



## ***Covenant Presbyterian Church***

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

### ***Welcome to Children's Sunday!***

*During worship today 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 in the excitement and chaos of childhood. Prepare for heartfelt worship, joyful songs, and perhaps even a little bit of arts & crafts!*

# ***Sunday Worship Service***

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**Sunday, February 23, 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.*

PRELUDE.....*The Light of the World is Jesus* by Bliss/Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is in the church!

**And we are gathered to praise God.**

It is good for us to sing and pray and learn about God together.

**So let's do it! Let's worship God together.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**.....**In Christ Alone**

1. In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The love of God was magnified  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, each of us is sorry for the things we've done wrong and all the right things we didn't do. And together, we're all sorry for all those sins that we've made as a church. But we know that you're very forgiving: Please forgive us today and help us to follow you better in the future.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ***Proclaim God's Word***

*The God who speaks in Scripture addresses us now.*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Numbers 13-14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Prayer Shawls

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE ..... *All Things Bright and Beautiful* by Alexander  
*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 ..... **This Little Light of Mine**

1. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine	3. Don't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine Don't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine Don't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
2. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna to let it shine Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine Hide it under a bushel? No? I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.	Repeat verse 1

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ..... *Soon and Very Soon* by Crouch/Schrader

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 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.

Join us for our **Annual Congregational Meeting today following the worship service.** The Annual Report will be presented, and the Officer Nominating Committee will be elected.

**The People's Pantry** current need is jelly and tuna fish. Donations may be dropped off here at the church, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School** will be taking place **July 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025!** Contact Dara Harris at [dharis@covenantfrazer.org](mailto:dharis@covenantfrazer.org) if you are interested in volunteering to help. Many hands are needed to provide this event to the community.

**Worship Choir has begun!** The Covenant Worship choir consists of members of the Chancel Choir PLUS all singers who want to join in to perform music for the **Palm Sunday worship service on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** Questions? Contact Amy McLoughlin ([amcloughlin@covenantfrazer.org](mailto:amcloughlin@covenantfrazer.org)). The choir meets in the Music Room on Thursdays, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. (Chancel & Worship Choir), 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Chancel Choir).

**Women's Bible Study** invites you to join them as they begin a new book study on **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in Rm. 208 (upper level).** They will be discussing the book *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms* by Elizabeth Caldwell. Books will be available that evening for \$11. Contact Sarah Reindel ([sarah.reindel@comcast.net](mailto:sarah.reindel@comcast.net)) with any questions.

**PW wants to Knock Your Socks Off!** We are collecting socks for men, women & children that use the services at Broad Street Love. The goal is to collect a toe-tal of 500 pairs of new socks **from February 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>.** The “Knock Your Socks Off” bin will be located at the Welcome Desk. We hope you'll help make this goal sock-cesful!

**Covenant Church Team** - please prayerfully consider signing up to be an available **driver for our home-bound members or a volunteer for when a need arises within our church.** "Available" is the key word, since this is a ministry you can do just when you are able. The more who sign up, the greater the opportunities for those in need. You will be rewarded with friendly conversation and an extremely pleased person who needs a ride to a medical appointment or who just wants a ride to church. A true home run indeed! And if driving is not for you, there is always meal preparation - for as we all know, the way to a person's heart is through their stomach! Please see Janet Stauffer after church to sign up or email Janet at [j\\_stauber@aol.com](mailto:j_stauber@aol.com).

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



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

**We invite you to a joint online devotional experience from the app called YouVersion.** In this app 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 1<sup>st</sup> discussing Luke and Acts. **Visit [www.covenantfrazer.org/devo](http://www.covenantfrazer.org/devo) to join us!** Contact Pastor Alex with questions ([abecker@covenantfrazer.org](mailto:abecker@covenantfrazer.org))

**Breakout church is returning! On March 2<sup>nd</sup>,** we will gather for worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.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!

**New Members Class!** Please come if you are interested in becoming a member or are just curious to learn more about Covenant! Meet with church leaders, and staff for conversation.

- **Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:15 a.m. in the parlor** - childcare available – meet with Church leaders and Pastor Alex to learn more about Covenant.

- **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. in the parlor** - Question and Answer time and meet with Covenant leaders and Session to officially join Covenant if you wish to do so at this time. New Members will be introduced and welcomed by the entire congregation during the 10 a.m. worship service.

**Covenant Meet & Eat!** Share the Joy of God's Table - Meet new friends and enjoy a meal together!  
**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. - sign up by March 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Different groups of 6-10 people will gather in small groups at the home of a Covenant member (or at church) for dinner and fellowship. Each participant will bring a dish to share. Open to Covenant members and friends - adults only. **Sign up at the Welcome desk or at [covenantfrazer.org/meet&eat](http://covenantfrazer.org/meet&eat).** Questions? Contact: Sandy Ritchey (610-715-3366) or Lisa Gordon (610-416-1887).

### This Week at Covenant

#### Sunday, February 23 – Children's Sunday

9 a.m. - Adult Christian Education

10 a.m. - Worship Service

11:15 a.m. - Covenant Connect/Annual Meeting

4:30 p.m. - Youth Group

#### Monday, February 24

10 a.m. - LIFT

6:30 p.m. - Promise Keepers

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30 p.m. – Session meeting

#### Tuesday, February 25

10 a.m. - Covenant Quilters

6 p.m. - Unity Handbells

#### Wednesday, February 26

9 a.m. – People's Pantry

#### Thursday, February 27

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

7 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

#### Friday, February 28

6:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers

#### Sunday, March 2 – Communion/Breakout Church

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](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.*



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