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, November 8, 2026 **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

INTROIT..... **Unity Handbell Choir**

How Can I Keep from Singing arr. by Michael Helman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's grace reaches beyond every boundary we create.
We come to worship the God whose love is for all people.
God often speaks through unexpected voices and surprising encounters.
We come with open hearts, ready to listen and learn.
God brings healing where there is brokenness and hope where there is despair.
We come seeking the renewing presence of God. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN.....**39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of healing and grace, you are at work in places we do not expect and through people we too often overlook. Yet we confess that we can be resistant to your movement among us. We cling to our assumptions and prejudices. We dismiss voices that challenge us. Forgive us when pride keeps us from receiving your gifts. Forgive us when we fail to recognize the wisdom, dignity, and worth of others. Forgive us when we place limits on who can bear your truth and share your grace. Renew us with your healing love, that we may become instruments of reconciliation, justice, and hope. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Proclaim God's Word

The God who speaks in Scripture addresses us now.

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

We welcome children and youth to stay for the entire worship service. Or, following the children's message, Children's Church is available upstairs (room 213) for kindergarten through grade 4, and Junior Church is available upstairs (room 208) (excluding communion Sundays) for grades 5-8. Parents, please pick up your children and youth after the benediction.

SCRIPTURE ..... **2 Kings 5:1-14**

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

When Miraculous Isn't Glamorous

HYMN OF REFLECTION **772**

Live into Hope

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER ..... **p. 35 in the hymnal**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Offerings may also be given online at covenantfrazer.org/give
or in the offering box in the Gathering Space.

*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.

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 **700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This worship service is livestreamed and recorded (covenantfrazer.org/live)

Information for children and families:

- 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.
- 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).

Pastor Alex's **second sabbatical series presentation** will be held today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service.

Retirees Lunch! Retirees (and anyone who can join them) are invited to meet for lunch at Outback Steakhouse in Frazer on **Wednesday, November 11th at noon**. Please RSVP to the office **by Tuesday, November 10th.**

Join a small group for a trip to Philadelphia to help serve lunch at **Broad Street Love** to those who are experiencing deep poverty. **The next Broad Street Love trip is Wednesday, December 9th. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 15th.** Please contact Barbara Rhinehart (brhinehart@gmail.com) if you are interested in going.

Chester County Boy Scouts of America will host this year's **Annual Veterans Recognition Breakfast** on **Tuesday, November 11, from 7 to 9 a.m.** at The Desmond Hotel, featuring guest speaker Ralph Calati (biography available at the welcome desk). To sponsor the event through Covenant Presbyterian Church, make donations payable to "Covenant Presbyterian" with "BSA Vet's Breakfast" noted on the check or envelope. To reserve a seat or learn more, contact Chick Hatton at 484-947-6865 or charles.hatton@verizon.net.

Christmas carolers wanted! Come bring some holiday cheer to local assisted living facilities. Sign up online at covenantfrazer.org/caroling or at the welcome desk. Date and time TBD to work best with the schedules of those interested.

The **People's Pantry** is collecting donations of **canned fruit, boxed instant mashed potatoes, and frozen turkeys** under 20 pounds for local families in need. **If you shop at Giant, please remember that paper coupons have been discontinued, so rewards points must be redeemed online to purchase your turkey.** You can drop items off at the church on Sundays or weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued generosity!

As we plan for the year ahead, **we invite you to fill out an estimated giving card**, which helps us prepare for 2027. You can take an estimated giving card from the welcome desk or complete the form online at covenantfrazer.org/estimatedgiving. Please complete your form by **November 15th** to best help with our planning. Thank you!

This year we will be having our annual **Blue Christmas Taizé service at 7 pm on Monday, November 30th**. This will serve as the kickoff worship service for a 4-week advent series called **Christmas Presence**. Slow down, be still, and enjoy the Advent season while it's here. All services will take place on Monday's at 7 p.m.

Santa Claus & Jesus: a Faith Formation Workshop for Parents on how to talk to their kids about the Christmas story. This workshop will be happening on **Wednesday December 9th at 7 pm** (in person and virtually). If you would like to attend please **RSVP to Pastor Maggie (mniles@covenantfrazer.org) by Dec. 2nd.**

Join us **Sunday, December 20th at 10 a.m.** as we celebrate our Concert for the Christ Child. This year our concert, ***O Night Divine***, celebrates that the light shines through the darkness. Come and prepare yourself for the way the Divine enters our world and brings the hope we desperately long for.

Support our Concert for the Christ Child by joining **Worship Choir rehearsals** on **Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.** in the choir room. The time commitment is about an hour each week. You do not need to read music to participate. See Amy McLoughlin (amcloughlin@covenantfrazer.org) with any questions.

