THE LORD'S DAY

May 5, 2024

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE To You, O Lord, I Call Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:1–3

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall

continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the

humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his

name together!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 167 When Morning Gilds the Skies

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: O God of mercy and grace, our sins are too real to conceal, too profound to undo, and too heavy to carry. Please forgive us what our lips tremble to declare, and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from the past that we cannot change, and open us to the future where we can change, and grant us grace to grow more and more in the likeness of your Son Jesus. We pray in His Name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

Leader: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:8-16 (p. 59)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY The Meditations of My Heart Hagenberg

*Doxology 733

**NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 2:1–6 (p. 1021)

SERMON

TO OBEY IS BETTER 1 Samuel 15:1–23 (p. 237) Rev. Steve Ford

*HYMN 488

Remember Not, O God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 1-3 (hymnal p. 869)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 500

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Behnke

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*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 – John Muhlfeld, Thomas Potgieter
Musicians – Adult Choir, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall, Peter & Rebecca Wells

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JESUS CHRIST:

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Ps. 34:1



- Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised. Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply: May Jesus Christ be praised.
- Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

German, ca. 1800 Tr. by Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858 LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.D. Joseph Barnby, 1868 THE WAY OF SALVATION:

STEEPLE ASHTON S.M. John Barnard, b. 1948

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From Psalm 79:8-13 The Psalter, 1912; mod.

Remember Not, O God

Do not hold against us the sins of the fathers. Ps. 79:8



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1. Q. What is the chief end of man?

- A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.
- 2. Q. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?
 - A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

3. Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. FAITH IN CHRIST



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning it is our pleasure to welcome Rev. Steve Ford to the pulpit. Pastor Ford is an ordained minister in the PCA and is now retired, having previously served as Senior Pastor at Covenant from 1990–2004.

Today is the last day to return VBS volunteer forms to Sharon Muhlfeld. 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. This year's VBS dates are June 23–27.

Today is the last day to RSVP in the narthex for the men's ministry one-day spring retreat at Covenant on Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. The day will consist of discussing what constitutes a "good life" in God's eyes, as well as completing projects around the church, and enjoying fellowship with one another. Please contact Jeff Currier with questions.

Today is the last day to return order forms to John Rohrman for Mother's Day flower bouquets that help support the youth mission trip to Jamaica. Bouquets may be picked up in the far narthex after the service on Sunday, May 12. Thank you for praying for ongoing trip preparations!

All women are invited to a pot your own plant event on Saturday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Covenant's pavilion. Invite your mother, daughter, grandmother, friend, or neighbor for a relaxed time of fellowship. Sign up in the narthex by May 12.

If you or a loved one from Covenant are celebrating a graduation this year from high school, college, graduate, trade, or professional school, please contact the church office to be recognized before the worship service on June 2.

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 5/5	9:15 10:00 10:30 11:45 11:45 12:45	a.m. a.m. a.m. a.m. a.m. p.m.	Sunday School Heart Hiders Worship Service Adult Choir Practice Chamber Choir Practice New Member Lunch at
	6:00	p.m.	Muhlfeld Home Youth Mission Trip Meeting
Monday 5/6	6:30	p.m.	Softball Game at Line Lexington Field
Tuesday 5/7	7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 5/8			
Thursday 5/9	6:30	p.m.	Softball Game at Branchwood Park
	7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Friday 5/10			
Saturday 5/11	8:00 11:00	a.m.	Men's Spring Retreat at CPC Youth Arrange Mother's Day Flowers
Sunday 5/12	9:15 10:00 10:00 10:30 11:45	a.m. a.m. a.m. a.m.	Sunday School Heart Hiders Read the Bible 2024 Fellowship Worship Service Adult Choir Practice



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Expecting

Rita Hageman

Emily Waltenbaugh (Sept. 20)

Joan Keyt

Barbara Kolbe Diana Lowery

Grieving
Nagy Family

Sandra Phillips

Ryan Family

Bob Thompson Debra Triggs

Mary Lisa Vidunas

Missions

After a long wait, David and Ruth are finally in Southeast Asia beginning their new ministry.

They will be assisting churches as they explore, establish, and expand campus ministries across the region.

The theme of their first few weeks has been "adjusting"—to a very different climate, the metro system, Grab cars (Uber equivalent), food, shopping, finances, utilities, etc. They also were able to participate in their first team retreat. It was a refreshing and productive time, including a good beginning discussion about the scope and limits of their work on college campuses. David will be having weekly meetings to discuss the particulars of his job. Both he and Ruth have been meeting many people in their neighborhood and church. Most speak English but with a great diversity of accents.

David admits having some difficulty understanding them but hopes to improve in this area.

David and Ruth would appreciate prayer for the following:

- -further discussions and clarity about the scope and nature of their ministry
- -growing relationships in church and neighborhood
- -growing ability to pick up diverse accents

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Sarah Keating	Nancy Hillman	Carolyn Ford	Ashely Benoit
Heart Hiders	Nancy Hillman	A. McMillan	Jane Reagan	Jonathon Leiser
Worship Service Infants Room 120	E. Waltenbaugh	C. Rutkowski	Cathy Nagy	Anna Finegan
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Diane Dietterich Lydia Moyer	Abigail English Addie Witmer	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder	Kelly Little Amy Muhlfeld
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	R. Kleeman Sam Kleeman	Barb Nelson Ruth Clement	Julia Smith Jasmine Muhlfeld	Yvonne Marshall Makayla Marshall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Laura Wambold	Laura Wambold	Sharon Muhlfeld	Sharon Muhlfeld
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	David & Joy Schmidt	David & Joy Schmidt	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski
Welcome Bread Bakers	C. Propsner	Debbie Schultz	Kathe Vannoy	Debbie Schultz
Greeters	Bill Kramer	Ken & Diane Dietterich	Rick & Martha Moody	George & Cathy Schmidt
Ushers	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

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.