

### Worship Attendance

Sunday, February 24, 2019—132

Yearly Average—135

Last Year's Average—111



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### This Week at Covenant:

- \*Today, 3/3, Fellowship Comm., 11:30 A.M.
- \*Wednesday, 3/6, Ash Wednesday Service & Soup Supper, 5:45 P.M., sanctuary.
- \*Thursday, 3/7, Infant Care Board, 6:00 P.M.
- \*Saturday, 3/9, Family Fellowship

### Next Week:

- \*Session, 3/12, 7:00 P.M. Covenant Room.
- \*Cookie Baking, 3/13, 10:00 A.M.
- \*Lent Service & Soup, 3/13, 5:45 P.M.
- \*Dinners 4 Eight, 3/15, 6:00 P.M.

### Today's Ushers: Team 2

Sara & Matt Scott, Emily Maher, Rick & Chris Wagner, Marilyn Griffiths, Rufus Holmes, JoAnn Cortazar

### March 10th—Team 3

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

**\*Sunday, 3/10, Daylight Savings!  
Spring Forward one hour  
before bed Saturday night—  
or you'll miss church!**



Time to  
Spring Ahead

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And a voice  
came out of the cloud,  
saying,  
"This is my Son,  
my Chosen One;  
listen to him!"

Luke 9:35, ESV

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 3, 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.

*Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

Prelude Sonata III: Con moto maestoso Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Leader: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.  
**People: Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.**  
Leader: On mountaintops and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.  
**People: With a word and with wonder, molding us into who we are.**  
Leader: On the playground and at the workstation,  
the Spirit whispers in our hearts.  
**People: Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams,  
and offering them to God.**

Prayer of Invocation adapted from Psalm 25

\*Processional Hymn No. 451 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones  
Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Dear Lord, we admit that we are often afraid to come near you. For if we do, you might see how our faces darken with anger as we speak hurtful words, or whiten with fear of those who are different, or redden from the depths of our desires. We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of our longings, that we are unable to see the faces etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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. In March the group will meet on the 3rd, 10th and 24th.

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**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).



**Deacons**

The Deacons need your help! Twice a year the Deacons pack ‘Goody Boxes’ for college students. There’s nothing like receiving a box full of chips/pop tarts/energy bars/candy, etc. to help with studying for finals! The Deacons would like to ask for donations of snacks to help fill the boxes. You can drop items off at the church office or at the reception desk on Sunday’s. We will be packing the boxes on Tuesday, March 19th. (NO liquids please!)

### Lent Services—Carrying our Cross

Some people tie a string around their finger to remind them of something. Beginning on Ash Wednesday worship (March 6th at 5:45 p.m.) this year, you will be invited to receive a more Lenten focus for the journey through 40 days. We will have a small 'nail cross' to serve a similar purpose as the string around your finger. It can serve as a reminder to consider daily the sacrifice Christ offered, and its meaning to you personally. The Labyrinth will also be available each week.

\*Ash Wednesday (sanctuary), 5:45 P.M.: Chancel Choir singing

\*All other services will be held in the Schautz Memorial Chapel at 5:45 P.M.

\*March 13th: Jay Steveskey, guitar

\*March 20th: Sophie Till, violin

\*March 27th: Ed Wargo, flute

\*April 3rd: Tom Heinze, oboe

\*April 10th: Andrea Wittchen, harp

**Join us each week on our Lenten journey!**

**A soup supper will be served each week.**



### Covenant Women's Spring Tea

Friday, April 5, 2019 ~ 6:30 P.M.

"Music Through the Decades"

Adults: \$10.00 Children 7-12: \$5.00

Tickets are available from any hostess: Debbie Wintermute/Sara Wintermute, Elaine Young/April Beky, Genie Jones, Delilah Zvirblis, Marilyn Griffiths, Patti Ollendyke, Lee Carr, Linda Frangos, JoAnn Cortazar/Norma Ciero, Andrea Yerke, Kim Pacyna/Melissa Ciero/Debbie Ritter.

Any questions or for more information please call Norma Ciero: 570-881-4459 or Sara Wintermute 570-561-3478.

### Covenant Women

**Pledge cards** have been mailed to all women—*please prayerfully* consider making a pledge to Covenant Women. All pledges assist us in upholding our Mission contributions as well as fund our yearly activities.

### Cookie Baking Returns!

Wednesday, March 13th, the cookie bakers will be back in action! You can join them in the kitchen at 10:00 A.M. if you'd like to help. Cookies will be for sale during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, March 17th.

**You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us. As you bend down to listen, may we speak your love to all those around us. As you call us into your presence, you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world. Hear us as we silently confess our shortcomings . . .**

*Silent Confession . . . 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.**

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

Luke 9:28-36

*NRSV*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Let the Heavens Resound!  
Chancel Handbell Choir

*Ronald Kauffmann*

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

*NRSV*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon & 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. 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Crusaders' Hymn*

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

**GOD'S WORD REVEALED**

Sermon

"If You Look Like Your Passport Photo"

*Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***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 Covenant, (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 the Santarsiero, Huddy and Carr families.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:  
Stephen S. Costen  
By Alan Costen

**Participating in Worship Today**

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor

Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music

Mrs. Linda Frangos, Liturgist

**Interested in Church Membership?**

The next opportunity for the Session to receive new members will be at their meeting on **Tuesday, March 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.

**Fellowship Hour**

We are in need of volunteers to host Fellowship Hour in March. A sign-up poster is available in the Sawtelle Auditorium. A stipend of \$30.00 is available to help with supplies. Open dates include March 10th and 17th.



*Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ we take from you this bread and this cup, and joyfully celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of His coming. Great is the mystery of faith...*

*We pray in the name of Christ Jesus.*

Words of Institution

Bread Broken

(Please receive as served, remembering that we come to Christ individually)

Cup Shared

(Please hold and receive together when directed by the pastor, remembering we are also a part of the united community of faith)

Prayers of the People

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn No. 73                      Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory                      *Geneva*

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Choral Amen

\*Postlude                      Alleluia! Let Praises Ring                      *Jan Bender*

\*Those who are able, please stand

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Offertory

Great and Glorious

*Franz Joseph Haydn*

*Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty, glorious in power eternal, mighty and loving Father; praise Him for His greatness, praise Him for all His exceeding greatness. Let all extol Him for evermore. Praise ye the Lord for it is good to sing praises unto our God. Praise to Thy name, Thy holy Name for evermore. God is nigh to all that call truly upon Him; the Lord upholdeth all who fall, and gently He upraiseth those who are bowed down. Great and glorious; call upon Him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.*

Chancel Choir

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(All the baptized faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion. It is our commemoration of the Last Supper of our Lord, a time to offer thanks, remember Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, and to be strengthened and nourished in faith. The *Communion Wafer* in center cup is *Gluten Free*)

Words of Invitation and Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, joining our songs with the hosts of heaven from every time and place...*