

# THE LORD'S DAY

July 28, 2024

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Day by Day Ahnfelt

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 96

Leader: The LORD is great, and greatly to be praised!

**People: Honor and majesty are with him. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Give to the LORD the glory due his Name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

**People: Worship the LORD in the beauty of his holiness. Worship before him, all the earth!**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 342 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Our Father, we confess that apart from the root of your word, the fruit of our lives is spoiled, meager, or absent. In our sin, we so easily ignore your word, disobey your word, and forget your word. We find it much easier to assent than to obey, and easier to listen than to follow. Forgive us our sin, we pray. Cultivate the soil of our hearts and plant your life-giving word within us once again. Fill us with your Spirit and produce a harvest of righteousness. Equip us for every good work for your glory. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 5:24

Leader: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

\*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 119:1–24  
(responsive, hymnal p. 829)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Raney

\*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Peter 1 (p. 1018)

\*\*HMR 10 God's Amazing Word

SERMON TRUTH FOR LIFE  
2 Timothy 3:16–17 (p. 996)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 94 How Firm a Foundation

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Gigue Lau

*\*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 – Jeff Currier, Peter Wells  
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*

### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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*The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16*

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,  
 2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,  
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:  
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,  
 5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,

cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;  
 in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-u-al mel-o-dy;  
 with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;  
 what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,  
 laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,

ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.  
 God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.  
 and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.  
 and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.  
 One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

Latin, 7th cent.  
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851  
 Alt. in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
 Henry Smart, 1876

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### PSALM 119:1-24

Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

**Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.**

They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways.

**You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.**

Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

**Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.**

I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

**I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.**

How can a young man keep his way

pure? By living according to your word.

**I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.**

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

**Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees.**

With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

**I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.**

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

**I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.**

Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word.

**Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.**

I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

**My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.**

You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed and who stray from your commands.

**Remove from me scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes.**

Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees.

**Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.**

### God's Amazing Word

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*You have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise. 2 Tim. 3:15*

1. When e-vil thrives in earth's last days and peo-ple boast of  
 2. The Bi-ble has com-man-ding worth to do God's sav-ing  
 3. The Bi-ble tea-ches us God's will in cir-cum-stan-ces  
 4. God's Word is good for god-ly gain, to teach, re-buke, cor-  
 5. God's Word was writ-ten to be read, to be our life and

bru-tal ways, when ev-en chur-ches in that hour re-  
 work on earth; it draws our souls from death to life and  
 good and ill; God's Word un-cov-ers sin's dis-guise; o-  
 rect and train; e-quipped by him we can pur-sue the  
 dai-ly bread, to guide our thoughts through-out the night and

tain the form but lose God's pow'r, Hold fast to ev-'ry  
 res-cues us from need-less strife: A-maz-ing gift, on  
 bey-ing it will make one wise. It trains the saint to  
 work God has for us to do. God's Word is all the  
 lead us forth by morn-ing's light. So let us read, mark,

thing you've learned, the Word which sin-ful men have spurned.  
 earth so odd, the life im-part-ing Word of God.  
 hear Christ's voice, to trust in him, re-pent, re-joice.  
 Chris-tian needs to grow in grace and do good deeds.  
 learn, di-gest God's Word which gives us heav-en's best.

Based on 2 Timothy 3  
 James Montgomery Boice, 2000

SOLA SCRIPTURA  
 8.8.8.8.8.8.  
 Paul S. Jones, 2000

## How Firm a Foundation

GOD:

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10*

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your  
 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of  
 4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

faith in his ex-cel-lent Word! What more can he say than to  
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and  
 sor-row shall not o-ver-flow; for I will be with you, your  
 fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?  
 cause you to stand, up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand.  
 trou-bles to bless, and sanc-ti-fy to you your deep-est dis-tress.  
 on-ly de-sign your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.  
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FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.  
 Traditional American melody  
 J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832

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## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

### Health Related

Mark Childs

Jean Daniels

Rita Hageman

Matt Johnston

Joan Keyt

Barbara Kolbe

Bob Thompson

### Expecting

Kelly Little (Sept. 9)

Emily Waltenbaugh (Sept. 20)

### Grieving

Vidunas Family

### Missions

David and Ruth are in Southeast Asia beginning their new ministry assisting churches as they explore, establish, and expand campus ministries across the region. They have spent much of their time orienting themselves—learning their way around, getting a bank account, visiting churches, and meeting pastors and neighbors. In May they had an opportunity to join a group of visiting college students from the US. They visited a Christian fellowship at a local university, a Hindu shrine, and a colonial village and heard a Christian from Yemen tell his story. One of the most interesting experiences was a visit to an Islamic university where they had an Interfaith Dialogue with students and faculty. A local pastor was eager to introduce the American students to Asian food, so he produced a Fear Factor Competition. It was a huge hit as four teams tried to win by eating foods such as chicken entrails and feet, stinky beans, fermented shrimp, and Durian, a fruit which is banned in hotels due to its strong smell.

