THE LORD'S DAY

November 19, 2023

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Great Is Thy Faithfulness Runyan

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:1, 15, 24

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: His love endures forever!

Leader: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the

righteous:

People: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made; **People:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, we confess that too often we think of our family only in earthly, biological terms. We forget the eternal family you have adopted us into through the blood of Christ. We fail to love, honor, and serve one another as we should, too often seeking our own interests. Forgive us our sin and enable us to both recognize and strength the familial ties you have blessed us with in Christ. May the world see the reflection of your likeness in our family resemblance, and so be drawn to you. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18,19

Leader: Who is a God like you, who pardon sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; and you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 68:1-20 (responsive, hymnal p. 808)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Let the Song of Praise Be Heard McDonald

*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 12:46-50 (p. 818)

**HYMN 522 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SERMON FAMILY TIES
1 Timothy 5:1-8 (p. 992)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 355 We Are God's People

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Crüger/Larson

*Please stand if able

**Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5-grade 1: Room 112; grades 2-3: Room 110)

Kindly silence all electronic devices

Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex

Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

Welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you through our fellowship together.

If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance register in full.

Upon exiting the main lobby doors,

please accept a gift of welcome bread.

Serving this morning:
Worship Leaders — Juan Estevez, Wayne Shaw
Musicians — Senior Choir, Covenant Musicians, String Quartet, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians — Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall, Peter & Rebecca Wells

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SPECIAL TOPICS:

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Matt. 13:39



Henry Alford, 1844, 1867

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR 7,7,7,7,D. George J. Elvey, 1859

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PSALM 68:1-20

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away;

as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.

But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds—

his name is the LORD—and rejoice before him.

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

When you went out before your people, O God, when you marched through the wasteland,

the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, O God, you provided for

the poor.

The Lord announced the word, and great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

"Kings and armies flee in haste; in the camps men divide the plunder.

"Even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold."

When the Almighty scattered the kings in the land, it was like snow fallen on Zalmon.

The mountains of Bashan are majestic mountains; rugged are the mountains of Bashan.

Why gaze in envy, O rugged mountains, at the mountain where God chooses to reign, where the LORD himself will dwell forever?

The chariots of God are tens of thousands and thousands of thousands; the Lord has come from Sinai into his sanctuary.

When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even from the rebellious—that you, O LORD God, might dwell there.

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death. JUSTIFICATION

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.



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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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We Are God's People

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We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Ps. 100:3



CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health RelatedExpectingMatt JohnstonChristina Grosshanten (due Dec. 17)Joan KeytRue Estevez (due Jan. 1)Mary Lisa VidunasColleen Iammatteo (due Feb. 15)

Grieving

Castor/Nagy Family

Missions

Lieutenant Peter Lee serves as a Navy Chaplain under the care of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel. Since Lieutenant Lee's visit to Covenant, the chaplains at the Naval Academy have hosted several events to aid the Midshipmen's spiritual growth. One event was with a former Navy Seal who spoke about the importance of faith and how it carried him during challenging moments in battle and while in recovery from battle injuries. They were also blessed to host Dan Cathy, the former CEO of Chick-Fil-A, as he provided food and faith-centered messages to the students and staff.

In family news, Chaplain Lee reports that his children are doing really well this semester and enjoying their classmates and teachers. His wife, Okhui, has found a small group at their church that is providing wisdom and blessing through Bible study and a daily group chat. Please pray for the following:

- -that the Midshipmen would manage their time well as they prepare for their final month of academic studies
- -that the Midshipmen who are struggling spiritually would trust in the Lord
- -for his teenage son Josh as he discovers his talents and discerns his calling
- -for his other children, Paul, and Joanne, to grow in the Lord
- -for his wife, Okhui, to have wisdom as she aids the children in their spiritual growth
- -that he would be able to provide an insightful and edifying message that glorifies Christ, as he has been asked by some cultural clubs at the Academy to share about his experience in the Navy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roy and Kerstin Trapp write, "We are so very grateful for the many prayers, phone calls, and expressions of care and concern for Roy. The Lord has blessed us richly with good medical care, advice, and a supportive church family. Your continued prayer over time would be appreciated for Roy's chronic conditions."

