

Worship Attendance

Sunday, June 16, 2019—96

Yearly Average—136

Last Year's Average—134



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This Week at Covenant:

No meetings this week.

Next Week:

*No Godly Play on June 30th.

*Thursday, July 4th, church office closed.

Today's Ushers: Team 3

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

June 30th—Team 4

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

Just because the Chancel choir takes a break over the summer, doesn't mean there won't be beautiful music each week in worship!

June 30	Nina Kouznetsov, piano
July 7	Patrick Fisk, tenor
July 14	Jenna Carmichael, soprano
July 21	Kathy Fisk, soprano
July 28	Catherine Carter & Simone Santarsiero, sopranos
Aug 4	Nina Kouznetsov, piano
Aug 11	Simone Santarsiero, soprano
Aug 18	Fisk Family Quartet
Aug 25	Evelyn Munley, alto

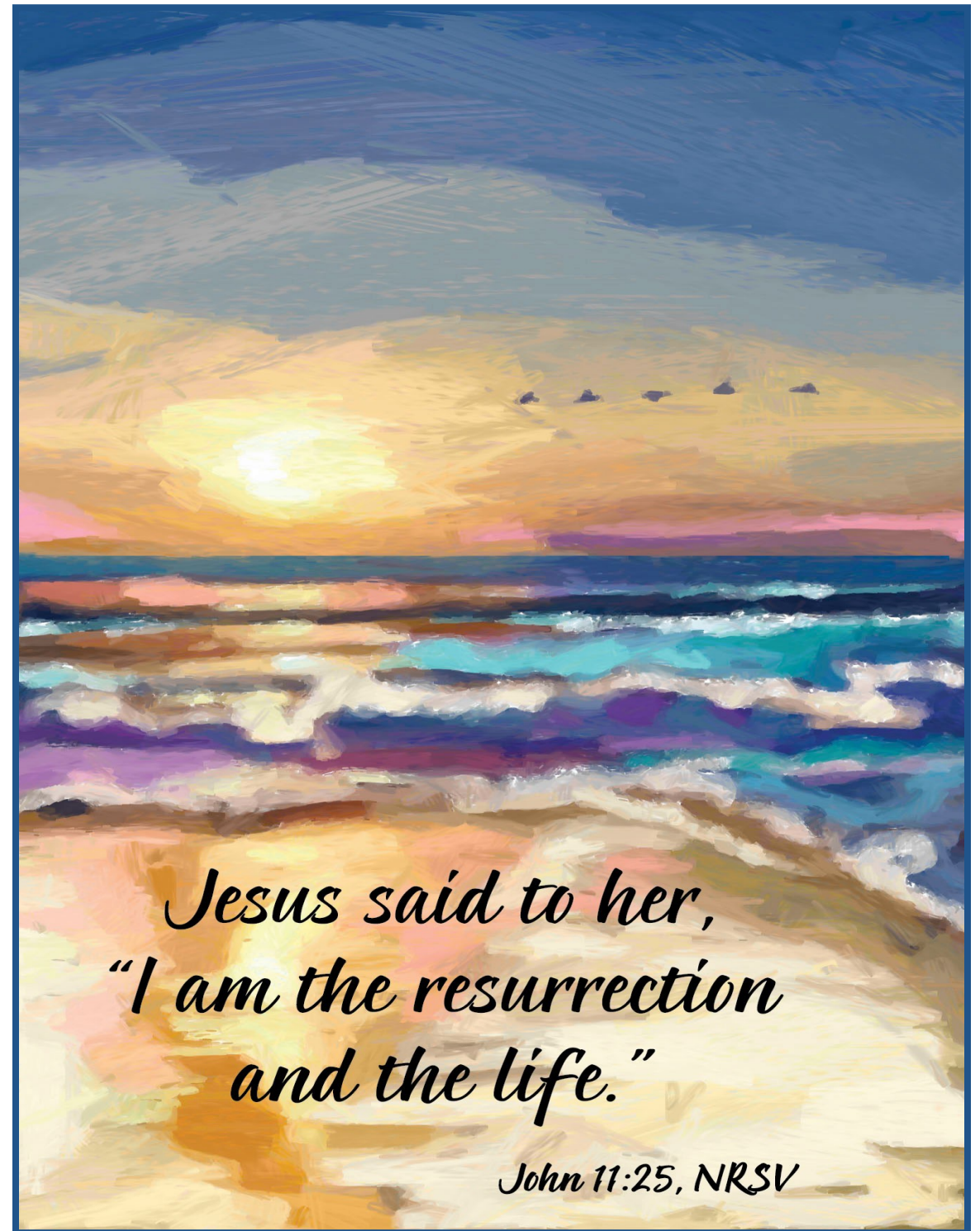


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*Jesus said to her,
"I am the resurrection
and the life."*

John 11:25, NRSV

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 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.

Gracious God, open our hearts to your word this day. Light our paths with the brightness of your love and wisdom. Guide us as we seek to walk in your ways and grow in your truth. Accept our offerings of praise, that our songs and our words may be transformed into your songs and your words. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Meditation *Gabriel Dupont*

Introit Shout to the Lord *Darlene Zschech
arr. L. Larson*

My Jesus. My Savior, Lord there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength, let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing: power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.
Jane & Jim Schildt

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe Den Herren*

Litany of Affirmation & Assurance

Leader: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard and seen with our eyes concerning the word of life, we proclaim to all.

People: God of Light, in whom there is no darkness, we praise you.

Leader: The life was made manifest, and we testify to it.

