

# THE LORD'S DAY

February 25, 2024

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Pastorale on “God Cares” Martin/Dixon

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 99

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**People: Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!**

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**People: For the LORD our God is holy!**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Father in heaven, you have written your law on our hearts. You have told us in your Word what is good and what you require of us. But we are rebellious and stubborn. We would rather do what pleases ourselves rather than what pleases you. Left to ourselves, we would perish under the curse of your law. So forgive us, we pray, for our persistent disobedience, and give us the desire and ability, by your Spirit, to live as you have redeemed us in Christ Jesus to live. We ask this in his Name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 3:13–14

Leader: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

\*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 119:89–112  
(responsive, hymnal p. 830)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY In Christ Alone Getty/Fettke

\*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 7:7–25 (p. 943)

\*\*HYMN 561 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

SERMON WHY DID GOD GIVE THE LAW?  
Galatians 3:15–24 (p. 973)  
Rev. John Rohrman

\*HYMN 503 Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord Lovelace/Forrest

*\*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 — Bob McIntyre, John Muhlfeld

Musicians — Covenant Musicians, 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*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

Chords: G C F C Am Dm G C 7 Am Em Am D G

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Chords: C F Dm G C F E G C F C Dm G C 7

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
 with all their lives and cares,  
 are carried downward by your flood,  
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 bears all its sons away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come:  
 O be our guard while troubles last,  
 and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90  
 Isaac Watts, 1719  
 Alt. 1960, mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.  
 Arr. by William Croft, 1678-1727  
 Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1768

PSALM 119:89-112

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

**Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.**

Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you.

**If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.**

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.

**Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts.**

The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes.

**To all perfection I see a limit; but your commands are boundless.**

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

**Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.**

I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

**I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.**

I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

**I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.**

I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

**Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.**

Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.

**The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

**My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

The things you have heard me say ... entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Tim. 2:2

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing ech - oes of your tone;  
 2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious things you do im - part;  
 3. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my ver - y heart o'er - flow  
 4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you will and when and where;

as you have sought, so let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
 and wing my words, that they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 in kin - dling thought and glow - ing word your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 un - til your bless - ed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Frances R. Havergal, 1872  
 Mod.

CANONBURY L.M.  
 Robert Schumann, 1839; arr.

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS  
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for a performance of Dorothy Sayers' radio drama "Kings in Judea" tonight at 6:00 p.m. followed by refreshments and fellowship.

The youth group will be hosting a taco night fundraiser at Covenant on Saturday, March 9. The buffet will be open 5:00-6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to stay and eat with friends at the church or take food home to enjoy. Please sign up in the narthex by March 3 and direct any questions to John Rohrman.

Easter lily order forms are available in the narthex. Please return the form and payment to the church office by March 10.

The senior fellowship will gather at the church for a pulled pork lunch on Wednesday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. followed by a presentation entitled "Why Camp?" by Dr. Fred Putnam highlighting his time camping in the Adirondacks with incoming Templeton Honors College students. Please note that this event is on a Wednesday, as opposed to the normal Tuesday meeting time. Sign up in the narthex to bring a starch, vegetable side, or dessert to share by March 3. Meat, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Please contact Joan Freed with questions.

The grass will soon be growing and volunteers are needed to help keep our property in great shape. Whether you are a seasoned mower or a novice, we invite you to join a three-person team and help a few times a year. If interested, please complete the form found in your church mailbox and return it to Bob McClurken's mailbox or the church office by March 31.

Covenant is once again forming a softball team! Our team offers men and women (age 15 and older) the opportunity to have fun and fellowship in an athletic environment. If you are interested in participating, please sign up in the narthex and contact Jeff Carrier with questions.

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

503 **Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night**  
THE WAY OF SALVATION:  
 He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Is. 61:1

1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row, and night, Je - sus, I come,  
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come,  
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come,  
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come.

Je - sus, I come; in - to thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light,  
 Je - sus, I come; in - to the glo - rious gain of thy cross,  
 Je - sus, I come; in - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide,  
 Je - sus, I come; in - to the joy and light of thy home.

