



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, May 19, 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..... **Unity Handbell Choir**

If I Take the Wings of the Morning arr. Valerie Stephenson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God,

Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit:

Set our hearts on fire.

Burn off all that is dry and lifeless,
and grow us anew.

Let your Spirit dance within our spirits,
uprooting us when we have been unmoved
and refreshing all that is stale in our lives.

Breathe on us your peace

that we will share that peace with all we meet.

Through Christ and with the power of the Spirit we pray.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN..... **291**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 1,3,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God, for God already knows what lies in our hearts. We offer up our hopes yet unmet: for peace, for reconciliation, for grace. We offer up the wrongs we have done: our greed, our apathy, our meanness. We offer up the good we have left undone: forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion. We offer up all that we are.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Proclaim God's Word

The God who speaks in Scripture addresses us now.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Rev. Alex Becker**
Children are always welcome to remain in worship! Or, after the children's message, children ages 3 - gr. 5 are invited upstairs for Children's Church during the service. Please pick up your children after the benediction.

Rejoice in the Waters of Baptism

The Spirit of God touches our spirit, showers us with love and forgiveness, and graciously calls us into discipleship.

Please refrain from flash photos during baptism.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The presentation of Florence Marie DeNicholas, daughter of Meghan & Joseph DeNicholas, granddaughter of Lois & Skip Roderick and Marianne & Joseph DeNicholas. Florence's godparents are Katelyn Day and Blaise DeNicholas.

The presentation of Blakely Meghan Day & Lily Ella Day, daughters of Katelyn & Jonathan Day, granddaughters of Skip & Lois Roderick and Bill & Fran Day. Blakely's godparents are Meghan and Joe DeNicholas. Lily's godparents are Brittany and Chris Day.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE **475**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1, 3)

SCRIPTURE **Acts 2:1-4, 17-18**

SERMON **Rev. Alex Becker**

Speaking God's Language

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35)

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* by Atkinson, arr. Hayes
Offerings may also be given online at www.covenantfrazer.org/give.

*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 SONG **Holy Spirit**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Holy, Holy, Holy** by Dykes, arr. Ray

* 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 is open for children birth through age 3 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.

People's Pantry News

Thank you to all who donated and volunteered for the USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. The People's Pantry received **2256 pounds** of food this past weekend!

This week's pantry needs are **deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner**. Donations may be dropped off at the church Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bingo is Back! Come support **The People's Pantry** on **Tues., May 21 & 28 at The Marchwood Tavern** (3 Marchwood Rd) Exton, 7-9 PM and still only \$5 a game. There are 5 rounds of Bingo and 2 are 50/50 cash rounds with half of the money benefitting the People's Pantry. It's a fun night, hope to see you there!

The People's Pantry renovations are almost complete! Mark your calendars for their open house on June 23rd at 11:30!

To find out how to receive assistance from The People's Pantry or how to give monetarily to the pantry visit www.churchroadpantry.org.

Adult Christian Education will NOT MEET on May 26. Class will resume on June 2 for the final session in the four-week study of "Cross Borders".

Youth Group Fundraiser Car Wash – Sat. June 8th, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Come out to the church parking lot to get your car washed and support our youth! Donations accepted.

Covenant is invited to join our friends at **Iglesia Central Norristown for their 21st anniversary celebration on Sun., June 9th, 5 p.m.** at 113 E. Airy St. Norristown! Celebrate with our Christmas Families partner church! Contact the Covenant office for carpool information.

Interfaith Alliance of the Upper Main Line invite you to Neighbor Fest! Sun., June 16th, 3 – 6 p.m. at Berwyn primary Shops (800 Lancaster Ave.). Food trucks, games, and music!

Camp Firelight (Vacation Bible School) is June 24-28, 2024! VBS is open to all children aged 4 through entering 6th grade. Online registration is open at covenantfrazer.org/vbs. **We've now added an afternoon sewing camp (1- 3 p.m.) for students entering grades 3 – 8, following morning VBS. Spots are limited, so register today!**

VBS Volunteers are needed! We are specifically in need of four guides for the different age groups. Your job is to guide and support, no prep or teaching required. We are also looking for someone who would take photos and videos during the week (phone camera/video is fine!). Sign up on the board in the Gathering Space or contact Dara (dharris@covenantfrazer.org).

This Week at Covenant

Sun. May 19

- 9 a.m. – Adult Christian Education
- 10 a.m. – Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. – Covenant Connect
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- 3 p.m. – Softball Game
- 4:30 p.m. – Youth Group
- 7 p.m. - Overeater's Anonymous

Mon. May 20

- 6:30 p.m. - Promise Keepers
- 7:30 p.m. – Session Meeting

Tues. May 21

- 10 a.m. - Covenant Quilters

- 7 p.m. – Book Club

Wed. May 22

- 9 a.m. – People's Pantry

Thurs. May 23

- 7 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Fri. May 24

- 6:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers

Sat. May 25

- 8:45 a.m. – People's Pantry

Sun. May 26

- 10 a.m. – Worship Service
- 7 p.m. - Overeater's Anonymous

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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