

## Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 7, 2019—153

Yearly Average—134

Last Year's Average—138



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## This Week at Covenant:

- \*Tuesday, 4/16, Deacons, 7:00 P.M.
- \*Wednesday, 4/17, Labyrinth available
- \*Thursday, 4/18, Worship, 7:00 P.M.
- \*Friday, 4/19, church office closes at noon.
- \*Sunday, 4/21, Easter Sunday
- \*Monday, 4/22, church office closed.

## Next Week:

- \*Tuesday, 4/23, Trustees, 6:30 P.M.
- \*Wednesday, 4/24, no Chancel choir rehearsal
- \*Thursday, Women's Circle, 6:00 P.M.
- \*Saturday, 4/27, Mexican Consulate visit

## Today's Ushers: Team 3

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

## April 21st—Team 4

Glenn Miller, Norma Gabriel, Ted Praschak, Elaine Young, Warren Keller



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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Palm Sunday

April 14, 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.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude Fantasy in G, BWV 572 Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

\*Processional Hymn No. 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God: you have told us that life is gained by losing it; giving it away and letting go. We confess that these words tend to frighten us, for we give up unwillingly.**

**Christ's entire life was immersed in holy mystery, yet we keep mystery and things we don't fully understand at bay. We don't easily relinquish our control or pause to consider your Spirit's direction. Lead us to discover your Way, and to embrace even the unknown of a future in your grace. Forgive and redirect us, for we are all in need of your grace and goodness.**

**Accept our prayer this day, and hear us as we offer our silent and personal confession to you. . .** *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

**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. **No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.**

**Adult Education**

Adult Education classes meet at 9:30 A.M. in Room 8 with Dr. Brian Kaschak leading. **No class on Easter Sunday.**

**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 Book of Revelation 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. The group will meet on April 28th.

**Sunday School and Adult Ed. classes will NOT meet on Easter Sunday.  
Godly Play will be held as usual, after the Children's message during worship.**

**Covenant Women**

Cookies for sale! Get your cookies after worship today! All proceeds from the Women's Association cookie sale help to fund our mission commitments each year.

**Covenant Women's Circle**

The women's circle group will meet on Thursday, April 25th, at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be served (\$7.00). Join the circle and explore hands-on mission work as well as craft and fellowship time.



## Camp Lackawanna

To all potential Campers! For anyone attending Camp Lackawanna for the first time, there will be a **50% discount** off the normal weekly cost. If you are the new camper and were invited by someone, please just note your referring friend's name on your application.

(Scholarship assistance is also available from Covenant Church, please call the church office for details).



For any returning camper who brings a friend to Camp (no residential family members or previous campers) a **20% discount** will apply. The procedure is simple. When registering, just put down the name of who you referred and if they register then you will be refunded 20% of your camp cost. This sweet offer is available for the 2019 camp season only and discounts apply until camp sessions are full. Go to the Camp Lackawanna website to see the summer program schedule and to register online: **www.camplackawannafirst.com**.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

The Christian Education committee is planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday. Children (up to 3rd grade) are asked to gather in the Covenant Room after worship and Godly Play.

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations of candy and eggs. If you have older children (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up) who would like to help hide the eggs, please let Pastor Martha know in advance. If you have any questions please call Pastor Martha or the church office.



**Save the Date! May 5, 2019**

**Chicken BBQ**

**At Covenant Presbyterian Church**

**Meal includes:** Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce,  
Baked Beans, Roll & Dessert

Those attending worship can pick up dinners in the Sawtelle Auditorium.

Curbside pick-up from 12:00—2:00 P.M.

Tickets are available from Frank & Norma Ciero.

\*Response of Praise

*Leoni*

**The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;  
The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!  
The Lord, The Great I Am, by earth and Heav'n confessed,  
We bow before Your Holy Name, Forever blest.**

Welcome, Joys & Concerns  
Minute for Mission

*Mrs. Alyssa Wintermute*

### **GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-26

*NRSV*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let God's people say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

*Lloyd Larson*

Chancel Handbell Choir

Gospel Lesson

Mark 11: 1-11

*NRSV*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They

told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Word of the Lord.

**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. 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

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

### **GOD’S WORD REVEALED**

Sermon

“Mission—Extremely Possible!”

*Rev. Scott G. Loomer*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Eternal King

*Jane Marshall*

*My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,  
nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.*

*Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
for me didst bear the nails, and spear, and manifold disgrace.*

*Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?*

*Not for the hope of winning heaven or of escaping hell;*

### **CROSSES IN THE CHANCEL**

The Cross Banners hanging in the Chancel symbolize Lenten Scripture messages. Designed and crafted in 1992 by Susan Shontz and Lorrie Loughney, the banners remind us that we all must choose our crosses and follow Jesus and were designed to help us find our stories in the symbols.

The **Tau Cross**, named for the Greek letter from which it takes its shape, is an austere, spare design reminding us of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness. The burst of white represents Jesus’ triumph over temptation. (wall to your left)

The **Catacomb Cross** was used by early Christians to display the cross while disguising it against the authorities who promised persecution. The archways represent the catacombs, where the early Church gathered to worship undetected. The stars represent the children of Abraham and Sara who are “as numerous as the stars. (wall to your right)

The **Crosstree** or “an old rugged cross on a hill far away.” Two lessons of the Lent season are represented. We are reminded both of Moses and the burning bush that is not consumed, as well as the parable of the fig tree which is allowed to stand for another season. Note that the cross casts a long shadow across the green (color of life) background. (Left Chancel wall)

The **Travelers’ Cross** is pointed so that travelers could plant it in the ground where they stopped to worship on the road and also reminds us of God’s people traveling in the wilderness for 40 years as well as the prodigal son returning to his father. (Right Chancel wall)

The **Crown** represents Christ’s rule and recalls Mary anointing Jesus’ feet. The Fluted Cross symbolizes the spreading of the gospel and speaks of God recalling a people from the four directions. The purple background symbolizes both repentance and royalty. (Left Flagpole)

The bright sun and palms on the **Palm Sunday Banner** are shadowed by the events to come: the denial, the betrayal and crucifixion, and soldiers tossing for Jesus’ robe. Of course, the fulfillment of the Palm Sunday promise is the empty cross and the dawning of a new day.

# 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.

Our Lenten Workshop will be held following worship in the Sawtelle Auditorium.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Elizabeth J. Williams

William L. Williams

By Sandra Williams Kneller & Herbert C. Kneller

### 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

**Maundy Thursday** service will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 P.M. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed and the Chancel Choir will sing "Surely He Hath Borne our Grievs" by G. F. Handel and "O Savior of the World" by John Goss.



### Fellowship Hour

We are in need of volunteers to host Fellowship Hour. A sign-up poster is available in the Sawtelle Auditorium. A stipend of \$30.00 is available to help with supplies.

Open dates include April 21st (Easter), May 12th, 19th & 26th.

*not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as Thyself hast loved me,  
O ever-loving Lord. Even so I love Thee, and will love and in Thy praise will sing;  
solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.*

Chancel Choir

\*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.**

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

All Hail to God's Anointed

*Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*

**See Insert**

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Choral Response

God Be in My Head

*Rita E. Landrum*

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking;*

*God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;*

*God be at mine end, and at my departing. A-men.*

\*Postlude

Carillon-Sortie

*Henri Mulet*

\*Those who are able, please stand

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible