



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, February 9, 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. Nelson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mighty God, you welcome us into your kingdom as honored guests.

You give us water to wash our feet, and you anoint our heads with oil.

Merciful God, you welcome us even though we are sinners.

You forgive our debts and give us a seat at your table.

Wondrous God, we have come here to give you our worship and praise.

May we make a joyful noise at your table!

*OPENING HYMN..... **35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service.

Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name;

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 7:1-17**

SERMON **Rev. Alex Becker**

Life and Death

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Helping Hands Ministry

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 **39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*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 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.

<p>The People's Pantry current needs are jelly, canned fruit, shampoo, and conditioner. Donations may be dropped off here at the church, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>
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Retirees Lunch! New Location! Retirees (and anyone who can join them) are invited to meet for lunch at Outback Steakhouse in Frazer on **Wednesday, February 12th at noon**. Please RSVP to Pastor Alex or the office by Tuesday, February 11th.

On **Sunday, February 23rd Covenant will celebrate its kids!** During worship we will learn more about what happens in children's church, worship in ways that help us see through the eyes of a child and discover the depths of spirituality that exist even in the excitement and chaos of childhood. Prepare for heartfelt worship, joyful songs, and perhaps even a little bit of arts & crafts!

Plan to join us for our **Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 11 a.m.** (after the 10 a.m. service). The Annual Report will be presented, and the Officer Nominating Committee will be elected.

St. John's Presbyterian Church in Devon has scheduled a Rise Against Hunger event for Sunday, February 23rd at 1:00 p.m., in their Fellowship Hall. They will be packing 10,000 meals and would love to include some friends from Covenant! If you are interested, you can sign up by emailing John Shaw (johnshaw55@gmail.com).

Volunteers and donations are needed for **The Rise Against Hunger event at Covenant on April 5th, 10 a.m. -12 p.m. (set up at 8:30 a.m.) in the CCLC.** Our goal is \$6000 and 15,000 meals! Sign up to volunteer at the welcome desk or volunteer/donate online using this QR code:



The Chester County Department of Aging is interested in hearing from family caregivers to enhance their Family Caregiver Support Program. If you are willing to fill out a survey, they are available at the welcome desk. Please return to the church office by **February 16th**.

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

Breakout church is returning! On March 2nd, we will gather for worship in the sanctuary at 10:00a.m. Then, after briefly worshipping together and celebrating communion, worshipers will have the opportunity to continue the service in a variety of ways: children's church, fellowship time, hymn singing, scripture study, and more. Invite a friend and join us for this special way of worshipping God and growing in our faith together!

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School will be taking place **July 14th - 18th, 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.

We invite you to a joint online devotional experience from the app called YouVersion. In this app (available for Apple and Android. Android users must do the initial sign up on a desktop computer), you can join others from Covenant and participate as frequently or as infrequently as you wish. You will get daily scriptures and an opportunity to be in discussion with other members who have also read the scripture. We will begin on March 1st discussing Luke and Acts. **Visit www.covenantfrazer.org/devo to join us!**

This Week at Covenant

Sunday, February 9

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

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

- 10 a.m. - Covenant Quilters
- 6 p.m. - Unity Handbells

Wednesday, February 12

- 9 a.m. - People's Pantry
- 12 p.m. - Retiree's Lunch

Thursday, February 13

- 6:45 p.m. - Worship & Chancel Choir

Friday, February 14

- 6:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers

Sunday, February 16

- 9 a.m. - Adult Christian Education
- 10 a.m. - Worship Service/Children's Church
- 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 through Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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Get Involved! Find a way to serve, grow, and connect at Covenant

Visit covenantfrazer.org for complete details and calendar

WEEKLY GROUPS

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In Adult Christian Education, the focus is on how ideas in biblical passages relate to our everyday lives with consideration of societal issues & our individual relationships with neighbors, family, & God.

Location: Rm. 207 (upper level) with a Zoom option

Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m., through June

Contact: Rev. Alex Becker; abecker@covenantfrazer.org

LIFT - LEARNING IN FAITH TOGETHER

LIFT is a small group of women who meet weekly to share and grow in the knowledge of the love of Christ. Registration is closed for this spring but come join us at our Spring Brunch on May 5th to see what we are all about.

Location: Rm. 210 (Conference Room) with a Zoom option.

Schedule: Mondays, 10 - 11:30 a.m., through May

Contact: Karen Smith: karenasmith2@verizon.net

PROMISE KEEPERS

Promise Keepers is a Christ-centered men's group open to the community.

Location: Parlor with phone option.

Schedule: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. & Fridays, 6:30 a.m., all year.

Contact: Jim Carr; jscarr@jscarraia.com

QUILTERS

The Covenant Quilters gather weekly to hand quilt together around a frame from the 1800s.

Location: Rm. 211 (Upper level)

Schedule: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., all year.

Leader: Elizabeth Young; here1990@gmail.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is a place to find rest, to be encouraged, & to grow in faith! New book study starting February 27th - a great time to join us as we spend Lent with the Psalms.

Location: Library (Rm. 208 - Upper level)

Schedule: Thursdays, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. through May.

Contact: Sarah Reindel; sarah.reindel@comcast.net

MONTHLY GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

A multi-generational book discussion group. Books are selected by the members. Come for lively discussion!

Location: Rm. 206 (Upper level) with a Zoom option (Jan.-Mar. is Zoom only)

Schedule: 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m., through June

Contact: Elizabeth Young; here1990@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are welcome at this monthly Bible study for inspiration, fellowship, and service.

Location: Rm. 206 (Upper level) with zoom option

Schedule: 3rd Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., through June

Contact: Mary Decker; marydecker02@comcast.net

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

THE WORSHIP & CHANCEL CHOIR

If you would like to join the Chancel Choir for the Palm Sunday service only (Worship Choir), rehearsals begin Thursday, Feb. 13th. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Regular Chancel Choir rehearsals begin again after Palm Sunday on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Location: Music Room

Schedule: Thursdays, 6:45 p.m.

Contact: Amy McLoughlin; amcloughlin@covenantfrazer.org

UNITY HANDBELLS

This adult group of handbell ringers welcomes new members. Join us to learn music, enjoy teamwork, & lead worship.

Location: Music Room

Schedule: Tuesdays, through May 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Patti Mann; pattimm@comcast.net

THE SALT & LIGHT RINGERS

Participants ages 12 and up are invited to this month to month handbell ringing group, meaning you can just participate for one month at a time as you are able. No experience necessary.

Location: Music Room

Schedule: Sundays, 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m., twice a month

Contact: Patti Mann; pattimm@comcast.net

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

COVENANT KIDS

At Covenant, we welcome & encourage all children to participate in worship services. We also offer:

DURING 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE:

Nursery - Children birth through age 5 are invited to the nursery to play and to learn together with loving professional caregivers.

Children's Church (ages 5 - grade 5) - Following the children's message, children are invited to join a team upstairs for the remainder of the service to further explore worship topics & themes.

Contact: Dara Harris; dharris@covenantfrazer.org

COVENANT YOUTH

Join us for a volunteer-led weekly youth gathering! Games & dinner provided. View our calendar at covenantfrazer.org/youth.

Location: Covenant Community Life Center (CCLC)

Schedule: Sundays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (some exceptions).

Contact: Dara Harris; dharris@covenantfrazer.org