

# THE LORD'S DAY

January 5, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE See Amid the Winter's Snow Gross

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 12:4–6

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his Name; make known to the nations what he has done,

**People: and proclaim that his Name is exalted!**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;

**People: let this be known to all the world.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you!

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 100 Holy, Holy, Holy!

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Our Father, we confess the evil of our hearts apart from your grace. We frequently sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and what we fail to do. We often sin against one another, as well, responding to offense with offense and grieving your heart in the process. Forgive us, we pray, and use even our great transgressions to advance your greater good. Show yourself to be the righteous God who is without sin or fault, yet is so utterly sovereign that even the worst devices of men must advance your holy will. For we pray in the Name of Jesus, who suffered great evil for far greater good.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 4:25–5:2

Leader: He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been

justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

\*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 50:15–21 (p. 44)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Riley

\*DOXOLOGY 731

\*\*NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:18–39 (p. 944)

SERMON THE GOD WHO BRINGS GOOD FROM EVIL  
2 Samuel 4 (p. 257)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 257 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism  
Questions 22–26 (hymnal, p. 871)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN 75 O Father, You Are Sovereign

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE A Time for New Beginnings Smith

*\*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 – Thomas Potgieter, Peter Wells

Musician – Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,  
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall, Peter & Rebecca Wells

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## Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee,  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

We considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4

1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!  
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?  
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great  
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;  
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.  
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;  
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;  
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;  
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.  
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

## 22. Q. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

## 23. Q. What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

## 24. Q. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

## 25. Q. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

## 26. Q. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS  
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Health Related**

Rita Hageman

Joan Keyt

Barbara Kolbe

David Wynn

**Expecting**

Sarah Walsh (Due March 18)

Rebecca Childs (Due May 3)

Joy Mahysz (Due June 3)

**Grieving**

Childs Family

Daniels/Zachmann Family

**Missions**

John and Sandy serve with Mission to the World in a sensitive North African country.

The week before Christmas their ministry celebrated the birth of Christ with an event entitled “For This He Came.” They enjoyed a wonderful time of reflection and worship with more than 140 in attendance from various local churches.

In November their El-Soora ministry was blessed with an opportunity to speak on the subject of “Family Worship” to more than seventy people from their churches. In a two-part seminar the speaker addressed the importance of family worship and discussed practical steps that parents can take to begin and maintain regular devotions in their homes.

They are also excited to announce the release of the second volume of the Family Worship Bible Guide in Arabic!

Please continue to pray for this ministry as they prepare for their tenth annual teaching conference in February.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. for Covenant’s performance of Dorothy Sayers’ radio drama *Kings in Judaea*. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the production.

An updated version of Covenant’s directory will soon be published. Please take a moment to verify the accuracy of your information in the draft located in the narthex. Please make any desired changes directly on the draft by Sunday, January 26 or contact the church office with updated information or pictures.

In preparation for a church-wide Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party on November 9, 2025, the OCC committee will collect donations for children ages 10–14 each month according to the schedule in church mailboxes. Baskets for donations will be placed near church entrances. January’s items are hats and gloves.

All men are encouraged to save the date for the Men’s Retreat at Spruce Lake in the Pocono Mountains on October 3–5.

A sign-up sheet for the next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld is available in the narthex. Attending the class does not obligate one to apply for membership, but is a requirement before meeting with the Session for a membership interview. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15–10:00 a.m.) and will meet February 9 to March 23 in the far narthex.

O Father, You Are Sovereign

*The Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Is. 14:27*

GOD: HIS SOVEREIGNTY

1. O Fa-ther, you are sov-ereign in all the worlds you made;  
2. O Fa-ther, you are sov-ereign in all af-fairs of man;  
3. O Fa-ther, you are sov-ereign, the Lord of hu-man pain,  
4. O Fa-ther, you are sov-ereign! We see you dim-ly now,

your might-y word was spo-ken and light and life o-beyed.  
no pow'rs of death or dark-ness can thwart your per-fect plan.  
trans-mut-ing earth-ly sor-rows to gold of heav'n-ly gain.  
but soon be-fore your tri-umph earth's ev-ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com-mands the sea-sons and bounds the o-cean's shore,  
All chance and change tran-scend-ing, su-preme in time and space,  
All e-vil o-ver-rul-ing, as none but Con-qu'ror could,  
With this glad hope be-fore us our faith springs up a-new:

sets stars with-in their cours-es and stills the tem-pest's roar.  
you hold your trust-ing chil-dren se-cure in your em-brace.  
your love pur-sues its pur-pose—our souls' e-ter-nal good.  
our sov-ereign Lord and Sav-ior, we trust and wor-ship you!

Margaret Clarkson, 1982

ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.8.D.  
Melchor Teschner, ca. 1616

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**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

**Sunday 1/5**            9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
                              10:00 a.m. Heart Hiders  
                              10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
                              4:30 p.m. Kings in Judaea  
                              6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Studies

**Monday 1/6**            7:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting

**Tuesday 1/7**            7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday 1/8**

**Thursday 1/9**            7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

**Friday 1/10**

**Saturday 1/11**            7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Henning's Market

**Sunday 1/12**            9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
                              10:00 a.m. Heart Hiders  
                              10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
                              11:45 a.m. Share Your Faith Meeting

**SUNDAY MORNING  
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**


	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Becky Snyder	A. Rohrman	Abigail English	Sarah Keating
<b>Heart Hiders</b>	Sharon Muhlfeld	Lydia Putnam	Joy Schmidt	Jonathon Leiser
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Sarah Walsh	C. Rutkowski	Barb Markwalter	Pam Taylor
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Caroline Smith	Jill Buhay Jasmine Muhlfeld	Sarah Iannotti Abbie Riggall	Kristen Jones Luke Snyder
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Alexa Sparks Amy Muhlfeld	Nicole Yates Jessica Fox	R. Kleeman Sam Kleeman	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro
<b>Junior Church 5s - grade 1</b> Room 112	Pam Taylor	Laura Wambold	Joy Malysz	Laura Wambold
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Jason Clement	Jason Clement	Katelyn Reist
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Debbie Schultz	Erna Fenchel	C. Rutkowski	Becky Snyder
<b>Greeters</b>	Jason & Ella Clement	Ken & Diane Dietterich	Jim & Diana Lowery	Bill Kramer
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Rutkowski George Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	Byron Childs Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Dan Benoit Rick Castor Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Jim Taylor	Tom Buhay Mark Kleeman Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel

**COVENANT  
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 CHURCH**



For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit [www.covpreschurch.org](http://www.covpreschurch.org)

*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.*



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