THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 2024

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE The Mighty God, the Lord Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help

in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give

way and the mountains fall into the heart of the

sea.

Leader: Come and see the works of the LORD, he makes wars

cease to the ends of the earth.

People: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob

is our fortress.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Prayer of Confession

Unison: Our Father, we confess that we do not always feel safe within your hands. Our fears, doubts, and afflictions often overwhelm us, causing us to forget the One who cares for us. We forget your limitless power. We forget your perfect wisdom. We forget your abiding love and how you have proven your love for us through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us all our sins of disbelief and enable us to not only trust in you as our mighty fortress, but to proclaim to others the safety of your amazing grace. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Leader: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 91 (responsive, hymnal p. 817)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Alive in Christ! Berry

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 22:1–9 (p. 1041)

**HYMN 692 To You, O Lord, I Fly

SERMON GOD IS OUR FORTRESS
Psalm 46 (p. 471)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN 92

POSTLUDE All Praise to God 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, Thomas Potgieter Musicians – Adult Choir, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk, Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall, Peter & Rebecca Wells

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Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO), 11.11.11.11.

Traditional Welsh hymn melody

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PSALM 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers,

and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge—

then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;

you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;

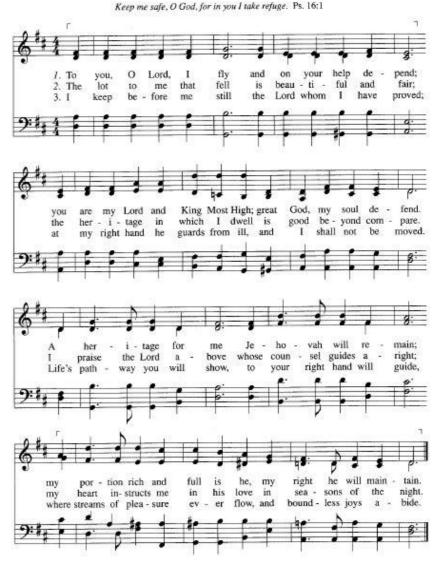
"I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

"He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

"With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

ASSURANCE

To You, O Lord, I Fly



From Psalm 16:1, 2, 5–8, 11 The Psalter, 1912 Alt. 1990, mod. LEOMINSTER S.M.D. George William Martin, 1862 Arr, by Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

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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)
Rebecca Childs (Due May 3)
Joy Malysz (Due June 3)

Grieving
Johnston Family
Medendorp Family

Missions

Michael Goodlin serves with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) as Lehigh University's campus minister. In his recent newsletter, Michael shared that this semester has felt like the best one yet. Their group is more mature than ever before, outreach week was more focused on campus life, and student leaders owned the work with joy. The following are some praises and ways we may pray for the ministry:

-praise that all sorts of students have connected with RUF, from strong Christians to non-Christians—pray that new students are integrated into the fellowship and come to a mature faith in Christ -praise for the birth of Greta Ivy, who arrived at a most opportune time when the first two weeks of the semester were finished—pray for their continued adjustments as they operate as a family with five kids -praise for the success of RUF's Mid-Atlantic retreat—pray that the weekend's focus from Colossians 3:1-17 would continue to transform hearts as students grasp what it means to be chosen, holy, and beloved -praise for a maturing group of leaders who are eager to learn and serve—pray for reinvigorated hearts, that hidden sins would be confessed, and for wisdom as Michael supports leaders -praise for planned future endeavors, including monthly seminars led by Westminster Seminary professors, a regional training conference for students on November 2, and a spring break mission trip—pray that Christ would clearly lead and bless them in each of these endeavors for His glory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A congregational packing party for Operation Christmas Child will take place at Covenant on November 3 from 2:00–4:30 p.m. We will be packing boxes with the items donated by the congregation throughout the year. Please join us and stay as long as your schedule allows. Light refreshments will be served.

The Senior Fellowship will gather at the church on Tuesday, November 12 at 11:30 a.m. for a turkey lunch followed by a presentation by Dr. Nancy Hillman on Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation. Please sign up in the narthex by November 3 and indicate the dish you would like to contribute. A love jar will be out at the lunch for donations to Samaritan's Purse to support the Greatest Journey. Christmas cards are appreciated for Chaplain Jim Rich and his wife, Lori. Please contact Joan Freed with questions.

All women are invited to a time of fellowship at a Gratitude Gathering on Friday, November 15 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. Come share cookies, recipes, and stories of thankfulness! Please bring one to two dozen of your favorite cookies and the recipe to share if you would like. Sign-up is available in the narthex until November 10. Please contact Liana Potgieter with questions.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, November 3.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 10/27	9:15 10:00 10:30 11:45 12:30		Heart Hiders Worship Service Jr. Bell Choir Practice
Monday 10/28			
Tuesday 10/29	7:00 7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 10/30			
Thursday 10/31			
Friday 11/1			
Saturday 11/2	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 11/3	9:15 10:00 10:30 12:00 2:00	a.m. a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m.	Worship Service

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



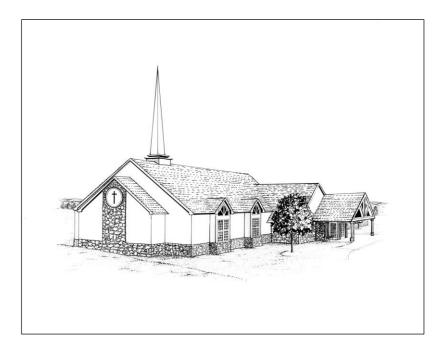
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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	October 27	November 3	November 10	November 17
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	C. Rutkowski	Nancy Hillman	E. Waltenbaugh	Ella Clement
Heart Hiders	Jonathon Leiser	Ella Clement	Dan Hillman	Jane Reagan
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Sarah Walsh	E. Waltenbaugh	Pam Taylor	Cathy Nagy
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Kristen Jones Addie Witmer	Caroline Smith Lydia Moyer	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder	Abigial English Jasmine Muhlfeld
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Mary Riggall Abbie Riggall	Julia Smith D. Rutkowski	Barb Nelson Amy Muhlfeld
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Laura Wambold	Laura Wambold	Sharon Muhlfeld	Paul & Lynn Wichert
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	M. Medendorp	Katelyn Reist	Katelyn Reist	M. Medendorp
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Glenda Childs	Sarah Keating	Debbie Schultz
Greeters	George & Cathy Schmidt	John & Melanie Medendorp	Henry & Debbie Schultz	Ken & Barb Markwalter
Ushers	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	Andy Ford David Schmidt D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Drew Sparks	Mark Kleeman Ken Markwalter Charles Freed Brandon Jones Jeremy Riggall George Schmidt Henry Schultz

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The mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church 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.