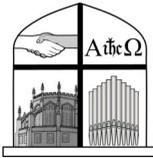


Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 7, 2019—85

Yearly Average—130

Last Year's Average—128



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This Week at Covenant:

*Tuesday, 7/16, Infant Care Program
Fundraiser at Fratelli's.

Next Week:

*Wednesday, 7/24, VBS meeting, 5:30 P.M.

*Sunday, 7/28, Missionary Visit

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

July 21st—Team 2

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

Summer Music at Covenant Church

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
Sept 1	Lorrie Loughney, soprano
Sept 8	Catherine Carter, soprano

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
JULY & AUGUST
9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.**



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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 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.

Lord, still in us all voices but your own. Help us to listen, hear and embrace what you want to teach us this day. Bless us with a reverent sense of your presence that we may be at peace.

Encourage us to worship you with all our body, mind and spirit and then, send us forth, a people renewed and empowered for service in the world. Amen

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Two Preludes on American Hymn Tunes *Gilbert Martin*
Amazing Grace - Nettleton

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

People: Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Leader: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

People: Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

Leader: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

People: Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, they may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by. Some are family and friends we take so much for granted, we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion.

Others are neighbors: who have been left half-dead by crushing work;

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.

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.



Needed items for VBS:

We are looking for donations for VBS. A sign-up sheet is available in the Madison Ave. and Olive St. entrances.

Bookbags for Students

We will distribute Bookbags to **ALL** children of our church on Sunday, August 18, 2019, during worship.

You can help by donating items to stuff the Bookbags and help our youth get a good start to their new school year. **School supply donations will be accepted through Sunday, August 11th.** If you cannot be present that day, you can stop by the church office to pick up your book bag!

We are looking for the following donations: Pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, pencil boxes, crayons, colored pencils, folders, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, binders, and loose paper.



Missionary Visit

Join us on Sunday, July 28, 2019 as we host Charles & Melissa Johnson. Charles serves as a Development Specialist and Melissa serves as a Health Education Program Facilitator with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Zambia Synod. They are working to expand its holistic ministry of community development, food security and improved health. After worship you can join them in the Covenant Room for a Fellowship time and to hear more about their ministry.

Communications Committee News

Covenant announces a new service of **GivePlus**, a Vanco product, which provides a complete range of payment solutions for religious organizations. Give+ offers the services of text, mobile or online giving. In the coming weeks, information on Give+ contributions will be provided in Covenant's weekly bulletins and future Covenanters. Questions regarding online giving can be directed to any of Covenant's staff members.

You can visit Covenant's "Give" webpage (on our website) and view a short video of how GivePlus works.
<https://covenantscranton.org/give/>



You can also use the QR code to take you directly to the GivePlus page.

New Emails

In another effort by the Communications Committee, all church staff members have been given new email addresses that will coincide with our website address.

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Summer Adventures with Flat Paul

Last summer, many people took Flat Jesus with them on their summer adventure. We have photos of him having fun in Mexico and Moscow. We have photos of him relaxing with family and friends and touring the sites. This summer as we prepare for our VBS adventures with Paul, you are invited to take Flat Paul with you. We don't want you to miss your relationship with the church and with scripture.

Flat Paul helps all of us stay plugged into our faith throughout the summer months—giving families a unique opportunity to continually engage in their faith development all summer long! Take a picture and tag on social media #FlatPaul. It will be fun to see his adventures this summer. You can pick up your Flat Jesus at church to take home and color.

who have fallen into the hands of despair; who have been abandoned by all those who walked on by them.

Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge: they are weak, or poor, or the enemy or because they remind us of who we once were, or could become. Rescue us from the power of our sins.

O God, pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with pity, and spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours, and share it with our sisters and brothers; that we would shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for our sins. 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

*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

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

NRSV

And the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for

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. 420 God of Grace and God of Glory *CWM Rhondda*

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude Postlude on *CWM Rhondda* *Paul Manz*

*Those who are able, please stand

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon "Tell Me A Story" *Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan*

Commissioning for 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium Delegation

Elder Lorrie Loughney

Commissioning Prayer (Unison)

Holy God, through never-ending streams of mercy, guide and protect our young people and their leaders as they attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Tune their hearts to sing your praise and fill them with your wondrous grace. Transform their lives through this experience so that they may further build your Kingdom through their gifts and leadership. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Part the Waters *Charles F. Brown*

When I think I'm going under, part the waters Lord. When I feel the waves around me, calm the sea. When I cry for help, O hear me Lord and hold out your hand, touch my life, still the raging storm in me.

Knowing you love me through the burdens I must bear, hearing your footsteps lets me know I'm in your care, and in the night of my life you bring the promise of day.

Here is my hand, show me the way. Knowing you love me helps me face another day, hearing your footsteps drives the clouds and fears away, and in the tears of my life I see the sorrow you bore. Here is my pain, heal it once more.

Jenna Carmichael, soprano

*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)