

Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 5, 2018—65

Yearly Average—122

Last Year's Average—110



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This Week at Covenant:

*No meetings this week.

Next Week:

*Book Bags for youth during worship, Sunday, August 26th.

*No meetings this week.

Today's Ushers: Team 3

Todd Sykes, Frank, Lisa, Frank & Leslie Major, Bob Jones

August 26th—Team 4

Glenn Miller, Norma Gabriel, Ted Praschak, Jane Roberts, John Duffy, Warren Keller

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In my Father's house
are many rooms;
if it were not so,
would I have told you
that I go to prepare
a place for you?

John 14:2

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2018

Children are invited to remain throughout the service of worship.

However, nursery & childcare are available, please ask an usher.

As you arrive in worship and find a place in a pew, please use the following prayer to center your thoughts and spirit. As the Prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul.

With music and prayer let us move from 'getting to church' to 'being the church' as we worship together.

Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of all holiness, be in our midst with your baptism of power and your communion of love. We wait upon you in stillness and patience because you turn strength into weakness and weakness into strength. You are our God and we are your people. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Prelude on Two Early American Hymns *Gilbert Martin*
Resignation & Nettleton

Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn To Joy*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *Silent Confession . . .*

Good and Gracious God, you call us to follow you - to be your disciples, your students, your friends. Strengthen us in our calling. Help us to be disciplined in our daily practice of devotion, prayer, and meditation. Help us to avail ourselves of the nourishment you provide us day by day that we may be the new creation that you seek to make us be. Draw us closer to you and to our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus that we may better know your will and experience the fullness of your grace. Forgive us our sins, bless us with your grace, strengthen us for service, in Christ we pray. Amen.

Response No. 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us" *Kyrie*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Nursery Workers Needed

Covenant Church is searching for **Child Care workers** for our **Sunday Nursery**. This is a paid position, and interested persons must have all child care clearances performed. Please contact Mrs. Lee Carr or Pastor Martha at the church office with questions.



Presentation of Bibles

Bibles will be presented in worship on Sunday, September 9th, to second grade students and any older students who have not yet received a Bible. Please contact Pastor Martha with your child's name as soon as possible.



Calendar Dates Ahead

We hope everyone is having a happy, fun, safe summer! Church staff is in and out of the office enjoying their vacations as well. However, we are also busy planning for fall activities and events that we'd love for you to pencil in on your calendars.

September

- *3rd—Church office closed in observance of Labor Day
- *9th—Welcome Back Breakfast, 9:30 A.M.
Godly Play begins and Bibles will be presented during worship
- *12th—Chancel Handbell Choir rehearsal begins, 6:30 P.M.
Chancel Choir rehearsal begins, 7:30 P.M.
- *16th—Sunday School begins, 9:30 A.M.
Missionary visit—Elmarie Parker will preach during worship
Children's Choir begins today, 12:00 P.M.
- *23rd—Infant Care Program Pasta Dinner, 12:00—4:00 P.M.
- *26th—Cookie Baking, 10:00 A.M.
- *29th—Arcadia Chorale Pasta Dinner, 5:30 P.M.
- *30th—Fifty Year Member Celebration and Brunch

October

- *7th—World Communion Sunday
Covenant Women Cookie Sale
Covenant Public Concert, 3:00 P.M., Presbybop Quartet
- *12th & 13th—Covenant Women's Junk & Jewels Sale
- *14th—Roba's Family Farm, after worship
- *28th—Safety Net Chicken Dinner



GOOD MORNING!

We're glad you have joined us for worship this Sunday! If you are a visitor or guest, let us know of your presence by filling out one of the Welcome envelopes located in each pew to receive The Covenanter, (newsletter) filled with the church's activities. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available—please ask an usher. Childcare is available during worship. **Children's Worship Bags** are located in the basket in the front of the sanctuary. Please return bags to the basket after worship.



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Bruce & Margaret Heisel
Marie & John Foy
By John & Jane Foy

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor
Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music
Mr. Bruce Jordan, Liturgist & Soloist

Book Bags for Students

Plans are underway to prepare students for back to school in the fall. We will distribute Book Bags to **ALL** children of our church on Sunday, **August 26, 2018** during worship. If you cannot be present that day, please let Pastor Martha know and we will make arrangements for you to pick it up.

You can help by donating items to stuff the book bags to help our youth get a good start to their new school year. School supply donations will be accepted through Sunday, August 19th.

We are specifically looking for: pencil boxes, pencil cases, pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, and pencil sharpeners.



Assurance of Pardon and Grace

*Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

Welcome, Joys & Concerns

General Assembly Review

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 66:8-20

NRSV

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

Be Still and Know

Steven Curtis Chapman

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy. Be still, oh restless soul of mine. Bow before the Prince of Peace. Let the noise and clamor cease. Be still – be speechless.

Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done; stand in awe and be amazed and know that He will never change. Be still and know He is our Father.

Come rest your head upon His breast; listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come. Be still.

Bruce Jordan, tenor

Gospel Lesson

John 14: 1-14

NRSV

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to greet one another saying,

‘The peace of Christ be with you...and also with you’

*Hymn No. 452

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

(Prayer concern cards will be collected during the hymn.)

GOD’S WORD REVEALED

Sermon

“The Way, The Truth, The Life”

Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Save the People

Stephen Schwartz

(from Godspell)

When wilt thou save the people? O God of mercy, when? Not Kings and Lords, but nations; not thrones and crowns, but men. Flow’rs of thy heart, O God, are they; let them not pass, like weeds, away. Their heritage, a sunless day. God save the people.

Shall crime bring crime forever, strength aiding still the strong? Is it thy will, O Father, that men shall toll for wrong? No, say thy mountains; No, say thy skies; Men’s clouded sun shall brightly rise, and songs be heard instead of sighs. God save the people.

When wilt thou save the people? O God of mercy, when? Thy people, Lord the people, not thrones and crowns, but men! God save the people, for thine they are, thy children as thy angels fair. God save the people from despair. God save the people.

Bruce Jordan, tenor

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Sung Call to Prayer

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

J. Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. (Sing Twice)

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer *(debts/debtors)*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn No. 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata in d minor “Dorian”, BWV 538

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Those who are able, please stand

NRSV—New Revised Standard Version of the Bible