Please join the faithful folks of our area as we celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving in a **Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on **Sunday, November 22nd, 2026 at 7 p.m.** at the Foundation for Islamic Education (201 Sharp Lane, Exton PA 19341).

Covenant is looking for a **part-time Visitation Assistant**. Go to covenantfrazer.org/announcements to read the job description.

Support Troop 76's Sea Base 2027 adventure by ordering **Capt'n Chucky's fresh Smith Island Crab Cakes!** Place your order by November 15 and **pick up on Friday, November 20 from 5-7PM in the Covenant lower level**—perfect for Thanksgiving. Scan the QR code to place your order. Thank you for your support!

Celebrate **Christmas Eve** with us on **Thursday, December 24th**, with three candlelight service options: a shorter Christmas Eve Story Service ideal for children at 3 p.m., or a Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Communion at either 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Winter 2027 Women's Retreat: Boldness, Bonding and Belonging. Let us gather to explore the essential ingredients of community by sharing stories of brave women in the Bible. These stories, like cherished recipes passed down through generations, offer *wisdom*, *strength*, and *connection*. On **January 16th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** we will meet at Church of the Loving Shepherd where Rev. Becca Bateman and Rev. Dr. Lillian Hines from the Just Brave Enough collective will lead our inspiring and interactive program. Cost is $25- as always scholarships are available. Please RSVP to Pastor Maggie (mniles@covenantfrazer.org) by January 9th.

Covenant is partnering with **Bridge of Hope** to support a local family in need! We are currently looking for a **donated vehicle**, as well as **new or gently used clothing** for a baby boy (size 3–6 months) and a young girl (size 6T). If you or someone you know can help, please contact Linda Smith at lmsmith1624@gmail.com.

This Week at Covenant

Sunday, November 8
- **10 a.m.** – Worship Service/Children's & Junior Church/Confirmation class
- **11:15 a.m.** – Covenant Connect
- **11:15 a.m.** – Adult Christian Education
- **11:15 a.m.** – Alex's Sabbatical Presentation
- **11:15 a.m.** – Salt & Light Ringers rehearsal
- **4:30 p.m.** – Youth Group – Capture the flag at St. John's.

Monday, November 9
- **10 a.m.** – Lift
- **6:30 p.m.** – Promise Keepers
- **7 p.m.** – Alcoholics Anonymous
- **7 p.m. –** Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, November 10
- **10 a.m. –** Quilters
- **5:45 p.m.** – Unity Handbell Choir
- **7 p.m.** – Brandywine Singers

Wednesday, November 11
- **9 a.m. –** Broad Street Love
- **12 p.m. –** Retiree's Luncheon
- **7 p.m.** – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 12
- **6:45 p.m.** – Worship Choir

Friday, November 13
- **6:30 a.m.** – Promise Keepers

Sunday, November 15
- **10 a.m.** – Worship Service/Children's & Junior Church/Confirmation class
- **11:15 a.m. –** Adult Christian Education
- **11:15 a.m.** – Covenant Connect
- **11:15 a.m.** – Salt & Light Ringers
- **4:30 p.m**. – Youth Group – Mission & Meeting

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NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026

The Still Voice

LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT WITHIN OUR BUSY LIVES

Being busy and living in a chaotic world is not new. Scripture reminds us that we can find God's voice despite all that is going on in our lives if only we are listening for it. This RESOURCE is designed to help you as individuals and as families ask yourself QUESTIONS that will deepen your faith when time is scarce.



2 kings 5: 1-14



Naaman's journey toward healing begins because an unnamed Israelite girl, taken captive and forced to serve in his household, shares what she knows about the prophet in Israel. Why do you think the story gives such an important role to someone with so little social power?

What does this young girl's role teach us about where wisdom and spiritual insight can be found? How might this challenge the way churches determine whose voices deserve to be heard?

Naaman expects a dramatic healing on his own terms. How can our expectations about what God should do prevent us from recognizing what God may actually be doing?

Why might it be significant that God's healing comes through an Israelite prophet to a Syrian military leader? How does this challenge the idea that God belongs exclusively to one nation or group?

Naaman's servants persuade him to reconsider Elisha's instructions. What does their willingness to speak honestly to someone more powerful teach us about challenging authority with care and courage?

How might this story challenge Christian assumptions that God works primarily through Christians, churches, or familiar religious practices?

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But the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.



Kids Helping Others

"From helping a fellow student overcome bullying to teaching a communities about new laws to protect the ecosystem, these six stories about ways kids are improving their community and the world around them are sure to inspire you."

In what ways have the children in your life taught you something or helped you?



World Kindness day just happens to be this Thursday, November 13th. I invite you to start thinking about a random act of kindess you can do that day to spead God's love. Here is the link to the Random Act of Kindness charity that you could also donate to on that day: https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day

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