

THE LORD'S DAY

May 11, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth Harris

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 47:1–6

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!

People: He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, whom he loved.

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Father, we confess our sin and utter helplessness apart from your grace. If you did not seek us, find us, and save us, we would remain in the far country of sin and death. Even as your children, we often stray and wander from your path. Seek us again, we pray! Draw us to our Savior, Jesus Christ, again, we pray! Remind us of His mercy, filling our hearts with joy and zeal to keep His commands and share His love with others. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Lamentations 3:22, 23

Leader: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 20:1–17 (p. 243)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Laudamus Canon Moore

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 9:1–8 (p. 813)

**HYMN 507 Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

SERMON THE MERCY OF THE KING
2 Samuel 9 (p. 260)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 441 Jesus Shall Reign

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fantasia in E Telemann

**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, Bob McIntyre
Musicians – Youth Choir, 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

On his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied;
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Matthew Bridges, 1851

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Evey, 1868

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Since we have a great high priest ... let us ... approach the throne of grace
with confidence. Heb. 4:14, 16

1. Ap - proach, my soul, the mer - cy seat where Je - sus an - swers prayer;
 2. Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea; with this I ven - ture nigh:
 3. Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, by Sa - tan sore - ly pressed,
 4. Be thou my shield and hid - ing place, that, shel - tered near thy side,
 5. O won - drous love! to bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame,

there hum - bly fall be - fore his feet, for none can per - ish there.
 thou call - est bur - dened souls to thee, and such, O Lord, am I.
 • by war with - out and fears with - in, I come to thee for rest.
 I may my fierce ac - cus - er face, and tell him thou hast died.
 that guilt - y sin - ners, such as I, might plead thy gra - cious name!

John Newton, 1779

DALEHURST C.M.
Arthur Cotman, 1874

Jesus Shall Reign

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 thron - e to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Based on Psalm 72
Isaac Watts, 1719

DUKE STREET L.M.
John Hanson, 1793

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special welcome to all mothers who are with us this morning. May the Lord bless and encourage you! All women are invited to please accept a flower before departing this morning.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is back! This annual fundraiser supports the North Care Women's Clinic in its critical work. Simply pick up a bottle in the narthex; fill it with coins, cash, or a check; and return it to the church office by Father's Day, Sunday, June 15. It is important that all bottles are returned (whether full or empty) since they are re-used each year. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of expectant mothers and families in our area.

Invitations and registration information for Vacation Bible School are now available in the narthex. Please take several postcard invitations to give to friends, neighbors, grandchildren, or anyone you would like to invite. May the Lord be glorified as we plan and pray for this vibrant ministry to our children and community!

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 8.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 5/11	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 5/12		
Tuesday 5/13	10:00 a.m.	Senior Fellowship Lunch & Museum Tour
	6:30 p.m.	Softball Game at Branchwood Park
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 5/14		
Thursday 5/15		
Friday 5/16		
Saturday 5/17	9:00 a.m.	Women in Prayer
Sunday 5/18	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Youth Group Graduate Lunch
	11:45 a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Junior 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



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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Rita Hageman
Barbara Kolbe
Gay Opdyke
Bob Thompson
David Wynn

Expecting

Joy Mahysz (Due Jun 3)
Rue Estevez (Due Aug 15)

Grieving

Freed Family

Missions

Jim Rich serves as a Chaplain at ACTS Spring House Estates under the care of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCC).

He ministers to the residents of the senior living community through weekly worship services, Bible studies, and spiritual counseling. In addition to this work, Jim will also be assuming the position of regional senior Chaplain where he will be supporting the nine other civilian Chaplains in the Northeast region of ACTS.

The latest edition of the PRCC Chaplain Prayer Guide and Newsletter includes an article by Chaplain Rich entitled "Caring for Caregivers of Those with Cognitive Decline."

