



# 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, November 17, 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

INTROIT.....**Salt & Light Ringers**

*Tuya Es la Gloria (We Sing of Your Glory)* arr. Susan T. Sylvester

Les Waxler on guitar

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls!

**We think: Who? Me?**

God calls!

**We wonder: Really?**

God calls!

**And we come to answer, to respond to worship**

\*OPENING HYMN.....**1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, the whole earth is full of your glory. You are enthroned in majesty and mystery. In wonder, we fall down and worship you. Lost in your holiness, we are brought face to face with our sense of unholiness and see where we fall short of all that we could be. Yet, in love, you take away that which we name 'sin', blotting it out, redrawing our possibilities, that we may live more fully as your people. When you ask: 'Whom shall I send?' Give us the faith to say: 'Here I am, send me!' Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON .....**Gloria Patri**

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be

World without end! Amen, amen.

### 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 ..... **Isaiah 6:1-8**

SERMON ..... **Rev. Alex Becker**

***What if I'm not Enough?***

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... ***O What a Piece of Work Are We*** arr. Malvina Reynolds

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE ..... ***As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought*** arr. Vaughn Williams

*Offerings may also be given online at [covenantfrazer.org/give](http://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 ..... **69**

***Here I Am, Lord***

\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE ..... ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** arr. Ray

\* This worship service is livestreamed and recorded ([covenantfrazer.org/live](http://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 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.

As we plan for the year ahead, we invite you to fill out an **estimated giving card**. You can take an estimated giving card from the welcome desk or complete the form online at [covenantfrazer.org/estimatedgiving](http://covenantfrazer.org/estimatedgiving). Please complete your form by today. Thank you!

**Youth Pancake Brunch, today, 11 a.m.** - Enjoy brunch following the service in the lower-level Fellowship Hall and support our youth! All donations will go to support our youth ministry programs.

In honor of Veterans' Day, please consider supporting **Sneakers for Soldiers**, founded by Covenant members John and Deborah Hausladen. Learn more and donate at [sneakersforsoldiers.org](http://sneakersforsoldiers.org).

**Brunch Church is coming to Covenant!** Come to eat and worship with us on **Sunday, November 24th at 10 a.m.** We will gather for prayers, songs, scripture reflections, and conversation around the tables. Kids' activities will be available as well! Vegetarian, vegan, and diabetic- and allergen-friendly options will also be available. This is a free meal, but donations are welcome to help defray the costs.

**The People's Pantry is requesting donations of frozen turkeys**, 20 lbs. and smaller, or Giant coupons for free turkeys. Donations may be brought to the church on Sundays, or during office hours (M-F, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.).

During Advent, we invite you to celebrate **the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem!** When you sign up to participate, you will choose a date to pick up and drop off figures of Mary, Joseph, and their donkey, which will travel to your home and stay with you for a short period of time. When they visit your home, you will have the opportunity to share something about how you celebrate Christmas with them. At the end of their journey, we'll share some of the stories they encountered along their way. We hope you'll join us in this celebration based on the tradition of *Las Posadas* from Mexico and help our church get into the spirit of Advent! Learn more and sign up at [covenantfrazer.org/journey](http://covenantfrazer.org/journey).

**Donegal Presbytery's Racial Justice Task Group** is hosting a new book discussion on racial healing starting November 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. Join others in learning more about challenging privilege, confronting systemic racism, and engaging in collective healing. You are welcome to join via Zoom from home or with others at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**. For more information contact Ann Hatfield at [ahatfield@westminsterpc.org](mailto:ahatfield@westminsterpc.org).

Join Pastor Alex and Pastor Maggie at a **Thanksgiving Worship** service sponsored by the Chester County Interfaith Action Community. This worship service will be held at **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2440 Conestoga Road in Chester Springs, on Sunday November 24th at 7 p.m.** Please bring canned goods as an offering for the Chester County Food Bank!

**Mom's Night Out!** If you consider yourself a mom and need a night away come join us for Covenant's Mom's Night Out on **Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m.** at Brick and Brew in Malvern - 400 E King Street, Malvern. This will be a casual get-together of eating and conversation before the chaos of Christmas is in full swing. If you know you can make it, let Pastor Maggie know otherwise feel free to just show up!

**Christmas Eve Poinsettias** - If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve service in honor of or in remembrance of a loved one, fill out the form at [covenantfrazer.org/poinsettias](http://covenantfrazer.org/poinsettias) or call the church office. Orders at payment are due by December 16th.

**Christmas Giving!** Every year Covenant partners with GVSD to provide gifts for those households that would otherwise not be able to afford gifts for their children. If you are willing to help, you can find a link to the form on our website, which will give more details. An alternative way to help is to donate funds by using the envelopes available in the pews to buy "trimmings" for holiday meals and gift supplements. Please make your checks payable to Peoples Pantry at Church Road. Make sure you designate "Holiday Families" on the check and on the envelope.

**Covenant's 2025 mission trip to Mexico is February 22nd – 28th.** We will 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. 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; 610-763-1079 or brhinehart@gmail.com.

**Our Lost and Found** has a collection of cups, glasses and clothing. Please stop by the welcome desk and pick up any lost items by December 1<sup>st</sup>, when items will be donated. Thank you!

**Vacation Bible School will be taking place July 14 - 18, 2025!** Contact Dara Harris (dharris@covenantfrazier.org) if you are interested in volunteering to help. Many hands are needed to provide this event to the community.

### **This Week at Covenant**

#### **Sunday, November 17**

- 9 a.m.** - Adult Christian Education
- 10 a.m.** - Worship Service/Children's Church
- 11 a.m.** - Youth Pancake Brunch

#### **Monday, November 18**

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

#### **Tuesday, November 19**

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

#### **Wednesday, November 20**

- 9 a.m.** - Broad Street Love
- 9 a.m.** - People's Pantry
- 1 p.m.** - Presbyterian Women

#### **Thursday, November 21**

- 6:45 p.m.** - Chancel & Worship Choir
- 7 p.m.** - Women's Bible Study (off-site)

#### **Friday, November 22**

- 6:30 a.m.** - Promise Keepers

#### **Saturday, November 23**

- 8:45 a.m.** - People's Pantry

#### **Sunday, November 24**

- 9 a.m.** - Adult Christian Education
- 10 a.m.** - Brunch Church
- 11:15 a.m.** - Salt & Light Ringers
- 4:30 p.m.** - Youth Group
- 7 p.m.** - Thanksgiving Service (off-site).

*See more events at [covenantfrazier.org/events](http://covenantfrazier.org/events) and subscribe to our emails at [covenantfrazier.org/newsletter](http://covenantfrazier.org/newsletter). For more information, call the church office at 610-648-0707, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*



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## Christmas Worship Schedule

**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10 a.m.** - Concert for the Christ Child - *What Are We Waiting For?*

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**5 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Story Service, shorter and ideal for children

**7 & 9 p.m.** - Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Communion

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10 a.m.** - Service of Christmas Joy!

PJs welcome for this shorter, casual service to celebrate the joy of the Christ Child.

