



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday Worship Service

Welcome to Covenant Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m.

To our guests: Welcome! We invite you to respond with the 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP ***The Love of Jesus Medley*** by Bradbury, arr. Hayes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: based on Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the heavens.

Praise the Lord from the earth!

Young and old alike,

All people together.

Praise the Lord!

*GATHERING SONG **401**

Here in This Place/Gather Us In

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident in God's grace, let us humbly confess our sin:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder,

you surround us with signs of your glory

and surprise us with your presence,

yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.

Help us listen to the voices of those who speak your truth.

Make us alert to the ways you make yourself known,

that we might be witnesses to your good news

and proclaim your extravagant love;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ God saved us,
not because of any good works that we have done,
but according to God’s mercy.
People of God, rejoice!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

A Service of Word, Table, and Renewal

*Our faith summons us to begin the new year with a clear word of Life.
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.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE **Jen Langlois**

After the children’s message, children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to SermonTime StoryTime in the parlor. Children are always welcome to remain in worship!

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:25-38

SERMON **Rev. Dr. Emily Chudy**

Faces of our Faith: Anna

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION **Patti Mann**

Sweet Hour of Prayer, arr. Patti Mann

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE ***Boundless Love*** by Loewen, arr. Tournquist

*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 use the yellow envelopes to give a gift in support of this ministry.
Offerings may also be given online at covenantfrazier.org/give to both the deacons and the general church fund.*

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

*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.*

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. Contact-free and gluten-free Communion is located in baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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.....

How Suddenly a Baby Cries (vs 1,3,4,5)

How suddenly a baby cries and all forever change
As shepherds leave the angel song to find this holy place,
Where in her young and trembling arms a virgin holds her Son
And in this Child of breath divine our Light has finally come.

What wonder still that Anna filled with praise should bless the Lord;
Her aging eyes now looking on the Savior of the world.
For night and day her prayers had filled the temple of our God.
Her heart could tell His saving hand within this gift of love.

Hear Simeon who had waited long draw near to hold the child
To speak of Him who would reveal the many thoughts we hide:
That hearts would rise to know His grace but many fall away;
A sword would pierce His mother's soul upon redemption day.

How suddenly a baby cried and all forever changed.
Through history soul by soul have come to find His healing grace.
He filled my troubled heart with peace, with hope of endless worth.
My voice will join the song of praise that tells Messiah's birth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE*As I Went Down in the Valley to Pray* traditional American Gospel

Our congregation’s **Stephen Ministry** equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing a challenging time in their life. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact any of our Stephen Ministers. Just look for the **blue** Stephen Ministry badges. If you are experiencing a challenging life event and can use a Christian partner, please contact Rev. Alex Becker (abecker@covenantfrazer.org) at the church.

Covenant’s nursery is located around the corner from the welcome desk in the lobby. A diaper changing table and child-sized restroom are available. Families are welcome to use that space during worship. The worship service is broadcast via livestream.

This summer we are offering SermonTime StoryTime during 10 a.m. worship. One more helper is needed on 9/4. Help is also needed for Children’s Church, starting on Sept. 11th. **Please sign up to help at tinyurl.com/CovSunHelpers.**



The People’s Pantry is currently in need of oatmeal and cereal. Plus, the **School Supply/Backpack Drive** has begun! Pick up a supply list from the information board by the Welcome Desk. Please donate by August 10th.

Exciting News about a NEW Children’s Choir! We are planning on a new opportunity for our Covenant Kids ages 3 through 5th grade! Before we announce the details, we want to make sure we have the support to be able to offer this to all kids who’d like to participate. We are looking for adults and youth alike who’d be willing to help lead singing, help support staff and help monitor children from 10:30am to 10:50am on Sunday mornings, for a children’s choir



rehearsal. This commitment doesn't need to be weekly. It is our hope that we have enough volunteers to stretch our resources for several weeks. We'd like to stress that this program's success lies solely with our ability to fill our volunteer slots. So, if you think you might be interested in helping, or just want to know some details about how to help, please contact Amy McLoughlin by email at amcloughin@covenantfrazier.org

This Week at Covenant!

Sun. Aug. 7 - Communion

10 a.m. – Worship Service

11 a.m. – Pancake Brunch

Mon. Aug. 8

6:30 p.m. – Promise Keepers

7 p.m. – Covenant Strings

Tue. Aug. 9

10 a.m. – Covenant Quilters

Wed. Aug. 10

9 a.m. – People's Pantry

Fri. Aug. 12

6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers

Sat. Aug. 13

9:30 a.m. – People's Pantry

Sun. Aug. 14

10 a.m. – Worship Service



Birthdays

June Harnsberger – 8/8

James Armour – 8/28



See more events and find meeting Zoom links at covenantfrazier.org/events and subscribe to our emails at covenantfrazier.org/newsletter.

For more information, call the church office at 610-648-0707, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



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