

# THE LORD'S DAY

April 14, 2024

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      Andante Sostenuto                      Lau

CALL TO WORSHIP    From Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you his people!

**People: Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise him as long as life endures!**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes who cannot save. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

**People: God upholds the cause of the oppressed. He feeds the hungry, sets the prisoners free, and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 77    Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Our Father, we confess that our sinful thoughts, words, and actions come from hearts that have been darkened by sin. Left to ourselves, we actually love the darkness because our deeds are evil. Forgive us, we pray. Lift our eyes to Jesus, the Light of the world. Enable us to trust in his atoning work on the cross. May his light shine through us so that the world will see your glory and give praise to you. For we pray in Jesus' 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 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING    Jeremiah 1 (p. 627)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY                      Praise the Savior, Now and Ever                      Fortunatus

\*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING    Acts 26:1–23 (p. 935)

\*\*HMR 8    God's Sufficient Word

SERMON    DARK TIMES, RADIANT GOSPEL  
2 Timothy 1:1–2 (p. 995)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 67    Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE    Trumpet Voluntary    Young

*\*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 – Rob Barbadoro, Peter Wells

Musicians – Chamber 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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### Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

GOD:

*Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,  
O my soul. Ps. 103:22*

Unison A7 Bm D7 G D Bm

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav-en, to his feet your  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa-vor to our fa-thers  
3. Fa-ther-like, he tends and spares us; well our fee-ble  
4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour-ish, blows the wind and  
5. An-gels, help us to a-dore him; you be-hold him

F#m C#7 F#m7 D A7 Bm D G D

trib-ute bring; ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en,  
in dis-tress; praise him, still the same for-ev-er,  
frame he knows; in his hands he gent-ly bears us,  
it is gone; but while mor-tals rise and per-ish,  
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be-fore him,

A Bdim7 A E7 A Em7 F#m

who, like me, his praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia!  
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia!  
res-cues us from all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia!  
God en-dures un-chang-ing on. Al-le-lu-ia!  
dwell-ers all in time and space. Al-le-lu-ia!

Em7 D D7 G D Bm Em7 A7 D 7

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the ev-er-last-ing King.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-rious in his faith-ful-ness.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Wide-ly as his mer-cy goes.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the High E-ter-nal One.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

From Psalm 103  
Henry F. Ljón, 1834; mod.  
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Mark Andrews, 1990

### God's Sufficient Word

*All scripture is God-breathed. 2 Tim. 3:16*

1. When God from heav-en gave his Word, his  
2. Suf-fi-cient for God's work in me: my  
3. Suf-fi-cient too in dai-ly strife, pro-  
4. Suf-fi-cient! If I stoop to sin, God's  
5. So I will take God's Book and read, to

Word was all-suf-fi-cient; it needs no words I  
soul's re-gen-er-a-tion, a life in which good  
vid-ing clear di-rec-tions for how to live a  
Word will soon cor-rect me, and if I wan-der  
learn what God de-sires; the Bi-ble gives the

may have heard to add to or be in it.  
works will be the fruit of my sal-va-tion.  
god-ly life, cre-a-ting right af-fec-tions.  
from God's way, his Word will re-di-rect me.  
strength I need to do what God re-quires.

Based on 2 Timothy 3:16,17  
James Montgomery Boice, 2000

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SUFFICIENT  
8.7.8.7.  
Paul S. Jones, 2000

### Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven

GOD:

*Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love  
and faithfulness. Ps. 115:1*

1. Not un-to us, O Lord of heav'n, but un-to  
2. Let Is-rael trust in God a-lone, the Lord whose  
3. All you that fear him and a-dore, the Lord in-

you be glo-ry giv'n; in love and truth you do ful-  
grace and pow'r are known; to him your full al-le-giance  
crease you more and more; both great and small who him con-

fil the coun-sels of your sov-ereign will; though na-tions  
yield, and he will be your help and shield. All those who  
fess, you and your chil-dren he will bless. Yes, we will

fail your pow'r to own, yet you do reign, and you a-lone.  
fear him God will bless; his saints have proved his faith-ful-ness.  
ev-er bless his name; praise you the Lord, his praise pro-claim.

From Psalm 115:1-3, 9-14, 18  
The Psalter, 1912; mod.

GAIRNEY BRIDGE 8.8.8.8.8.8.  
Ernest R. Kroeger, 1862-1934

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us next Sunday morning, as Dr. Bruce McDowell, cofounder and president of Santiago Theological Seminary in the Dominican Republic will be teaching adult Sunday School and preaching.

The men's ministry is hosting a one-day spring retreat at Covenant on Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The theme is "Pursing the Good Life." The day will consist of discussing what constitutes a "good life" in God's eyes and how we may pursue it in the grace He provides, as well as completing projects around the church and enjoying fellowship with one another. Breakfast will be provided. For lunch, burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP in the narthex by May 5 and contact Jeff Currier with questions.

The Senior Fellowship will gather at the church for a covered bridge road rally on May 14 followed by lunch at Lumberville General Store at 1:00 p.m. Cars will depart Covenant at 10:00 a.m. for a driving tour of five bridges, primarily in Pipersville and Erwinna. Please complete the form found in your church mailbox, or in the narthex, by April 28. Contact Joan Freed 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 4/14</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
<b>Monday 4/15</b>		
<b>Tuesday 4/16</b>	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday 4/17</b>		Young Adult Trivia Night
<b>Thursday 4/18</b>	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting
<b>Friday 4/19</b>		
<b>Saturday 4/20</b>	8:00 a.m.	Spring Workday Rain Date (until 1:00 p.m.)
	9:00 a.m.	Women in Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Softball Practice
<b>Sunday 4/21</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
	5:30 p.m.	Chamber Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Sonflower Girls, Trailblazer Boys, & Youth Group

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*

*Diana Lowery*

*Mary Lisa Vidumas*

### *Expecting*

*Emily Waltenbaugh (Sept. 20)*

### *Missions*

Shibu Oommen and his wife Mary are serving with Evangelism Explosion International. In a recent newsletter Shibu reminds us of the sacrifices that had to be offered every day by the Israelites to pay for their sins. Two lambs, one in the morning and one in the evening, along with grain, oil and wine. This is the daily sacrifice that would be required of us if Christ did not pay for all our sins once and for all. He encourages us to share this good news with our Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, and Catholic friends who are working hard to be relieved from their sins through their own works.

Shibu and others in his group continue their outreach on Millersville and Kutztown University campuses and have had many fruitful conversations with students there. Unfortunately, another "Christian" group recently visited Millersville and spoke to students in a very condemning way. Shibu is hopeful that this will not harm his ministry there as people have gotten to know his group and value their work. Please pray for the following:

- that the seeds they have planted with students would grow in good soil
- for protection and good witness on the campuses
- for the three Share Your Faith workshops scheduled for this month
- for continued healing for Shibu's hand

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Abigail English	C. Rutkowski	Ashely Benoit	Sarah Keating
<b>Heart Hiders</b>	Ella Clement	Dan Hillman	Diane Dietterich	Nancy Hillman
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Pam Taylor	Barb Markwalter	Caroline Smith	Betty Shaw
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Nicole Yates Abbie Riggall	Kristen Jones Sarah Rutkowski	Abigail English Ruth Clement	Diane Dietterich Lydia Moyer
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Alexa Sparks Addie Witmer	K. Hoogenhuis D. Rutkowski	R. Kleeman Sam Kleeman	Mary Riggall Abbie Riggall
<b>Junior Church 5s – grade 1</b> Room 112	Joy Malysz	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Laura Wambold
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Mike & Pam Elwell	Katelyn Reist	Katelyn Reist	David & Joy Schmidt
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Ella Clement	Martha Moody	Kerstin Trapp	C. Propsner
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Jim & Diana Lowery	Bob & Kim Kenderdine	Bill Kramer
<b>Ushers</b>	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	Steve Rutkowski Byron Childs Charlie Burger Jim Lowery Ben Muench Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski

# 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.*