

THE LORD'S DAY

October 13, 2024

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sweet Hour of Prayer Hearty

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 111:1–3

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**People: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever!**

INVOCATION

*HYMN 107 Praise Ye the Father!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Most Holy God, we confess that one of the blessed attitudes most foreign to us is that of divine reverence. We have little sense of your perfect holiness, little respect for your unlimited power, little comprehension of your vast wisdom, and little awe of your eternal Being. If we truly knew the One who has spoken to us, we would continually bow before you in reverent awe, love, and fear. Forgive us our lack of reverence and renew in us a proper respect for your glory, which has been most clearly seen in your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. For we pray in His Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:8, 10–12

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 31 (p. 252)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY What a Friend We Have in Jesus Mier

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 4:32–5:11 (p. 912)

**HYMN 251 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

SERMON THE FEAR OF THE LORD
2 Samuel 1:1–16 (p. 254)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE With the Saints in Glory Shining Broughton

**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, Bob McIntyre

Musicians – Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,

Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall, Peter & Rebecca Wells

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Praise Ye the Father!

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I will ... praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. Ps. 138:2

1. Praise ye the Fa-ther! For his lov-ing - kind-ness, ten-der-ly
 2. Praise ye the Sa-vior! Great is his com-pas-sion, gra-cious-ly
 3. Praise ye the Spir-it! Com-fort-er of Is-rael, sent of the

cares he for his err-ing chil-dren; praise him, ye an-gels,
 cares he for his cho-sen peo-ple; young men and maid-ens,
 Fa-ther and the Son to bless us; praise ye the Fa-ther,

praise him in the heav-ens, praise ye Je-ho-vah!
 ye old men and chil-dren, praise ye the Sav-ior!
 Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it, praise ye the tri-une God!

Elizabeth R. Charles, ca. 1858

FLEMMING 11.11.11.6.
 Friedrich F. Flemming, 1811

JESUS CHRIST:

251

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. Is. 32:2

1. Be-neath the cross of Je-sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up-on the cross of Je-sus mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad-ow for my a-bid-ing place;

the shad-ow of a might-y Rock with-in a wea-ry land;
 the ver-y dy-ing form of One who suf-fered there for me;
 I ask no oth-er sun-shine than the sun-shine of his face;

a home with-in the wil-der-ness, a rest up-on the way,
 and from my strick-en heart with tears two won-ders I con-fess,
 con-tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

from the burn-ing of the noon-tide heat and the bur-den of the day.
 the won-ders of re-deem-ing love and my un-wor-thi-ness.
 my sin-ful self my on-ly shame, my glo-ry all the cross.

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872
 Alt. 1950

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.6.6.6.6.6.
 Frederick C. Maker, 1881

JESUS CHRIST:

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed

In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more. Ps. 72:7

1. Hail to the Lord's A-noint-ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
 2. He comes with com-fort speed-y to those who suf-fer wrong;
 3. He shall come down like show-ers up-on the fruit-ful earth;
 4. O'er ev-'ry foe vic-to-rious, he on his throne shall rest,

Hail, in the time ap-point-ed, his reign on earth be-gun!
 to help the poor and need-y, and bid the weak be strong;
 and love, joy, hope, like flow-ers, spring in his path to birth;
 from age to age more glo-rious, all-bless-ing and all-blessed;

He comes to break op-pres-sion, to set the cap-tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh-ing, their dark-ness turn to light,
 be-fore him on the moun-tains shall peace, the her-ald, go;
 the tide of time shall nev-er his cov-e-nant re-move;

to take a-way trans-gres-sion, and rule in eq-ui-ty.
 whose souls, con-demned and dy-ing, were pre-cious in his sight,
 and righ-teous-ness, in foun-tains, from hill to val-ley flow.
 his name shall stand for-ev-er—that name to us is Love.