Everyone is invited to join us for a season of prayer in room 107 following the worship service today. We wish to continue seeking the Lord's face regarding next steps with the approved building expansion. Members of the building committee will also be present to welcome additional input and address any questions you may have.

Please join us for a joint Thanksgiving service hosted by our neighbors at Indian Creek Church of the Brethren (821 Main St., Harleysville) tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Join your sisters for a women's craft event on Friday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Julia Smith's home. The evening will be spent creating a fabric Christmas tree. Please bring one yard of Christmas fabric. All other items will be provided. Please RSVP in the narthex by November 26.

The Senior Fellowship will meet for a luncheon at the Plumsteadville Inn on Tuesday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. Cars will depart from church at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets may be found in church mailboxes. Please return your registration and payment to Jim & Diana Lowery's church mailbox by December 3.

Our annual Christmas breakfast will take place on Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex to bring a "family size" breakfast dish, fruit salad, or pastry as we celebrate our Lord's birth together.

A free Advent resource is available on the narthex table: Hidden Christmas - The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ by Timothy Keller. May this resource assist you as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	November 19	November 26	December 3	December 10
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ashely Benoit	Carolyn Ford	Nancy Hillman	Kelly Little
Heart Hiders	Jane Reagan	Diane Dietterich	Nancy Hillman	A. McMillan
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Cathy Nagy	Carrie Rutkowski	Sandra Phillips	Mary Riggall
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Abigail English Addie Witmer	Diane Dietterich Amy Muhlfeld	Jill & Skylar Buhay Abbie Clement	Kristen Jones Abbie Riggall
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	A. McMillan Ruth Clement	Yvonne Marshall Makayla Marshall	Y. Marshall Kylie Marshall	K. Hoogenhuis Sam Kleeman
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Paul & Lynn Wichert	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Debbie Schultz	Diana Lowery	Sarah Keating
Greeters	Jim & Diana Lowery	Bob & Linda Witmer	Bob & Kim Kenderdine	Ken & Diane Dietterich
Ushers	Byron Childs George Schmidt Charles Freed Bob Peterson Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Scott Sharadin	Mitch Keating Bob McClurken Jake Barbadoro G. Iammatteo Jack Kane John Kane Caleb Keating Drew Sparks	Mark Kleeman Steve Rutkowski Paul Baldwin Jim Lowery Shahil Patel Bill Propsner	Dan Benoit Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine J. Medendorp

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Sunday 11/19	8:30 9:15 10:00 10:30 11:45 11:45	a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting Sunday School Heart Hiders Worship Service Prayer for Building Addition Adult Bell Choir Practice			
	11:45 12:00-2:00 7:00		Chamber Choir Practice OCC Collection Joint Thanksgiving Service Indian Creek COB			
Monday 11/20	9:00-11:00	a.m.	OCC Collection			
Tuesday 11/21	7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study			
Wednesday 11/22			Church Office Closed			
Thursday 11/23			Church Office Closed			
Friday 11/24			Church Office Closed			
Saturday 11/25						
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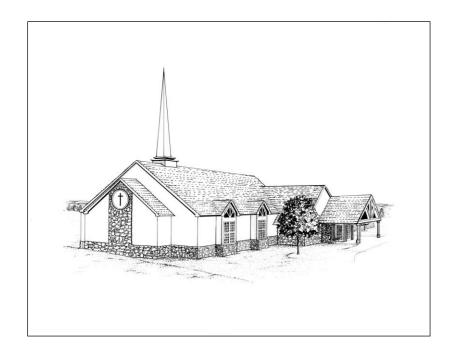
For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org



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