



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, July 28, 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..... *Come Just As You Are* arr. Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Your creation thanks you, O God.

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

*OPENING HYMN..... **32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. With every confidence of your willingness to hear us and your desire to be in relationship with us, we confess our sins to you. We confess what we have done and also what we have left undone. Continue to open our hearts and work within us to follow your will. In your Holy 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. Sarah Kneier**

*Children are always welcome to remain in worship! Or, after the children's message & baptism, children ages 3 - gr. 5 are invited to the Gathering Space for SermonTime/StoryTime for conversation and a story. This week's story is **This Book is a Mistake!** Children will return to the sanctuary following the sermon.*

SCRIPTURE.....Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON.....Rev. Sarah Kneier

To Know What is Far More

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Summer Choir

10,000 Reasons by Redman & Angrisano

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.....634

To God Be the Glory

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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).

Our guest preacher today is **Rev. Sarah Anne Kneier**. Rev. Kneier is the current moderator of the Presbytery of Donegal and serves as a local pulpit supply preacher for churches in the area. She lives in Lancaster County with her husband, David, and her two sons, Ansel and Willem. When she's not serving the presbytery, she enjoys gardening, nature, cooking, adventuring, spending time with family, and reading with her cat on her lap.

Covenant Nursery is looking for caregivers on Sunday mornings. This is a paid position; clearances are required, and training is provided. Contact Dara Harris for more information at dharris@covenantfrazer.org.

Summer music opportunities! Come sing with the Sunday summer pick up choir on **August 25th**. And, for those who would like to lend their voice or instrument in a more contemporary style, join the **worship arts pick-up group on August 18th**. Both groups will meet in the choir room at 9 a.m. on their respective Sundays to prepare for the 10 a.m. worship service.

The People's Pantry is collecting **school supplies and backpacks! Backpacks for middle school & high school students are especially needed.** A full list of needs can be found on the information wall or in this week's Wednesday email blast. Donations may be dropped off at the church on weekdays between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. by **Aug. 9th**.

Covenant's Mission Committee (CAMT) would like to invite anyone who is interested in learning more about our missional partnership with **Villages in Partnership (VIP)** to an informational session **Wednesday, Aug. 14th at 7 p.m.** at the church. If you are interested in attending, please email Pastor Maggie at mniles@covenantfrazer.org

Covenant's Mission Committee (CAMT) is excited to share that Covenant members have generously sponsored a full table of attendees for the 15th year **Gala Celebration for Villages in Partnership (VIP)**! There will be 5 Malawian staff and 1 Malawian beneficiary in attendance at this event on **Saturday, Sept. 28th from 5-10 p.m.** at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan, NJ. If you are interested in attending the Gala, please email Pastor Maggie at mniles@covenantfrazer.org

New Date! BBQ Picnic Night. Friday, Aug. 16th at 6 p.m. – a time of play and fellowship for us to reconnect and build relationships. We will enjoy pulled pork or pulled chicken from Jimmy's BBQ in Frazer with sides (mac & cheese, dirty corn, collard greens, cornbread, rolls), drinks, and dessert! Come for the BBQ, stay for the music, lawn games, and friendship. Suggested donations are \$15/adult, \$10/child, free/children 3 & under. **RSVP today at covenantfrazer.org/bbq or by calling the church office.**

Football season is right around the corner! Pastor Maggie is curious if anyone would be interested in being a part of a **Covenant Fantasy Football league.** This league would be open to anyone looking for a team so you don't have to attend Covenant if you have some friends or family that would be interested as well! We were thinking maybe a draft party and then a party at the end to celebrate the season! **Let Pastor Maggie know (mniles@covenantfrazer.org) if you are interested or want more information!**

This Week at Covenant

Sunday, July 28

9 a.m. - Summer Pick-up Choir

10 a.m. - Worship Service/Sermon Time/Story Time

11:15 a.m. - Covenant Connect

7 p.m. - Overeater's Anonymous

Monday, July 29

6:30 p.m. - Promise Keepers

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 30

10 a.m. - Covenant Quilters

Friday, August 2

6:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers

Sunday, August 4

10 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion/
Sermon Time/Story Time

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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