David and Ruth were pleased when their twenty-four boxes of household goods finally arrived at the end of May. Their condo is now taking shape as a place where they can comfortably live, work, and host guests.

Please pray for the following:

-for progress preparing material on Discipleship for their country in Southeast Asia

-for cultural insight and sensitivity

-that they would establish healthy and efficient routines

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendar! The 2024 Harvest Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 25. It may seem like a long time away, but it will be here before we know it. There will be a planning meeting on August 18, immediately following the worship service in room 109. Anyone interested in participating in this wonderful event is encouraged to attend. Many hands make light work. Also, after six years of outstanding service, Diane Dietterich plans to conclude her role as coordinator this year. She is looking for someone willing to shadow her as she leads this year and then take the lead next year with Diane present in support. If you would like to learn more about investigating this possibility, please contact Pastor Muhlfeld.

Today is the last day to submit updates for the Covenant directory which will soon be published. Please take a moment to verify the accuracy of your contact information by consulting the copy in the narthex and making any desired changes. Updated contact information and pictures may also be emailed to the church office.

Please save the date and plan to come hear how the Lord worked in and through our Youth Group on their recent mission trip to Jamaica. Everyone is welcome at the presentation on Sunday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. A time of refreshments will follow.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, August 4.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

**Sunday 7/28**            9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
                               10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
                               TBD p.m. Young Adult Trip to Longwood Gardens

**Monday 7/29**

**Tuesday 7/30**        10:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 7/31**

**Thursday 8/1**        7:00 p.m. Joint Session-Deacon Budget Meeting

**Friday 8/2**

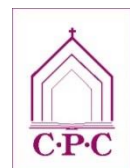
**Saturday 8/3**

**Sunday 8/4**            9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
                               10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Refreshments in the far narthex  
                               10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**SUNDAY MORNING  
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

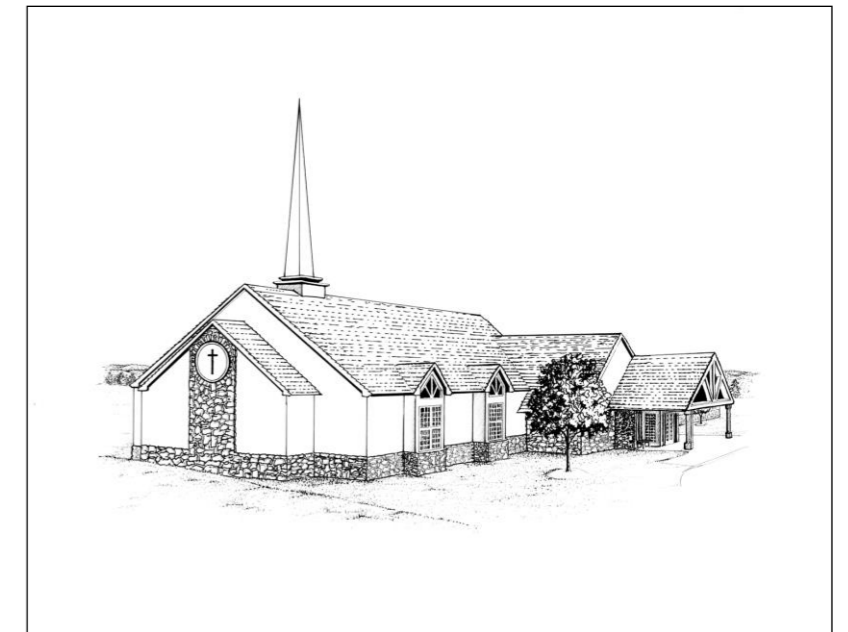
	July 28	August 4	August 11	August 18
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Carolyn Ford	Sarah Keating	Nancy Hillman	Carolyn Ford
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Caroline Smith	C. Grosshanten	E. Waltenbaugh	Cathy Nagy
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Nicole Yates Lydia Moyer	Kristen Jones Addie Witmer	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder	Abigail English Abbie Clement
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	K. Hoogenhuis Addie Witmer	Jonathan English Abigail English	Julia Smith D. Rutkowski	Barb Nelson Ruth Clement
<b>Junior Church 5s – grade 1</b> Room 112	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Laura Wambold	Laura Wambold	Sharon Muhlfeld
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	David & Joy Schmidt	Katelyn Reist	David & Joy Schmidt	Mike & Pam Elwell
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Darlene Bentley	K. Hoogenhuis	K. Kenderdine	D. Schultz
<b>Greeters</b>	Jonathon Leiser	Andy & Carolyn Ford	Rick & Martha Moody	Bob & Betty Peterson
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Benoit Tom Buhay Jake Barbadoro Caleb Keating Jack Kane John Kane Shahil Patel George Schmidt	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

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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