

Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 14, 2019—72

Yearly Average—128

Last Year's Average to Date—126



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This Week at Covenant:

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

*Sunday, 7/28, Missionary Visit

Next Week:

*Sunday, 7/28, Missionary Visit

*Friday, 8/2, Presbytery Baseball game

*Sunday, 8/4, Holy Communion

Today's Ushers: Team 2

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

July 28th—Team 3

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

Summer Music at Covenant Church

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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“Only **one** thing
is necessary.
Mary has chosen
what is **best**, and it
will not be taken
away from her.”

LUKE 10:42, CEV

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.

Text giving is also available at 570-363-4324.



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.

Have mercy on us, God who loves us completely. May we be the grace that a lonely person needs this week; may we be the hope the forgotten are looking for; may we be the peace that the broken long for in every moment, even as Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has been our peace, our hope, our grace, and so much more in our lives. *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: Today, in this moment, the word is very near to us.

The word of forgiveness, the word of hope,
the word of our God for all of us.

**People: God's heart is open to us, pouring mercy, wonder,
and peace into our lives.**

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*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

Colossians 1: 15-20

NRSV

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOOD MORNING!

Anthem Ride Up in the Chariot *Spiritual*
arr. Betty Jackson King
Gonna ride up in the chariot, soon-a in the mornin' and I hope I'll join the band.
Oh, Lord have mercy on me, and I hope I join the band. Gonna walk and talk with Jesus,
soon-a in the mornin' and I hope I'll join the band. Gonna chatter with the angels,
soon-a in the mornin' and I hope I'll join the band.
Kathy Fisk, soprano

Gospel Lesson Luke 10: 38-43 *NRSV*
Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."
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Children's Sermon

*Hymn No. 310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee *St. Agnes*
(Prayer concern cards will be collected during the hymn.)

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon "Martha, Martha, Martha" *Elder Margo Tomlinson*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory We Shall Behold Him *Dottie Rambo*
The sky shall unfold, preparing His entrance; the stars shall applaud Him with thunders
of praise. The sweet light of His eyes shall enhance those awaiting,
and we shall behold him then face to face.
We shall behold him face to face in all of His glory; our Savior and Lord.
The angels shall sound the shout of His coming, the sleeping shall rise from their slumbering
place. And those who remain shall be changed in a moment,
and we shall behold Him then face to face.
Kathy Fisk, soprano

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.

Participating in Worship Today

Elder Margo Tomlinson, Guest Preacher
Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music
Mrs. Carolyn Pembridge, Liturgist
Mrs. Kathy Fisk, Soloist

Infant Care Program

Many thanks to our ICP families, friends and church families for your wonderful support of our program and our fundraising efforts. We hope everyone who attended our fundraiser at Fratelli's had a wonderful meal! Fratelli's presented us with a check for \$400.00! Thank you to all!

Our next fundraiser is, of course, our annual Pasta Dinner! The dinner is scheduled for Sunday, September 22, 2019. If anyone is interested in donating a basket for our raffle, please contact Patti Ollendyke at the church office.

Pictorial Directory

Please be a part of our new family directory!

We need YOU to make our new family album complete!

We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members! Our last Photo Directory was produced in 2014. Photos will be taken in October ... more details to come! (Think Christmas cards!) Sign-up will begin in September!

*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. 298 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy *In Babilone*

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude Tuba Tune in D Major *C. S. Lang*

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