Je - sus, I come to thee; out of my sick - ness  
 Je - sus, I come to thee; out of earth's sor - rows  
 Je - sus, I come to thee; out of my - self to  
 Je - sus, I come to thee; out of the depths of

in - to thy health, out of my want and in - to thy wealth,  
 in - to thy halm, out of life's storms and in - to thy calm,  
 dwell in thy love, out of de - spir in - to rap - tures a - bove,  
 ru - in un - told, in - to the peace of thy shel - ter - ing fold,

FAITH IN CHRIST

out of my sin and in - to thy - self, Je - sus, I come to thee.  
 out of dis - tress to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to thee.  
 up - ward for aye on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to thee.  
 ev - er thy glo - rious face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to thee.

W. T. Stepp, 1887  
 JESUS, I COME  
 George C. Stepp, 1987

**Health Related**

- Gary Bentley
- Rita Hageman
- Matt Johnston
- Joan Keyt
- Barbara Kolbe
- Alexa Sparks
- Mary Lisa Vidunas

**Grieving**

- Triggs Family

**Missions**

David is the former Mid-Atlantic Coordinator for Reformed University Fellowship. He and his wife Ruth have been preparing for their new ministry in Southeast Asia, where they will be assisting churches as they explore, establish, and expand campus ministries across the region. There are a total of thirty-eight million students in forty-three hundred universities. Five countries in Southeast Asia are predominantly Muslim and five are Buddhist. They will be making strategic decisions about reaching them.

David and Ruth praise God that after 6 months of delay, they have been granted visas! They are now free to purchase airline tickets and do all the final preparations for departure, which they hope will be the middle of March.

David would appreciate prayer for the following:

- Praise and thank God for our visas!
- Pray for wisdom and guidance in selecting a flight, and for all travel details
- Pray for wisdom, focus, and energy to complete the final packing and house projects
- Pray against problems and delays

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**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

**Sunday 2/25**  
 8:30 a.m. Share Your Faith Meeting  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Heart Hiders  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 11:45 a.m. Adult Choir Practice  
 11:45 a.m. Adult Bell Choir Practice  
 6:00 p.m. "Kings in Judea" Radio Drama and refreshments

**Monday 2/26**

**Tuesday 2/27**  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday 2/28**

**Thursday 2/29**

**Friday 3/1**

**Saturday 3/2**  
 9:00 a.m. Women in Prayer

**Sunday 3/3**  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Heart Hiders  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 11:45 a.m. Adult Choir Practice  
 11:45 a.m. Adult Bell Choir Practice  
 12:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Studies

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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**SUNDAY MORNING  
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

	February 25	March 3	March 10	March 17
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Ashley Benoit	Nancy Hillman	Kelly Little	Carolyn Ford
<b>Heart Hiders</b>	Ella Clement	Sarah Keating	Mary Slemmer Diana Lowery	Ashley O'Hara
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Anna Finegan	Betty Shaw	Cathy Nagy	Mary Riggall
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Diane Dietterich Amy Muhlfeld	Danielle Moyer Heidi Moyer Lydia Moyer	E. Waltenbaugh Jasmine Muhlfeld	Julia Smith Sarah Rutkowski
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Yvonne Marshall Makayla Marshall	Jill Buhay Abbie Clement	K. Hoogenhuis D. Rutkowski	Barb Nelson Sam Kleeman
<b>Junior Church 5s - grade 1</b> Room 112	Paul & Lynn Wichert	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	Pam Taylor
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Steve Rutkowski	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Sean Finegan
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Holly Rorex	Heidi Fisher	Pat Stoner	Denise Brill
<b>Greeters</b>	Jonathon Leiser	Katelyn Reist	Thomas & Liana Potgieter	Larry & Pat Stoner
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Benoit Tom Buhay Jake Barbadoro Caleb Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel	Steve Rutkowski Byron Childs Charlie Burger Jim Lowery Ben Muench Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	David Schmidt Andy Ford 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.*