

THE LORD’S DAY

August 3, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 149

- Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- People: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
- People: Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 376 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Unison: Father in heaven, we confess that the sin of Adam and Eve, and also our own sin, has brought corruption and curse upon ourselves, the entire human race, and all of creation. We know that we cannot do anything to fix what we have broken. So we thank you for sending your Son to reverse all of the effects of the fall. Help us to believe and to share this good news, in word and deed, and we pray all these things in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Acts 3:19–21
Leader: Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1–9, 18–25 (p. 602)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 731

**NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 11:25–12:14 (p. 816)

SERMON THE JUSTICE OF GOD’S SERVANT
Matthew 12:15–21 (p. 817)
Rev. John Rohrman

*HYMN 252 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*CONFESSION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed (hymnal, p. 846)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*HYMN 455 And Can It Be That I Should Gain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*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 worshipping 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, Thomas Potgieter
Musician – Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall

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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

THE CHURCH:

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD. Ps. 27:4

1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2. Lord, my God, I come be - fore thee, come thou al - so un - to me;
 3. Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4. Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine,
 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;

where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for him who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 • let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; may thy Word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, O en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 • so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in my strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows, here is balm for all our woes.

Benjamin Schmolck, 1732, cento
 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

NEANDER 8.7.8.7.7.7.
 Joachim Neander, 1680; alt. 1990

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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HIS DEATH

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

HAMBURG L.M.
 Gregorian chant
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

THE NICENE CREED



We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
 who spoke by the prophets;
 and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
 we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
 and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

455 And Can It Be That I Should Gain

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

THE WAY OF SALVATION:

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
• in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
• love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

SALVATION BY GRACE

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
• im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it
quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How
• found out me. A - maz - ing love!
fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love!
Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
can it be that thou, my God,

Charles Wesley, 1738
Alt. 1990

SAGINA, L.M.D.
Thomas Campbell, 1825

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day for any interested women to sign up for a tour of Freed's Produce (175 Morwood Road, Harleysville), owned and led by Nancy Welby, followed by a time to pick your own flowers on Saturday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. Pack a lunch and meet afterward down the road at Branchwood Park (984 Camp Road, Telford). Please contact Liana Potgieter with questions.

Everyone is invited to Covenant's congregational picnic on Sunday, September 7 immediately following the worship service. Pre-picnic grillers are especially needed! Meat will be provided the Sunday before the picnic, taken home to grill, then brought back the day of the picnic. Kindly sign up in the narthex by Sunday, August 24 to contribute a dish, help with grilling, or assist with set up or clean up. Please contact Debbie Mihoch or Cheryl Sharadin with questions.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 8/3	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Share Your Faith Meeting
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group Event
Monday 8/4			
Tuesday 8/5	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday 8/6			
Thursday 8/7	7:00	p.m.	Joint Session-Deacons Budget Meeting
Friday 8/8			
Saturday 8/9	7:30	a.m.	Men’s Breakfast at Henning’s Market
	11:00	a.m.	Women’s Ministry Tour, Flower Picking, and Bagged Lunch
Sunday 8/10	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Sonflower Girls Committee Meeting
	12:00	p.m.	Youth Group Leader Meeting
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Mission Trip Presentation

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

<i>Health Related</i>	<i>Expecting</i>
<i>Rita Hageman</i>	<i>Rue Estevez (Due Aug 15)</i>
<i>Ethel Johnston</i>	
<i>Barbara Kolbe</i>	<i>Grieving</i>
<i>David Wynn</i>	<i>Kane Family</i>
	<i>Wynn/English Family</i>

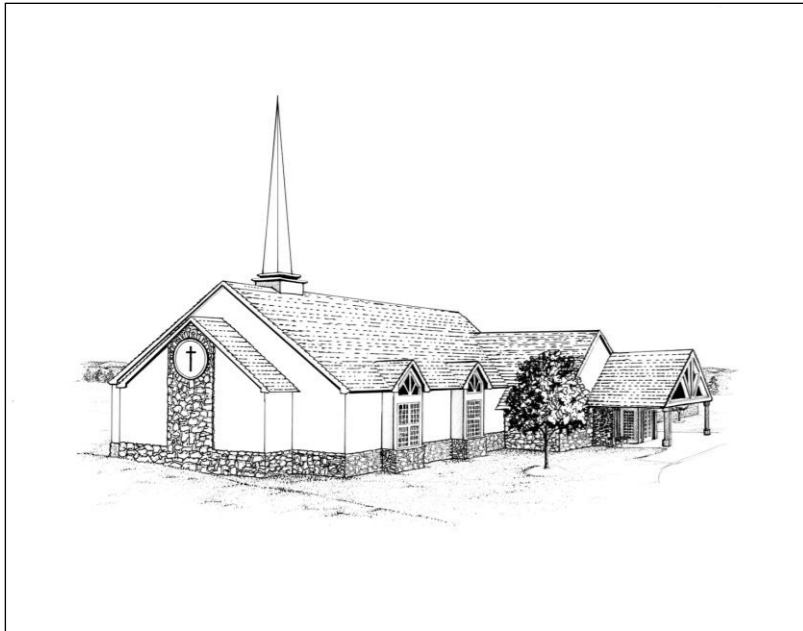
Missions

Michael Goodlin serves with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) as Lehigh University’s campus minister. He admits that he used to end the school year with a “summer slump” when confronted with the inactivity of a quiet campus, but the Lord has been kind to change this over the years. Though this season is quieter than the semester, there are still plenty of things to do. Here are some ways that we can join him in prayer this summer:
-Pray for summer RUF—that Christian students who stayed in town would be changed by the riches of God’s grace, and that non-Christian students would come to faith in Jesus.
-Pray for their incoming intern—that the Lord provides all the funding she needs and allows her to adjust well to this new role, that she grows abundantly in her faith, and that she enjoys the students.
-Pray for Michael’s studies—he will be preparing materials for Large Group sermons, preaching at numerous churches, developing curriculum for their ministry team and finalizing a course for the Mid-Atlantic student training conference.
-Pray that God would encourage both Michael and Natasha in the tasks He has called them to do in ministry and in family life.

SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	C. Rutkowski	Nancy Hillman	Ella Clement	Ashley Benoit
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Barb Markwalter	Cathy Nagy	Lydia Evans Emry Evans	Kelly Little
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder	Diane Dietterich Addie Witmer	Sarah Walsh Anna Moyer	Sarah Iannotti Abbie Riggall
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer	Abigail English Sam Kleeman	Danielle Moyer Heidi Moyer	Yvonne Marshall Jayda Marshall
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Ruth Clement M. Wambold	Laura Wambold	Paul & Lynn Wichert	Paul & Lynn Wichert
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	M. Medendorp	M. Medendorp	Katelyn Reist	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis
Welcome Bread Bakers	K. Hoogenhuis	K. Kenderdine	Debbie Schultz	Sharon Muhlfeld
Greeters	Ken & Barbara Markwalter	Thomas & Liana Potgieter	Ryan Smith	Larry & Pat Stoner
Ushers	Steve Rutkowski George Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	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

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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.*