

## Worship Attendance

Sunday, June 2, 2019—115

Yearly Average—138

Last Year's Average—139



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### This Week at Covenant:

- \*Sunday, 6/9, Christian Ed., 11:30 A.M.
- \*Sunday, 6/9, Women's Picnic, 1:00 P.M.
- \*Tuesday, 6/11, Session, 7:00 P.M.
- \*Thursday, 6/13, Worship & Music, noon.
- \*Thursday, 6/13, Infant Care Board, 6:00 P.M.
- \*Thursday, 6/13, Women's Circle, 6:00 P.M. at the Carr family home.

### Next Week:

- \*Sunday, June 16th, Father's Day. Children's Choir singing, last week for Sunday School and Chancel Choir's last Sunday.

### Today's Ushers: Team 1

Alice Goodall, Rich & Kate Hollenberg, Bob & Kathy Kintzer, Siemong Wang, Cody Brooks, Gregg Sandercock, Karen Fogley, Teresa Keller, Carol Winn, Pam Huddy

### June 16th—Team 2

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

### Fellowship Hour Hosts/Hostesses

Available date: **June 16th (Father's Day)**. Please call the church office or put your name on the sign-up board which is in the Sawtelle Auditorium.



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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Day of Pentecost

June 9, 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.

*Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Toccata in G Major

*Theodore Dubois*

Call to Worship

**Leader: As they gathered to hear the Word proclaimed  
on that first Pentecost,**

People: so too, we gather today to celebrate the coming of the Spirit.

**Leader: Awe came upon the community of faith as they encountered  
the living Lord.**

People: Make us aware, Holy Spirit, of the majesty and awe of God's continuing presence.

**Leader: Let us worship God!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*Ebenezer*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of rushing wind and dancing flames, we confess that we have too often resisted the urgings of the Spirit and turned away from those who are different. You seek to enlarge our understanding and bridge our divides, but we cling to that which is comfortable and known. We have hoarded our resources out of fear rather than following the example of your earliest church and sharing with all as any have need. Forgive our lack of trust in You. Fill us with your**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Please thank our Sunday School teachers who faithfully teach  
our youngsters each week!**

***Alyssa Wintermute & Pam Huddy—4yrs through 2nd grade***

***Lee Carr—3rd through 8th grade***

***Lori Chaffers & Pastor Martha—senior high***

**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.**

**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. **Last day for Sunday School is June 16th.**

**Adult Education**

Adult Ed. classes are on break until September.

**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. **Last meeting is Monday, June 17th.**

**C-3 Youth Group**

Join us for Ice Cream on Friday, June 21st, at 7:00 P.M. RSVP to Pastor Martha. (Have a great summer! See you in the Fall!)

**Vacation Bible School**

Save the Dates! August 5th through the 8th, 2019!

You can register any time by contacting Pastor Martha.



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



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



**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 today in the Sawtelle Auditorium (first floor) hosted by the Naughton and Neuls Families.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and  
In Honor of the Wedding Anniversaries of:  
Dr. & Mrs. David Sherbine &  
Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Sherbine  
By Bruce & Patty Sherbine

### Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Timothy Smith, Organist/Director of Music  
Mrs. Michelle Westbrook, 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.



**Holy Spirit, personally and as the church, as on that first Pentecost. Embolden us to live renewed and transformed lives as disciples of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we silently pray . . .**

*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

**Leader: The good news and blessed truth is this: God's Spirit is already here and at work in each of us personally and communally.**

**Even now our mistakes and pretenses have fallen away and we are seen by God and claimed as God's own beloved.**

**Friends, hear and trust the good news:**

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*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

Minute for Mission—Pentecost Offering

*Elder Lorrie Loughney*

### GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21

*from the translation The Voice*

Narrator: Michelle Westbrook

Pilgrim: Bruce Jordan

Skeptic: Martha Jordan

Peter: Craig Westbrook

2 When the holy day of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover, they were gathered together in one place.

