 boxes when shopping and donate to People's Pantry. Thank you for your consideration. Donations may be dropped off at the church on weekdays between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fall Bonfire Night! Friday, Oct. 18th at 6 p.m. - Come for a free fall bonfire night to help build up our faith community. Invite a friend! We'll share a chili dinner, an apple bar, walking s'mores, apple cider, pumpkin painting, cornhole, volleyball games, & more. Meet at the fire pit next to the boy scout hut behind the church.

The **Fall Women's retreat** this year "A Day by the Fire: For seasons of Change & Transition" is the perfect self-care day for any woman to put aside her daily stressors and focus on her relationship with herself and her spirituality. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 19th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Paoli Presbyterian Church**. Light refreshments and lunch will be included. There is a suggested donation of \$25 although scholarships are available for anyone who needs one! This is the perfect event to invite friends and co-workers to! Please email Pastor Maggie to RSVP to reserve your spot (mniles@covenantfrazer.org).

Covenant is collecting clothing for **Broad Street Love**. BSL needs men's clothing - pants, sweaters, hoodies, pullover long sleeve shirts, and coats of **all sizes**, women's clothing - pants, sweaters, hoodies, long sleeve T-shirts and coats in **larger sizes (L, XL, XXL)**, and socks for men and women. You can find a wish list at broadstreetlove.org/donate/wishlist-items-needed. Please deposit all clothes in the black box next to the pantry box inside the side entrance of the church. Thank you!

Salt & Light Ringers needed! Ages 12 to 112 welcome! Salt & Light Ringers is now a month to month handbell ringing group, meaning you can just participate for one month at a time as you are able. If you would enjoy expressing excitement in the Christmas season with easy, enjoyable and familiar tunes, join us for November and/or December! There will be two Sunday rehearsals (11:15 a.m.) leading to the performance of one selection in one Sunday morning worship service that month (10 a.m.). No musical experience or knowledge needed! Contact Patti Mann if you are interested (pattimmm@comcast.net). The Unity Handbell Choir will remain a long-term group that practices weekly on Tuesday evenings.

Covenant Meet & Eat! Join us for an informal evening of dinner with Covenant friends on **Saturday, Nov. 2nd**. Sign up at the Welcome desk at Covenant or at covenantfrazer.org/meet&eat. If you are interested in hosting a group of 8-10 people in your home, let us know. Otherwise you will be included in a group of 8-10 people for a potluck dinner. Once signed up, you will receive more information closer to the date. Contact Sarah Reindel sarah.reindel@comcast.net or Lisa Gordon lisa.gordon101@gmail.com with questions.

Covenant's Session (board of Elders) is excited to share plans for an **expansion to the "Scout Hut"** for Troop 76, located to the south of the main church building. This expansion will enclose the current porch of the building and add a new porch, creating extra space to house a troop that has grown leaps and bounds over the past few years. This project has been fully funded by a private donor and construction will commence soon.

Covenant is having its 2nd annual **Blessing of the Animals** service this year! There will be a short blessing service at **10 a.m. on Oct. 26th**, along with treats for pets and crafts for kids. This year we are also hosting a drive to collect pet items for La Mancha Animal Rescue (you can find a list of needs on our church website calendar of events). Please, for everyone's safety, make sure your dog is on a leash and your cat is in a carrier! We look forward to celebrating our pets with all of you!

Covenant's 2025 mission trip to Mexico is February 22 – 28. We work alongside Faith Ministry staff and Mexican volunteers (future homeowners) laying block, mixing cement and ultimately building a house. No construction experience is needed. If you can carry a cinder block and shovel sand in a bucket, you have the required skills. We stay in a safe, secure dorm above the church while in Mexico. It is an inspiring week you will never forget. 2025 marks Covenant's 22nd anniversary as a Faith ministry partner. Please contact Barbara Rhinehart if you are interested in going on the mission trip; brhinehart@gmail.com.

This Week at Covenant

Sunday, October 13

- 9 a.m. - Adult Christian Education
- 10 a.m. - Worship Service/Children's Church/Explore
- 11:15 a.m. - Covenant Connect
- 11:15 a.m. - Salt & Light Ringers
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, October 14

- 10 a.m. - LIFT
- 6:30 p.m. - Promise Keepers
- 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 15

- 10 a.m. - Covenant Quilters
- 6 p.m. - Unity Handbells
- 7 p.m. - Book Club

Wednesday, October 16

- 1 p.m. - Presbyterian Women

Thursday, October 17

- 9 a.m. - Broad Street Love trip
- 6:45 p.m. - Chancel & Worship Choir
- 7 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

Friday, October 18

- 6:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers
- 6 p.m. - Bonfire

Saturday, October 19

- 11 a.m. - Memorial Service for Charles Suter

Sunday, October 20

- 9 a.m. - Adult Christian Education
- 10 a.m. - Worship Service/Children's Church/Explore
- 11:15 a.m. - Covenant Connect
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Group

See more events at covenantfrazer.org/events and subscribe to our emails at covenantfrazer.org/newsletter.

For more information, call the church office at 610-648-0707, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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