

# THE LORD’S DAY

April 7, 2024

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                  What Wondrous Love Is This                  Behnke

Call to Worship    From Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

**People: Great is our LORD and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.**

Leader: The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

**People: Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.**

Leader: The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

## INVOCATION

\*HYMN 73    Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Father in heaven, we are not worthy to be called your children. You have loved us and met all of our needs, but we continually disobey the parental instructions you have given us for our own good. Our sin before a watching world brings shame on your holy Name. Our mistreatment and neglect of our brothers and sisters causes disorder in your household. And our betrayal against you brings you grief. For all the ways we fall short as your sons and daughters, we ask your forgiveness because of your faithful and beloved Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his Name that we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON    1 John 3:2–3

Leader: Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

\*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING    Hosea 11:1–11 (p. 757)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY                  Lift High the Cross                  Nicholson/Lopez

\*DOXOLOGY 733

\*\*NEW TESTAMENT READING    Romans 8:12–25 (p. 944)

SERMON    BUT WAIT ... THERE’S MORE!  
Galatians 3:25–4:7 (p. 974)  
Rev. John Rohrman

\*HYMN 253    There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH    Westminster Confession of Faith  
Chapter XII (hymnal p. 855)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

\*HYMN 264    Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                  Crown Him with Many Crown                  Elvey/Keveren

*\*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 – Steve Bikle, John Rohrman

Musicians – Adult Bell Choir, 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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Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. Ps. 47:1

1. Re - joice, all peo - ple, hom - age give, to God with voice of tri - umph sing;  
 2. He puts the na - tions un - der us and makes us all tri - um - phant stand;  
 3. God has as - cend - ed with a shout, Je - ho - vah with the trum - pet's sound;  
 4. Our God is King of all the earth, with thought - ful heart his praise make known;  
 5. To praise and serve our cov - nant God the princ - es of the earth draw nigh;

he rules us in dread maj - es - ty, the great, the u - ni - ver - sal King.  
 he gives us for our her - i - tage his prom - ised rest, a good - ly land.  
 • sing praise to God our King, sing praise, yes, let his glo - rious praise a - bound.  
 o'er all the na - tions God does reign, ex - alt - ed on his ho - ly throne.  
 all king - ly pow'rs be - long to him, he is ex - alt - ed, God Most High.

From Psalm 47  
 The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990, mod.

TRUJO L.M.  
 Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

JESUS CHRIST

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. Zech. 13:1

1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;  
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;  
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,  
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:  
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:  
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:  
 till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:

lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;  
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;  
 • and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;  
 be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.  
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William Cowper, 1771  
 Mod.

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 Lowell Mason, 1830

CHAPTER XII  
 Of Adoption

I. All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God, have his name put upon them, receive the Spirit of adoption, have access to

the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry, Abba, Father, are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by him, as by a father: yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption; and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

## Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 6:14

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,  
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er.

free to all— a heal - ing stream—flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its sha - dow o'er me,  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

REFRAIN  
 In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1899

NEAR THE CROSS 7.6.7.6. ml.  
William H. Doane, 1860

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Throughout the year, please pray for and encourage elder-in-training Thomas Potgieter. Thank you for your prayers for all our officers as they seek to serve with grace, humility, and dependence on the Lord.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the youth group Caribbean dinner fundraiser at Covenant on Saturday, April 13. The buffet will be open from 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.

Please save the date for the annual spring workday on Saturday, April 13 from 8 a.m.–1:00 p.m. You may arrive at any time and stay as little or as long as your schedule allows. Men, women, and families are welcome. Please bring a shovel, wheelbarrow, rake, and work gloves if you have them. You may contact Tom Buhay with questions.

Covenant's Vacation Bible School theme this year is *Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God*. There are many ways you can volunteer to help with this exciting event. Check your church mailbox for a volunteer form or pick one up in the narthex. Please return the forms to Sharon Muhlfeld by May 5 or simply email her with your preference for serving. This year's VBS dates are June 23–27.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 4/7</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Studies
<b>Monday 4/8</b>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
<b>Tuesday 4/9</b>	11:30 a.m.	Senior Fellowship Brunch
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday 4/10</b>		Office closed
<b>Thursday 4/11</b>	7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
<b>Friday 4/12</b>		
<b>Saturday 4/13</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Henning's Market
	8:00 a.m.	Spring Workday (until 1:00 p.m.)
	1:00 p.m.	Softball Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Caribbean Dinner Fundraiser
<b>Sunday 4/14</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00 a.m.	Read the Bible 2024 Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting

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

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	E. Waltenbaugh	Abigail English	C. Rutkowski	Ashely Benoit
<b>Heart Hiders</b>	D. Dietterich	TBD	Dan Hillman	Diane Dietterich
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Betty Shaw	Pam Taylor	Barb Markwalter	Caroline Smith
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Ashley Benoit Abbie Clement	Nicole Yates Abbie Riggall	Kristen Jones Sarah Rutkowski	Abigail English Ruth Clement
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	E. Waltenbaugh Rosie Finegan	Alexa Sparks Addie Witmer	K. Hoogenhuis D. Rutkowski	R. Kleeman Sam Kleeman
<b>Junior Church 5s – grade 1</b> Room 112	Joy Malysz	Joy Malysz	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Paul & Lynn Wichert
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Mike & Pam Elwell	Mike & Pam Elwell	Katelyn Reist	Katelyn Reist
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Diane Dietterich	Ella Clement	Martha Moody	Kerstin Trapp
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob & Linda Witmer	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Jim & Diana Lowery	Bob & Kim Kenderdine
<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

## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

### *Health Related*

Rita Hageman  
Joan Keyt  
Barbara Kolbe  
Diana Lowery  
Mary Lisa Vidunas

### *Expecting*

Emily Waltenbaugh (Sept. 20)

### *Missions*

Lieutenant Peter Lee serves as a Navy chaplain under the care of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

Chaplain Lee recently returned from a trip to England where chaplains and ten midshipmen hiked through the countryside to various historical churches, ending at the Canterbury Cathedral. The group used John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* as the theme for their daily devotional. The midshipmen were inspired and edified in their Christian journey and understanding of the gospel.

In family news, Chaplain Lee reports that their oldest son was able to compete with his swim club at a state competition. Their daughter will be entering middle school next fall, and they are asking for prayer that she would be selected for a STEM school. Chaplain Lee's wife, Okhui, has volunteered to be one of the third grade Sunday School teachers at their church and is excited about this opportunity to serve.

Please continue to pray for the chaplain and his ministry at the Naval Academy.

# 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.*