

Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 19, 2018—112

Yearly Average—121

Last Year's Average—107



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This Week at Covenant:

*No meetings this week.

Next Week:

*Church office closed on Monday, 9/3, in observance of Labor Day.

*Infant Care Board, 9/6, 6:00 P.M.

*Sunday, 9/16, Welcome Back Breakfast, 9:30 A.M. in the Sawtelle Auditorium.

*Sunday, 9/16, presentation of Bibles.

Today's Ushers: Team 4

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

Sept. 2nd—Team 5

Ken Pembridge, Frank Ciero, Roy Pauli, Michael Carr, Himran Aziz, Ilhanan Raza, Gabriella Temperino, Dominic Temperino

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Check it out at: covenantscranton.org

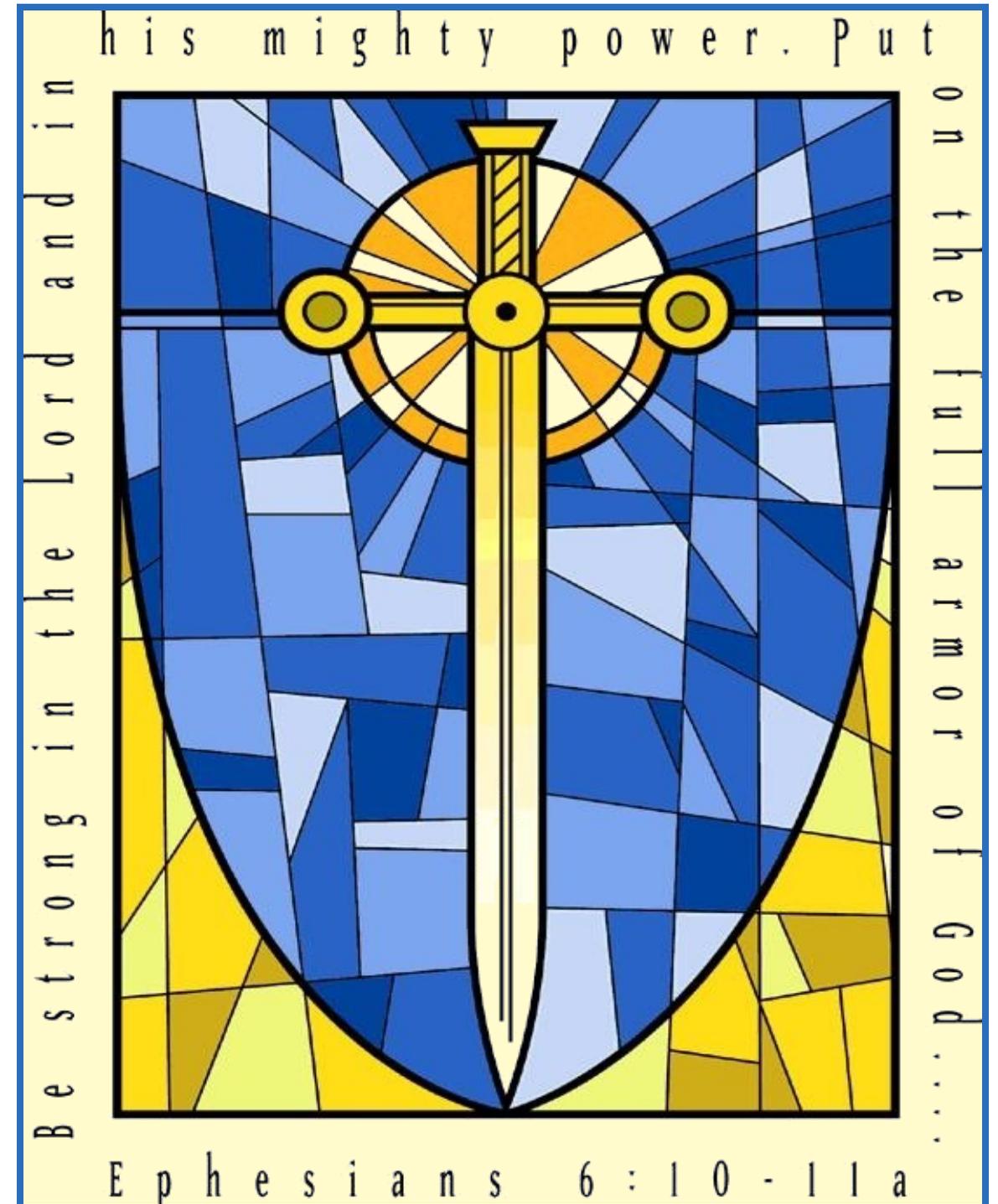
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GOOD MORNING!

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:

David J. Keene
Governor William W. Scranton
By Linda and Jennifer Keene

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor
Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music
Dr. Bruce Sherbine, Liturgist
Rebecca, Kathy, Patrick & Bryan Fisk, soloists

Missionary Visit

Join us on **Sunday, September 16, 2018**, as we welcome Missionary Elmarie Parker in worship (and at Adult Ed. at 9:30 A.M.). Elmarie and her husband Scott began their current work in July 2013, moving to Beirut, Lebanon, at the beginning of Advent in December 2013. This is a call that takes up all the threads of their previous ministries and personal experiences and is weaving them more deeply into Christ's work in the world.



Elmarie is the regional liaison position for Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq. The heartbeat of her work is to help deepen and strengthen the relational ties between Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) church partners in her region and Presbyterian constituents in the United States. Additionally, Elmarie supports PC(USA) co-workers serving in this region in communications, information sharing, mentoring/guiding, encouraging, and reflection.

for us. We long to be good, upright people, but find our hearts tripping over the temptations of the world.

Have mercy, and be gracious to us. As you continue to teach us of your hopes, your dreams, your love for us. May we practice what we learn. Hear us now as we silently confess to you. . . *Silent Confession* . . .

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

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

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 6: 10-20 *NRSV*
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo arr. John Rutter
Be Thou My Vision
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; be all else but nought to me, save that thou art.
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; be thou ever with me and I with thee Lord;
Be thou my great Father, I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armor,
be thou my true might; Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower;
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Be thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Be thou and thou only, first in my heart; O High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of Heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great
heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.
 Rebecca, Kathy, Patrick & Bryan Fisk

Old Testament Lesson I Kings 8: 22-30; 41-43 NRSV
 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and



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Dinner

September 23, 2018

To Benefit The Infant Care Program At
 Covenant Presbyterian Church
 550 Madison Ave., Scranton, PA

Dine In or Take Out ~ 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 Salad, Bread, Pasta, Meatballs, Drinks & Dessert
*** BASKET RAFFLE ***

Ticket Donation:
 \$12.00 Adults \$8.00 Children 10 & Under
 (2 & under free)

Tickets can be purchased at the church office (570-346-6400)

The Infant Care Program at Covenant Church is a non-profit 501(C)3 Corporation

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon "It's a War Out There" Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory It Is Well With My Soul *Traditional*
arr. Sonja Poorman

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, O my soul!
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.*
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*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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn No. 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *In Babilone*

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude Psalm XIX *Benedetto Marcello*

*Those who are able, please stand

NRSV—New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing of the Book Bags

Leader: It is the beginning of a new school year,
and God is a God of new beginnings.

People: We thank you for our young people who see the wonder of your world unfold before them. We thank you for teachers, textbooks and technology that help them explore those wonders.

Leader: During this year, our young people may get overwhelmed by tests, homework, and activities, and wonder how they will make it through.

People: Grant our children and youth quiet confidence and calm, bear their stress with them, help them to ask for help when it gets to be too much.

Leader: Throughout the year they will be measured, tested, and judged. During the school year, they will be asked to measure their own worth, explore relationships and accept the grades they receive.

People: Comfort them in the knowledge that you have already judged them and found them to be good, made them worthy, and called them by name.

Children's Sermon and 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.*

*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. 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart *Morecambe*
(Prayer concern cards will be collected during the hymn.)