Based on Psalm 72
 James Montgomery, 1821, 1828; alt. 1990

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to an open house to celebrate Sharon Muhlfeld and Adrienne Rohrman's fiftieth birthdays today at the church between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Covenant's Harvest Festival on Friday, October 25 is fast approaching! You may sign up in the narthex to donate food and drinks as well as to volunteer for set-up, clean-up, serving, or other activities. Postcards are also available in the narthex to use as invitations for your friends and neighbors.

Covenant's annual report is now available in the latest *Covenant Update*. Hard copies are also in the narthex, or you may contact the church office to request that one be placed in your church mailbox. The report includes an update on all ministries as well as messages from our pastors. It also contains the 2025 proposed budget, membership statistics, and a list of all boards, committees, and ministry leaders.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 10/13	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Jr. Bell Choir Practice
	4:00	p.m.	50 th Birthday Open House for Sharon & Adrienne (until 7:00 p.m.)
Monday 10/14			
Tuesday 10/15	7:00	p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 10/16			
Thursday 10/17	7:00	p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Friday 10/18	6:00	p.m.	Annual Dinner
	7:00	p.m.	Annual Meeting
Saturday 10/19	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 10/20	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Jr. Bell Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	5:00	p.m.	Junior Choir Practice
6:00	p.m.	Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & Youth Group	

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org



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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Mark Childs

Jean Daniels

Rita Hageman

Joan Keyt

Barbara Kolbe

David Wynn

Expecting

Cheryl Burger (Due February)

Sarah Walsh (Due March 18)

Joy Malysz (Due May)

Grieving

Johnston Family

Medendorp Family

Missions

Bryan Stoudt is serving in Arizona with the Western Division of Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). He and his wife, Sharon, are also working with the Paraclete Mission Group as they mentor young couples preparing for marriage.

Recently Bryan and roughly thirty-five students and professionals gathered for a weekend retreat of worship, fellowship, and rest. Many drove for hours and sacrificed precious free time because they see their need for Christian community. Commitment like that led to the formation and deepening of real gospel community, and Bryan is excited to see where God takes these relationships next.

As those in healthcare are perhaps more susceptible to depending on their own gifts of intelligence and ambition, the leadership team sensed that God wanted to remind the group that we all thrive when we depend on Him. Bryan taught from John 15 and one of the physicians shared vulnerably about some powerful life lessons he has been learning on this theme.

Bryan would appreciate prayer for the following:

-for an upcoming CMDA mini-mission trip to Rocky Point, Mexico on October 25-27, and discernment whether this is an opportunity God wants them to participate in more regularly

-for the start of a new program, funded by a recent grant, that will help medical students deliver difficult diagnoses with compassion, and that each of the five student chapters can find time to host the event

-for Bryan and his family as his father recently passed away unexpectedly

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	October 13	October 20	October 27	November 3
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Ashley Benoit	Abigail English	C. Rutkowski	Nancy Hillman
Heart Hiders	Ashley O'Hara	Denise Brill	Jonathon Leiser	Ella Clement
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Sarah Walsh	Barb Markwalter	C. Grosshanten	Sarah Walsh
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Jill Buhay Jasmine Muhlfeld	Sarah Iannotti Sarah Rutkowski	Kristen Jones Addie Witmer	Caroline Smith Lydia Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Nicole Yates Jessica Fox	R. Kleeman Sam Kleeman	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Mary Riggall Abbie Riggall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Joy Malysz	Joy Malysz	Laura Wambold	Laura Wambold
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Jason Clement	Jason Clement	M. Medendorp	Katelyn Reist
Welcome Bread Bakers	Liana Potgieter	A. Thompson	Debbie Schultz	Glenda Childs
Greeters	Steve & Carrie Rutkowski	Rick & Martha Moody	Henry & Debbie Schultz	John & Melanie Medendorp
Ushers	Andy Ford David Schmidt D. Dieterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Drew Sparks	Mark Kleeman Ken Markwalter Charles Freed Brandon Jones Jeremy Riggall George Schmidt Henry Schultz	Dan Benoit Tom Buhay Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel	Byron Childs Steve Rutkowski Charlie Burger Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski

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is to help people know Christ,
grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*