The article addresses the often-overlooked impact that the cognitive decline of a loved one can have on the life and health of the caregivers and offers them help in viewing these difficult circumstances from a biblical perspective. Spring House Estates runs a small group specifically for spouses who are caregivers, which allows them to receive support and meet others with similar needs and burdens. Chaplain Rich welcomes prayer that he will be an effective shepherd as he assumes the new senior Chaplain responsibilities.

If interested in receiving an electronic copy of the PRCC Prayer Guide and Newsletter you may email a request to ChaplainMinistries@pcanet.org

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	E. Waltenbaugh	Ella Clement	Ashley Benoit	Nancy Hillman
Heart Hiders	Joy Schmidt	Jonathon Leiser	End of Year Celebration	Resuming in September
Worship Service Infants Room 120	C. Grosshanten	Cathy Nagy	Kelly Little	Bob & Anna Strickland
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Diane Dietterich Luke Snyder	Carrie Rutkowski D. Rutkowski	Abigail English Addie Witmer	Nicole Yates Anna Moyer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	R. Kleeman Sam Kleeman	Barb Nelson Jessica Fox	Yvonne Marshall Makayla Marshall	Angela Tippett D. Rutkowski
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Laura Wambold	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Paul & Lynn Wichert	L. Barbadoro
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Sharon Muhlfeld	M. Medendorp	Jesse & Emily Waltenbaugh	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Kathe Vannoy	Debbie Schultz	Joy Schmidt
Greeters	Steve & Carrie Rutkowski	Ken & Diane Dietterich	Bob & Betty Peterson	Jason & Ella Clement
Ushers	Byron Childs Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Dan Benoit Rick Castor Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Jim Taylor	Tom Buhay Mark Kleeman Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel	Steve Rutkowski George Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski



Women's Ministry

BREAKFAST & PSALMS

All women of Covenant are invited to a time of fellowship under the pavilion. We'll enjoy a light breakfast, then feast on God's Word by reading and reflecting on the Psalms. Come with your Bible, ready to read aloud your favorite Psalm(s).

MAY 31, 2025

9:00-10:30AM

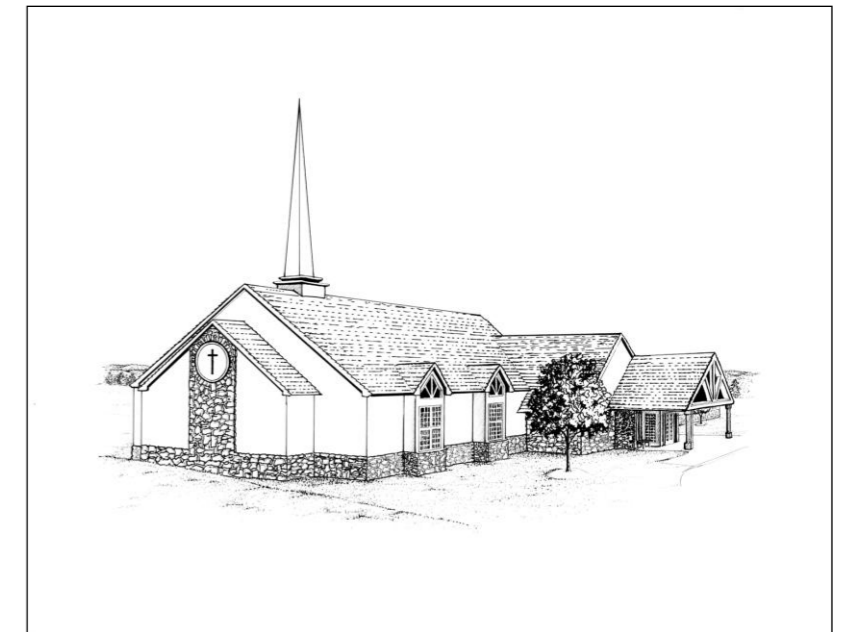
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Sign up in the narthex by May 25

Contact Liana Potgieter with questions



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.*