



# Covenant Presbyterian Church

...a spiritual home where 'God's love has the run of the house'...

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## Sunday Worship Service

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

Sunday, February 2, 2025

10 a.m.

*To our guests: Welcome! We invite you to respond with bolded words during prayers and readings.*

\*All those who are able, please stand

### Assemble in God's Name

*The church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus bids welcome to our Lord's house.*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE.....*Only Light, Only Love* by King and Schlosser

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

As disciples of the Lord  
**we gather in this house of God.**

As disciples of the Lord  
**we recognize our faults.**

As disciples of the Lord  
**we recognize his forgiving love.**

As disciples of the Lord  
**we bow down in worship.**

\*OPENING HYMN.....32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all time: may we make this place our meeting place, where work and rest come together, worry and celebration join hands, and protest and possibility tangle. Let us live within that crossing point: letting it reshape us, renew us and refresh us. God of all time: we confess our addiction to busyness and our mistrust in the possibility of Sabbath. Help us to breathe away anxious worry and breathe in love. Forgive us when we can't slow down or focus on what is right in front of us. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ***A Service of Word, Table, and Renewal***

*We hear the Word read and proclaimed, and prayerfully renew our covenant with God.  
At the table, we are reminded that the new covenant was sealed with the blood of Christ.*

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE ..... **Rev. Alex Becker**

*On Communion Sundays, children who wish to participate in communion are encouraged to remain in worship with their parents. Or, after the children's message, children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited upstairs for Children's Church during the service. Please pick up your children after the benediction.*

SCRIPTURE ..... **Luke 6:1-16**

SERMON ..... **Rev. Alex Becker**

***Lord of the Sabbath***

MOMENT FOR MISSION ..... **Troop 76**

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE ..... **Chancel Choir**

### ***Share the Table***

*Covenant's Deacons ministry is one of compassion, witness, and service in the name of Jesus.  
In this service of communion, we invite you to give a gift in support of this ministry by checking "Deacons" on the pew envelope. Offerings may also be given online at [www.covenantfrazer.org/give](http://www.covenantfrazer.org/give)*

\*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek to meet Christ at this table are welcome to participate in the sacrament. Communion is served using grape juice instead of wine and a gluten-free option is available.*

### ***Go in God's Name***

*The Holy Spirit sends us forth to be instruments of God's peace:  
To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.*

\*SENDING HYMN ..... **521**

***In Remembrance of Me***

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ..... ***Revive Us Again*** arr. Choplin

\* This worship service is livestreamed and recorded ([covenantfrazer.org/live](http://covenantfrazer.org/live))

**Thank you for worshipping with us! We are working together to create comfortable worship spaces for all our members and visitors.**

- Join us in the sanctuary. Children's activities for the pew are located through the back doors of the sanctuary or on the windowsill near the front of the sanctuary.
- Adults and children are also invited to the Gathering Space for worship. A children's table with quiet activities and a rack with children's books are available for little ones.
- If you need a quieter worship space, the parlor is available.
- The nursery/preschool (Rm. 114) is open for children birth up to age 5 during the service.
- A mother's nursing room is available at the end of the hallway past the bathrooms (Rm. 108).
- Please join us in the Gathering Space following the service for Covenant Connect, a time of food & fellowship.

**The flowers** today are given by Amy Orner on the anniversary of her husband Paul's passing.

**Today is Scout Sunday!** Join the scouts after worship for a time of fellowship following the service on the lower level.

**The People's Pantry** current needs are toothpaste and shampoo. Donations may be dropped off here at the church, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

There are 3 seats available to see "**Noah**" at **Sight & Sound** in Ronks, PA. Please let Mary Decker know if you would like to go by **TODAY!** The show starts at **11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$82 per person. You can travel on your own to the theater or join the carpool that will depart from Covenant at 9:30 a.m. You may join the group lunch at your expense if you would like. Place to be determined. Money for the tickets is due by Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note there is an elevator to the 2nd level, however you must be able to go down 8-10 steps to our seats in the balcony.

The Covenant **Taizé** worship service is a contemplative service where scripture readings, prayers, and meditative songs and music are shared. Taizé services will be held on **Wednesdays, February 5<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, as well as a special Ash Wednesday Taizé service on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

On **Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>** Covenant will celebrate its kids! During worship we will learn more about what happens in children's church, worship in ways that help us see through the eyes of a child, and discover the depths of spirituality that exist even in the excitement and chaos of childhood. Prepare for heartfelt worship, joyful songs, and perhaps even a little bit of arts & crafts!

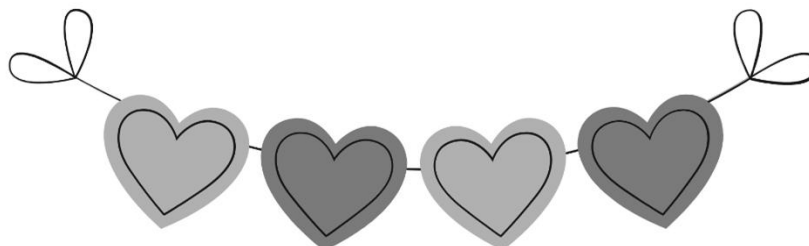
**St. John's Presbyterian Church in Devon has scheduled a Rise Against Hunger event for Sunday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m., in their Fellowship Hall.** They will be packing 10,000 meals and would love to include some friends from Covenant! If you are interested, you can sign up by emailing John Shaw (johnshaw55@gmail.com). We will also be hosting an RAH meal packing event on April 5<sup>th</sup> in the CCLC.

**The Chester County Department of Aging** is interested in hearing from family caregivers to enhance their Family Caregiver Support Program. If you are willing to fill out a survey, they are available at the welcome desk. Please return to the church office by **February 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School** will be taking place **July 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025!** Contact Dara Harris at dharis@covenantfrazer.org if you are interested in volunteering to help. Many hands are needed to provide this event to the community.

From Pastor Maggie:

To our Covenant Family, Jon and I wanted to express our sincerest gratitude for how supportive and caring you have been for our family as we prepare for our exciting new addition. Thank you so much for the outpouring of gifts and cards. It means so much and we feel appreciated by you all. While I am away on maternity leave (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>) we will send updates and bring you along on our journey. With Love, Maggie, Jon, Sophie and soon to be baby Sydney.



## This Week at Covenant

### Sunday, February 2 – Scout Sunday

- 9 a.m. - Adult Christian Education
- 10 a.m. - Worship Service/Children's Church
- 11:15 a.m. - Covenant Connect on lower level
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Group

### Monday, February 3

- 10 a.m. - LIFT
- 6:30 p.m. - Promise Keepers
- 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

### Tuesday, February 4

- 10 a.m. - Covenant Quilters
- 6 p.m. - Unity Handbells

### Wednesday, February 5

- 12 p.m. - Retiree's Lunch
- 7 p.m. - Taizé

### Thursday, February 6

- 7 p.m. - Women's Bible Study
- 7 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Friday, February 7

- 6:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers

### Saturday, February 8

- 8:45 a.m. - People's Pantry

### Sunday, February 9

- 9 a.m. - Adult Christian Education
- 10 a.m. - Worship Service/Children's Church
- 11:15 a.m. - Covenant Connect on lower level
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Group

*See more events at [covenantfrazer.org/events](http://covenantfrazer.org/events) and subscribe to our emails at [covenantfrazer.org/newsletter](http://covenantfrazer.org/newsletter). For more information, call the church office at 610-648-0707, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*



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