*2 Picture yourself among the disciples:*

A sound roars from the sky without warning, the roar of a violent wind, and the whole house where you are gathered reverberates with the sound. 3 Then a flame appears, dividing into smaller flames and spreading from one person to the next.

4 All the people present are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in

languages they've never spoken, as the Spirit empowers them.

5 *Because of the holy festival*, there are devout Jews staying as pilgrims in Jerusalem from every nation under the sun. 6 They hear the sound, and a crowd gathers. They are amazed because each of them can hear the group speaking in their native languages. 7 They are shocked and amazed by this.

**Pilgrims:** Just a minute. Aren't all of these people Galileans? 8 How in the world do we all hear our native languages being spoken? 9 *Look*—there are Parthians here, and Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamians, and Judeans, residents of Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygians and Pamphylans, Egyptians and Libyans from Cyrene, Romans including both Jews *by birth* and converts, 11 Cretans, and Arabs. We're each, in our own languages, hearing these people talk about God's powerful deeds.

12 Their amazement becomes confusion as they wonder,

**Pilgrims:** What does this mean?

**Skeptics:** 13 It doesn't mean anything. They're all drunk on some fresh wine!

This miraculous sign of God's kingdom is astounding. The followers of Jesus are not known as people who drink too much wine with breakfast, so this fantastic episode requires some other kind of explanation. Unfortunately it is impossible to comprehend or explain what transpires on Pentecost. But this is not a novelty performance; rather, it is the foundation of the kingdom of God in that it establishes the church as the place where God moves on the earth through His Spirit. They expect a political kingdom, but God moves in people's hearts to transform individuals and communities.

14 As the twelve stood together, Peter shouted to the crowd,

**Peter:** Men of Judea and all who are staying here in Jerusalem, listen. I want you to understand: 15 these people aren't drunk as you may think. Look, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! 16 *No, this isn't drunkenness*; this is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel. 17 Hear what God says!

In the last days,  
I will offer My Spirit to humanity as a libation.  
Your children will boldly speak *the word of the Lord*.  
Young warriors will see visions,  
and your elders will dream dreams.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

Be still. The Holy One is here.

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.**

\*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. 131 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow *Aberystwyth*

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Choral Response God Be in My Head *Rita 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 Sortie in E-flat Major *Louis Lefebure-Wély*

\*Those who are able, please stand

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation *Elder John Santarsiero*  
*Hannah Elizabeth Naughton, Hunter Joseph Naughton & Heidi Kathryn Naughton*  
*Children of Nichole & Bernie Naughton*

Declaration and Blessing of the Waters  
Questions to the Parents and Congregation

Unison Prayer

**Gracious God, giver of all life, in your presence we pray for Nichole and Bernie. Give them wisdom and patience to guide Hannah, Hunter and Heidi in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church. Let your peace and joy dwell in their home, that their family life may be instructed by faith, sustained by prayer and governed by love. Strengthen them in their own baptism, that they may rejoice as children of God, and serve you faithfully. As individuals, we pray that as you grow in Christ you may bear the fruit of wisdom and godliness day by day. As a church, we promise to fulfill our responsibility to you and your children in teaching, serving, and loving them, that from their earliest days of memory they may see the face of Jesus mirrored in us. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Baptism

\*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. 130 Let Every Christian Pray *Laudes Domini*  
*(Prayer concern cards will be collected during the hymn.)*

### GOD’S WORD REVEALED

Sermon “The Church of Your Dreams” *Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Be Still *David Evans, arr. Jane Holstein*

Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and with fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

- 18 Yes, in those days I shall offer My Spirit to all servants,  
both male and female, and they will boldly speak My word.  
19 And in the heaven above and on the earth below,  
I shall give signs *of impending judgment*: blood, fire, and clouds of smoke.  
20 The sun will become a void of darkness,  
and the moon will become blood.  
Then the great and dreadful day of the Lord will arrive,  
21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
will be liberated *into God’s freedom and peace.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Nocturne No. 4 – Song of Peace *Michael Helman*  
Chancel Handbell Choir

Psalter Lesson Psalm 104: 24-34; 35b *NRSV*

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

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