People: God of Light, in whom there is no darkness, we praise you.

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). **Godly Play will meet each week during the summer (no meeting on June 30th).**

Sunday School, Adult Education and Monday School classes are on break until September.

Vacation Bible School

As we prepare for VBS, we are looking for a variety of donations. Some items we are looking to be donated and some items we are looking to borrow for the week of VBS.



Some items that we will need include:

Markers, glue dots or masking tape, pool noodles, 9 ounce clear cups, rope lights, burlap or old looking bags, 1" thick foam, medium and large cardboard boxes, clear packing tape or duct tape

CAMP LACKAWANNA

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP!

Adventure, Wet-N-Wild, Sports, You & Me, Night Owls and MAD (Music, Art, Drama) are some of the camps offered. Ages range from 1st through 12th grade. Covenant Church offers scholarship assistance, please call the church office!

www.camplackawannafirst.com

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

This summer ten young people from our Presbytery, including KD and Ellie Jordan, will travel to Purdue University for a chance to be with 5,000 Presbyterians for a youth conference. We are asking members to write notes that will be distributed on the bus trip letting KD and Ellie know you are praying for them and their experience. In addition, if you would like to help with snacks for the bus trip, we are looking for individually wrapped peanut-free snacks.

Job Opening

The Presbytery of Lackawanna (located in the Covenant House) is accepting applications for a Financial Secretary for 15 hours per week. **Applicants should send resumes to PoLackawanna.actingg@gmail.com BY JULY 5.**

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. **Godly Play will continue to meet over the summer.**



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

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in Honor of the 56th Wedding Anniversary of Dan & Bonnie Welsch.

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor
Dr. Timothy Smith, Organist/Director of Music
Miss KD Jordan, Liturgist

The Deacons are asking for your help in collecting items for **Christmas in July** at the Lackawanna County Prison.

Items requested:

Toothpaste, socks, bar soap, greeting cards, loose-leaf binder paper, #10 envelopes, shampoo (12.5 oz. VO5 or Suave ONLY), lots and lots of wrapped candy. Boxes for donations are located at the Olive St. & Madison Ave. entrances.



Baseball Night with the Railriders August 2, 2019 ~ 7:05 P.M.

Sponsored by the Presbytery of Lackawanna. Tickets are \$11.00 (Parking \$5.00 per car paid at the field.) The Railriders will be playing the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. A Friday night with fireworks after the game. **Tickets need to be purchased by July 1st**—to reserve your tickets, please speak with Pastor Martha. mypastormartha@gmail.com



Leader: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth.

People: God of Light, in whom there is no darkness, we praise you.

Leader: If we confess our sins, Jesus Christ is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Jesus Christ is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: Friends, let us believe and announce the Good News of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed. Thanks be to God.

*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

First Lesson John 11: 1-4; 17-27; 38-44 *NRSV*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem Chariot's Comin'! *Traditional, arr. Don Besig*
*I've got a home waitin' in the heavenly kingdom up where the streets are paved with gold.
And someday I know I'll be headin' for the heavenly kingdom with a chariot to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.*

*Looked over Jordan, and what did I see comin' for to carry me home?
A shiny golden chariot waitin' there for me; It's gonna carry me home.*

*My day is comin' as sure as can be, comin' for to carry me home.
I hear a band of angels callin' out to me – they're gonna carry me home.*

Jane & Jim Schildt

Second Lesson John 20: 19 *NRSV*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation *Elder Lee Carr*
Waverly June Breese, daughter of David & Maggie Breese
Declaration and Blessing of the Waters
Questions to the Parents and Congregation
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Blessing

*Hymn No. 440 In Christ There Is No East or West *McKee*
(Prayer concern cards will be collected during the hymn.)

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon "The Link Between Death and Resurrection"
Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory The King is Coming *William & Gloria Gather*
The market place is empty, no more traffic in the streets, all the builders tools are silent,
no more time to harvest wheat; busy housewives stop their labors, in the courtroom no debate,
work on earth is all suspended as the King comes through the gate.
Happy faces line the hallways, those whose lives have been redeemed, broken homes that He
has mended, those from prison He has freed; little children and the aged hand in hand stand all
aglow, who were crippled broken, ruined, clad in garments white as snow.
I can hear the chariots rumble, I can see the marching throng, the flurry of God's trumpets spell
the end of sin and wrong; regal robes are now unfolding, Heaven's grandstands all in place,
Heaven's choir is now assembled, start to sing Amazing Grace! Oh the King is coming,
I just heard the trumpet sounding and now His face I see. Praise God, He's coming for me.
Jane & Jim Schildt

*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. 427 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
sung to Hymn to Joy

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude Psalm XIX *Benedetto Marcello*

*Those who are able, please stand
NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Sermon Series: Lessons for Early (and later) Christians from Acts

The "early" Christians, who were first forming the worshiping communities recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (look to the "book" following the four Gospels in the New Testament), struggled with this new Christian faith. I daresay many struggle with Christian faith more than two thousand years later as well.

For three weeks – June 23, June 30 and July 7 – I am offering a sermon series to address some of the same issues and concerns as those first Christian communities faced.

June 23 – "The Link between Death and Resurrection"
John 11.1-4, 14-44 and John 20.19

June 30 – "Faith is Never Free" Acts 7.51-60

July 7 – "The Heart of Faith: Not Rules but Relationships"
John 3.16 and Acts 2.43-47

Look forward to exploring some of the foundational building blocks of our Christian faith and practice.