

Worship Attendance

Sunday, February 3, 2019—147

Yearly Average—132

Last Year's Average—108



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This Week at Covenant:

*Monday, 2/11, Communication committee, 4:00 P.M., Covenant House

*Tuesday, 2/12, Session, 7:00 P.M., Covenant Room.

*Wednesday, 2/13, Labyrinth available

*Friday, 2/15, Grace Meal, 6:00 P.M.

Next Week:

*Sunday, 2/17, Hostess meeting, 11:30 A.M.

*Monday, 2/18, church office closed.

*Tuesday, 2/19, Deacons, 7:00 P.M.

*Thursday, 2/21, Worship & Music, Noon.

Today's Ushers: Team 4

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

Feb. 17th—Team 5

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

Men's Breakfast

Join Pastor Scott on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019** at 7:00 A.M.

in the Covenant House.

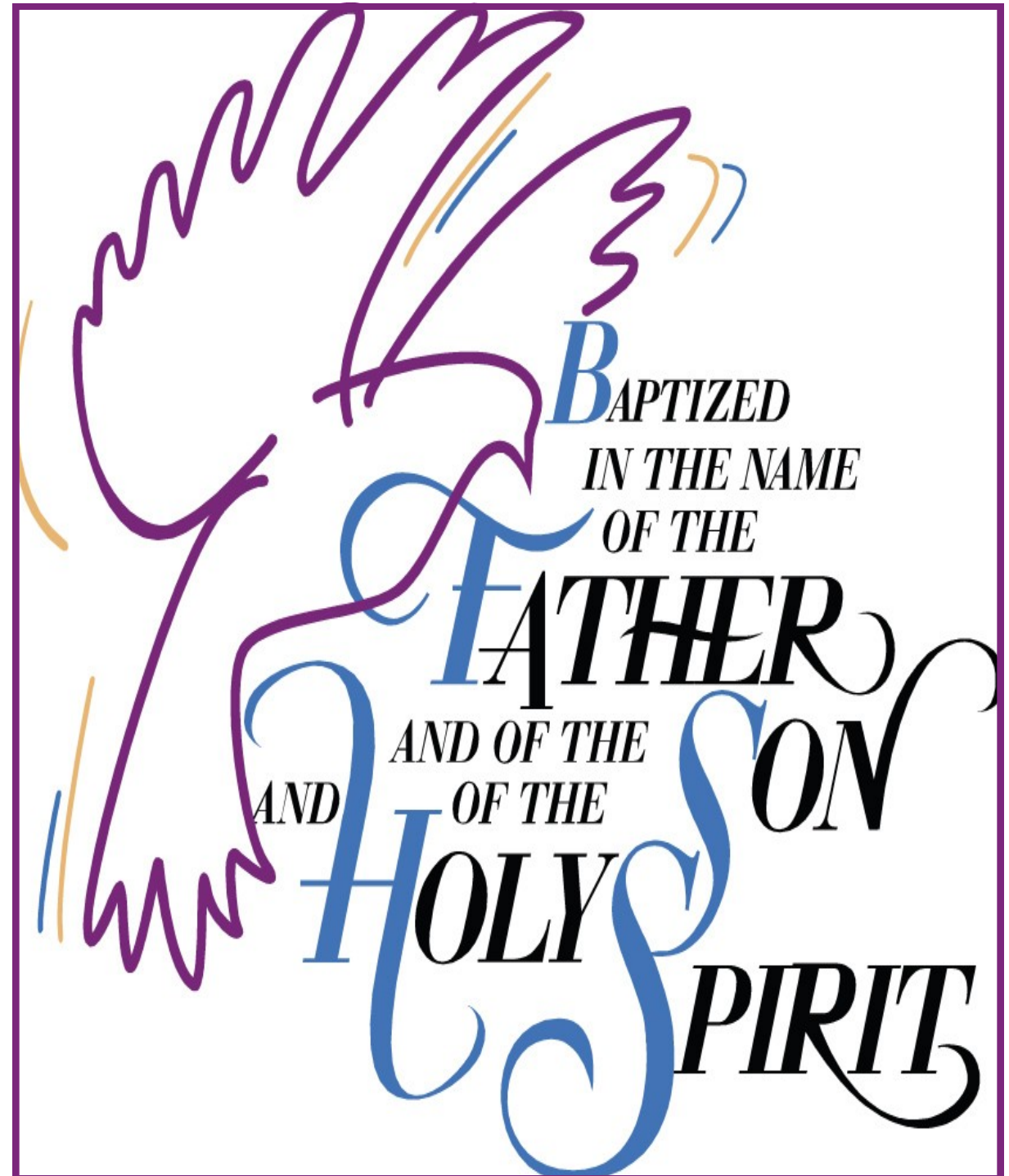
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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 10, 2019

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.

Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Your glory shines in the face of Christ. Shine in our hearts and lives today.

Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name, BWV 604
Concerto in C Major, BWV 595 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

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. 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *Silent Confession . . .*

Merciful God, you sent Jesus among us to be our way, our truth and our life. We confess our reluctance to always follow where he leads. It's easy to seek our own way and to believe our own truths. Too often we can pursue a life of comfort and ease, instead of a life of sacrifice and service.

Forgive us, we pray. Pull us out of ourselves. Enable us to live as those who in following your Son, also obtain a life filled with purpose and joy. Help us to stand under your mercy and open to your grace. In Christ we pray. Amen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Godly Play

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are excused to Godly Play after the Children's Sermon during worship. (Children in 4th—12th grade shall remain in worship).

Sunday School

Classes meet at 9:30 A.M. on the third floor. All youth age 4 through 12th grade are invited to Sunday School.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes meet at 9:30 A.M. in Room 8 with Dr. Brian Kaschak leading.

Monday School

Looking for a small group adult bible study? Join us at Monday School! The group meets at 6:30 P.M. in the Covenant House and are currently studying the letter of John and Psalms.

C-3 Youth Group

Covenant Chosen Children or C 3 is designed for 4th through 8th grade. The group will meet from 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. on Sundays. This will give our young people an opportunity to attend the children's choir from 12:00—12:30 P.M. before coming to group. **No meeting on Feb. 10th or 17th. See you on the 24th!**

Covenant Women's Circle

The next Women's Circle meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. Dinner cost is \$7.00. Please RSVP to the church office.

Covenant Women's Spring Tea

Friday, April 5, 2019 ~ 6:30 P.M.
"Music Through the Decades"



MORE HOSTESSES ARE NEEDED!

If interested contact Norma Ciero: 570-881-4459
or Sara Wintermute 570-561-3478.

HOSTESSES: There will be a meeting on February 17th in Room 8 immediately following worship (feel free to bring some goodies from coffee hour to the meeting!) **It is important that you attend.** You will be receiving your instruction sheet, dessert choices, tickets, and have any questions you might have answered.

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. **Godly Play** meets on the 3rd floor after the Children's Sermon (during worship) for children age 4 through 3rd grade.



Children's Worship Bags are located in the basket in the front of the sanctuary. Please return bags to the basket after worship.

There will be a Fellowship Hour following worship in the Sawtelle Auditorium (1st floor) hosted by Mrs. Alice Goodall and Mrs. Jane Foy.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Bill & Louise Ellard
By Cindy, Jim & Jimmy Walsh

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor
Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music
Mrs. Carolyn Pembridge, Liturgist

Safety Net

February and March are Covenant's months to help supply the **Safety Net** pantry with non-perishable foods. Bags and a list can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. **Any help you can give to Safety Net can help people in need and is greatly appreciated!**

Most needed items: Jelly, canned meats (spam, chicken), canned stews, Chef Boyardee products, rice. (No canned vegetables or pasta needed).

Interested in Church Membership?

The next opportunity for the Session to receive new members will be at their meeting on **Tuesday, February 12, 2019**. If you've been participating in worship and activities of our church family and would like to be presented for membership, speak with either of our pastors.

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

Psalter Lesson

Psalms 138

NRSV

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O Clap Your Hands

Julie Knowles

O clap your hands, O ye mighty people; Sing to the Lord with a song of joy.

O clap your hand, O ye might people; Sing to the Lord a new song!

The Lord is righteous, merciful, Great is His name.

Clap your hands, shout for joy, sing and give praise!

O clap your hands, O ye mighty people; Sing your praise to the Lord on high.

O clap your hands, O ye mighty people; Sing to the Lord a new song!

Chancel Choir

