



## ***Covenant Presbyterian Church***

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

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### ***Sunday Worship Service***

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**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.....Unity Handbell Choir

***Will You Come and Follow Me*** arr. Susan T. Nelson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

**That it is not we who chose Christ, but Christ who chose us,**

That we are not here because of our goodness but because of Christ's grace,

**That we are not here to enlighten ourselves, but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

That we have not come to be entertained but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

**Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN.....733

***We All Are One in Mission***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we confess that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. 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 ..... **Luke 4:14-30**

SERMON ..... **Rev. Alex Becker**  
*Mission to the Margins*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

*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 ..... **761**  
*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* 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 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 up to age 5 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.

Covenant is hosting a **service of Prayer for Christian Unity** in collaboration with the Exton/Lionville Ministerium **TONIGHT at 7 p.m.** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held worldwide on January 18-25 for churches in the northern hemisphere and is a time for Christians to stand together and pray for one another that we might find unity among those who seek to follow Christ. Please come and contribute your presence and voice!

**The People's Pantry** current need is cereal. **Looking for a fun way to support the pantry?** Join us at the Marchwood Tavern for BINGO on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m.** Games are only \$5 each. 50% of the profits from two of the games goes to People's Pantry. The Marchwood Tavern is located at 3 Marchwood Road (in the Marchwood Shopping Center) Exton.

**Leadership Workshop, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - noon on the lower level** - All Covenant leaders are invited to join with elders and deacons to hone leadership skills, learn more about volunteer management, and explore leadership at Covenant.

There are 10 seats left available to see "**Noah**" at **Sight & Sound** in Ronks, PA. The show starts at **11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$82 per person. You can travel on your own to the theater or join the carpool that will depart from Covenant at 9:30 a.m. You may join the group lunch at your expense if you would like. Place to be determined. Any questions or to sign up to go please contact marydecker02@comcast.net; 610 864-4553 by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Money for the tickets is due by Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note there is an elevator to the 2nd level, however you must be able to go down 8-10 steps to our seats in the balcony.

Please contact Barbara Rhinehart (brhinehart@gmail.com) by **February 1<sup>st</sup>** if you would like to participate at **Broad Street Love** on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** to serve lunch to guests who are food insecure in Philadelphia.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Scout Sunday!** All scouts past and present are invited to wear their uniforms or pins. Troop 76 will join us for worship and a fellowship time following the service on the lower level.

The Covenant **Taizé** worship service is a contemplative service where scripture readings, prayers, and meditative songs and music are shared. Taizé services will be held on **Wednesdays, February 5<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.**

**SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School** will be taking place **July 14 - 18, 2025!** Contact Dara Harris at dharis@covenantfrazer.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, January 19**

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

#### **Monday, January 20 - MLK Day**

- Office Closed**
- 6:30 p.m.** - Promise Keepers
- 7 p.m.** - Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **Tuesday, January 21**

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

#### **Wednesday, January 22**

- 9 a.m.** - People's Pantry

#### **Thursday, January 23**

- 7 p.m.** - Women's Bible Study
- 7 p.m.** - Chancel Choir

#### **Friday, January 24**

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

#### **Saturday, January 25**

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

#### **Sunday, January 26**

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