

THE LORD’S DAY

March 3, 2024

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Mason/Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above!

People: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

People: Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 100 Holy, Holy, Holy

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, we confess how often we forget the need for repentance in our daily Christian lives. It comes naturally to us to justify, excuse, or ignore our sin, but doing so always dishonors you and hampers our spiritual growth. Help us to detect our sin. Help us to hate our sin. Help us to look to you for grace through our Lord Jesus Christ that we might turn from sin unto righteousness. For it is in his Name that we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 6:35,40

Leader: Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

\*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55 (p. 615)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY Grace Greater Than Our Sin Towner/Innes

\*DOXOLOGY 733

\*\*NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:11–32 (p. 874)

SERMON THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE  
Psalm 32 (p. 462)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 486 God, Be Merciful to Me

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (hymnal p. 845)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE There Is a Fountain 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 — Juan Estevez, Wayne Shaw  
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

## Holy, Holy, Holy!

THE HOLY TRINITY

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!

Reginald Heber, 1763-1826

NICAEN 11.12.12.10  
 John B. Dykes, 1861

## God, Be Merciful to Me

THE WAY OF SALVATION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Ps. 51:1

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;  
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.  
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;  
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;  
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;  
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.  
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,  
 make my spirit right and true;  
 cast me not away from thee,  
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
 thy salvation's joy impart,  
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me  
 and return, O God, to thee;  
 Savior, all my guilt remove,  
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;  
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

From Psalm 51:1-15  
 The Psalter, 1912

REDHEAD 76 7.7.7.7.7.7.  
 Richard Redhead, 1853

THE  
APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended into hell.  
 The third day he rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings.  
 It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed  
 into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

## Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

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*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 - flow - ing 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. César Malan, 1827CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS  
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE*Health Related**Gary Bentley**Rita Hageman**Matt Johnston**Joan Keyt**Barbara Kolbe**Alexa Sparks**Mary Lisa Vidunas**Grieving**Triggs Family**Missions*

From March 9 to March 16, Rachel Rutkowski will join a team of 19 Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) students and staff from the University of Pittsburgh and West Virginia University and teams from two other universities as they travel to the Yakama Indian Reservation in Yakama, Washington with Sacred Road Ministries. Their main avenue of service will be a children's ministry program, doing activities such as crafts, games, and Bible Stories (similar to Vacation Bible School). They will also take part in a construction project although those details are not known yet. On past trips, the teams helped assemble a new playground, cut and hauled logs, and repaired the roof of a person's home. For some team members, this will be their first short-term mission trip. For others, this may be their first cross-cultural experience as a new believer in Christ. Their plane leaves Pittsburgh at 8 a.m. on March 9 and returns at 10 p.m. on March 16. Please pray for the following:

- Harmony among the group, positive attitudes, and good health for all team members
- Safety and punctuality during travels
- Open hearts for those on the reservation, especially the kids at the camp, that they would hear of the truths of the Gospel and believe in the One who sent His Son to die for the sins of His people

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

After twenty-seven years of planning, two years of concentrated prayer and research, and a positive congregational vote in October, we are ready to begin the fundraising phase for our new fellowship hall. A letter has been distributed to church mailboxes and via *Covenant Update* explaining how you may help us raise the funds that are needed to begin construction. Please pray for the process and if you have questions, please contact any church officer at any time.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the youth group 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 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.

All women are invited to come and join their voices in song at a hymn sing on Saturday, March 23 in the sanctuary from 10:00–11:00 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex by March 17 and contact Liana Potgieter with questions.

This year's Easter breakfast will take place on Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex by March 24 to bring a family-size breakfast dish, fruit salad, or pastry. You may also indicate your availability to help with cleanup. Please note there will be no Sunday School for children or adults and that the worship service will follow the breakfast at 10:30 a.m.

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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
Monday 3/4	7:00	p.m.	Christian Ed. Com. Meeting
Tuesday 3/5	7:00	p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday 3/6			
Thursday 3/7	6:30	p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 3/8			
Saturday 3/9	7:30	a.m.	Men’s Breakfast at Henning’s Market
	5:00	p.m.	Taco Night Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip
Sunday 3/10	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00	a.m.	Read the Bible 2024 Fellowship Meeting
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Practice

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

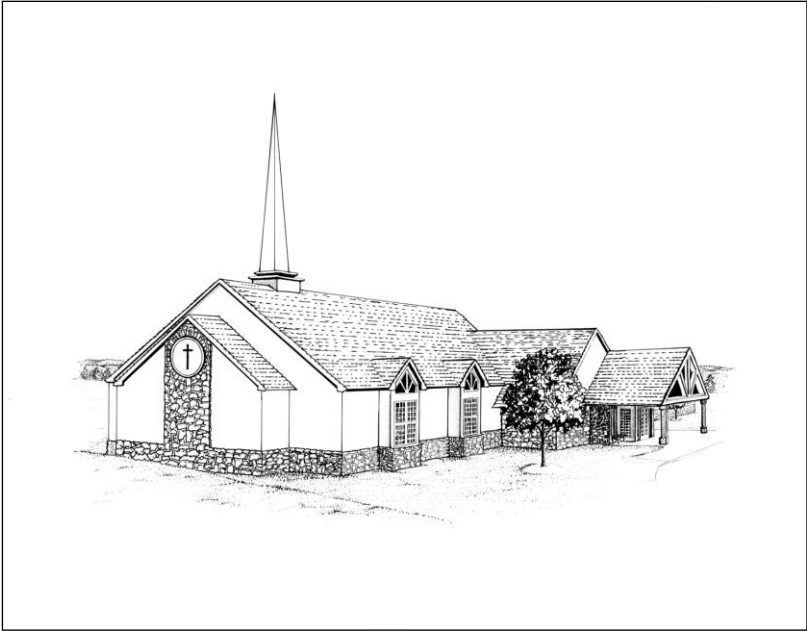


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SUNDAY MORNING  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Nancy Hillman	Kelly Little	Carolyn Ford	Becky Snyder
<b>Heart Hiders</b>	Sarah Keating	Mary Slemmer Diana Lowery	Ashley O’Hara	Denise Brill
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Betty Shaw	Cathy Nagy	Mary Riggall	Anna Finegan
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Danielle Moyer Heidi Moyer Lydia Moyer	E. Waltenbaugh Jasmine Muhlfeld	Julia Smith Sarah Rutkowski	Kristen Jones Amy Muhlfeld
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Jill Buhay Abbie Clement	K. Hoogenhuis D. Rutkowski	Barb Nelson Sam Kleeman	Yvonne Marshall Kylie Marshall
<b>Junior Church 5s – grade 1</b> Room 112	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	Pam Taylor	A. McMillan
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Sean Finegan	Steve Rutkowski
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Heidi Fisher	Pat Stoner	Denise Brill	Debbie Schultz
<b>Greeters</b>	Katelyn Reist	Thomas & Liana Potgieter	Larry & Pat Stoner	Jason & Ella Clement
<b>Ushers</b>	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	Dan Benoit Tom Buhay Jake Barbadoro Caleb Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel

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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.*