

# THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      If You Will Only Let God Guide You      Limbaugh

CALL TO WORSHIP      From Psalm 24:7,8,10

Leader:    Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

**People:    Who is this King of glory?**

Leader:    The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle!

**People:    Who is he, this King of glory?**

Leader:    The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory!

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 177      O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Our Father, we confess that our eyes are almost exclusively fixed on that which is visible. We forget the spiritual war that rages around us and are often caught off guard as a result. We succumb to the attacks of the enemy due to our carelessness, faithlessness, and prayerlessness. Forgive us our sins and enable us to stand in the grace of Christ, our mighty King, who has won the war for our souls on the cross and enables us to contend with Him for this generation. For we pray in His Name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Hebrews 9:27–28

Leader:    Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

\*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING      1 Samuel 5 (p. 228)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY      I Need Thee Every Hour      Lowry

\*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Ephesians 6:10–20 (p. 979)

\*\*HYMN 518      Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

SERMON      GOD AT WAR  
2 Samuel 5:17–25 (p. 258)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 575      Soldiers of Christ, Arise

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal      Martin

*\*Please stand if able*

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

*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 – Jim Nagy, John Rohrman  
Musician – Helen Ro  
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,  
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall, Peter & Rebecca Wells

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

*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*

# O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth

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*I looked and heard the voice of many angels... In a loud voice they sang, "Worthy is the Lamb." Rev. 5:11, 12*

1. O could I speak the matchless worth,  
 2. I'd sing the precious blood he spilt,  
 3. I'd sing the characters he bears,  
 4. Well, the delightful day will come

O could I sound the glories forth which in my Saviour shine,  
 my ransom from the dreadful guilt of sin, and wrath divine;  
 and all the forms of love he wears, exalted on his throne;  
 when my dear Lord will bring me home, and I shall see his face;

I'd soar, and touch the heav'nly strings, and vie with Gabriel  
 I'd sing his glorious righteousness, in which all-perfect,  
 in loftiest songs of sweetest praise, I would to ever-  
 then with my Saviour, Brother, Friend, a blest eterni-

while he sings in notes almost divine, in notes almost divine.  
 heav'nly dress my soul shall ever shine, my soul shall ever shine.  
 last days make all his glories known, make all his glories known.  
 ty I'll spend, triumphant in his grace, triumphant in his grace.

Samuel Medley, 1789

ARIEL 8.8.8.8.8.6.  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1756-1791  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

# Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

518

*To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21*

1. Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of  
 2. Let your love my heart in flame; keep your fear be-  
 3. Foun-tain of o'er-flowing grace, free-ly from your  
 4. Firm-ly trust-ing in your blood, noth-ing shall my  
 5. Thus, O thus, an en-trance give to the land of

all my joy, still in you may I be found, still for  
 fore my sight; be your praise my high-est aim; be your  
 ful-ness give; till I close my earth-ly race, may I  
 heart con-found; safe-ly I shall pass the flood, safe-ly  
 cloud-less sky; hav-ing known it "Christ to live," let me

you my pow'rs em-ploy, still for you my pow'rs em-ploy.  
 smile my chief de-light, be your smile my chief de-light.  
 prove it "Christ to live," may I prove it "Christ to live."  
 reach Im-man-uel's ground, safe-ly reach Im-man-uel's ground.  
 know it "gain to die," let me know it "gain to die."

Ralph Wardlaw, 1817  
Mod.

HENDON 7.7.7.7. mod.  
Henri A. Casar Malan, 1827

# Soldiers of Christ, Arise

575

*Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God. Eph. 6:10, 11*

1. Sol-diers of Christ, a-rise, and put your ar-mor on,  
 2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength en-dued;  
 3. To keep your ar-mor bright, at-tend with con-stant care;

strong in the strength which God sup-plies through his e-ter-nal Son,  
 but take, to arm you for the fight, the pan-o-ply of God.  
 still walk-ing in your Cap-tain's sight, and watch-ing un-to prayer.

Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his might-y pow'r,  
 Leave no un-guard-ed place, no weak-ness of the soul;  
 From strength to strength go on; wres-tle and fight and pray;

who in the strength of Je-sus trusts is more than con-quer-or,  
 take ev-'ry vir-tue, ev-'ry grace, and for-ti-fy the whole,  
 tread all the pow'rs of dark-ness down, and win the well-fought day.

Charles Wesley, 1749

DIADEMATA S.M.D.  
George J. Elvey, 1865

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us on Saturday, January 25 for a Celebration of Life Service for Mark Childs, who entered glory on December 29, 2024. The service will be at 2:00 p.m. with a time of family visitation from 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Please join us on Saturday, February 1 for a Memorial Service praising God for the life of Jean Daniels, who entered glory on December 31, 2024. The service will be at 11:00 a.m. with a time of family visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to a lunch reception following the service.

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.

Please check the lost and found in the narthex coat closet before its contents are donated January 31.

All are invited to a video showing of Sight & Sound’s *Noah* while enjoying a brown bagged lunch on Tuesday, February 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Covenant. Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP in the narthex by February 2 and contact Joan Freed with questions.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 1/19</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Trailblazer Boys & Youth Group
<b>Monday 1/20</b>		
<b>Tuesday 1/21</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
<b>Wednesday 1/22</b>		
<b>Thursday 1/23</b>	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Ministry Committee Meeting
<b>Friday 1/24</b>		
<b>Saturday 1/25</b>	12:30 p.m.	Family Greeting Time
	2:00 p.m.	Celebration of Life Service for Mark Childs
<b>Sunday 1/26</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Parent Dinner at McMillan’s Home

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



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## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

### *Health Related*

*Rita Hageman*  
*Joan Keyt*  
*Barbara Kolbe*  
*David Wynn*

### *Expecting*

*Sarah Walsh (Due March 18)*  
*Kristen Jones (Due April 16)*  
*Rebecca Childs (Due May 3)*  
*Joy Malysz (Due June 3)*

### *Grieving*

*Childs Family*  
*Daniels/ Zachmann Family*

### *Missions*

Richard Crane is the Mission to the World liaison to Cuba, maintaining relationships with pastors and leaders in the church there. Richard is praising God that despite the emigration of pastors and members from the church in Cuba and continued power outages, the more powerful light of the gospel in the believers’ hearts has not been dimmed. In the new church plant in Havana they see more and more new people coming to their church services. Ministering to children has become a significant bridge to the hearts of the parents in the neighborhood. Please continue to pray for this new church plant. On January 5, Richard began teaching two eight-week Thirdmill Seminary online courses on an introduction to counseling, one in English and one in Spanish. Pray that these courses will give church leaders the skills necessary to be effective counselors. Please also pray for the trip to Havana that the Cranes will be taking from January 18–26. Richard will be preaching in two churches, conducting a three-day workshop with the new church plant congregation on developing healthy spirituality, and one day on the gospel and marriage. He also will be addressing the network of approximately eighty church planters and leaders on the topic “Peace in the Midst of Difficult Situations.”

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	January 19	January 26	February 2	February 9
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Abigail English	E. Waltenbaugh	Nancy Hillman	E. Waltenbaugh
<b>Heart Hiders</b>	Joy Schmidt	Jonathon Leiser	Ashley O'Hara	Denise Brill
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Barb Markwalter	Pam Taylor	Cathy Nagy	C. Grosshanten
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Sarah Iannotti Abbie Riggall	Kristen Jones Luke Snyder	Caroline Smith Lydia Moyer	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	R. Kleeman Sam Kleeman	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	Mary Riggall Abbie Riggall	Julia Smith Jessica Fox
<b>Junior Church 5s – grade 1</b> Room 112	Joy Malysz	Laura Wambold	Joy Malysz	Paul & Lynn Wichert
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Jason Clement	M. Medendorp	Katelyn Reist	Katelyn Reist
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	C. Rutkowski	Becky Snyder	Debbie Schultz	Marie Baldwin
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim & Diana Lowery	Bill Kramer	Kathe Vannoy	Paul & Marie Baldwin
<b>Ushers</b>	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	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

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*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.*