

Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 18, 2019—82

Yearly Average—120

Last Year's Average to Date—121



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This Week at Covenant:

*Monday, 8/26, 3:00 P.M., Communications Committee

Next Week:

*Monday, 9/2, church office closed in observance of Labor Day

Today's Ushers: Team 2

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

Sept. 1—Team 3

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

Summer Music at Covenant Church

Sept 1	Lorrie Loughney, soprano
Sept 8	Catherine Carter, soprano
Sept 15	Chancel Choir returns

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



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"I set you apart."
JEREMIAH 1:5. NIV

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

"Covenant Ladies for Zambian Ladies" Challenge

One of our Covenant Church ladies is challenging all of the ladies of Covenant Church to support the women of the Zambian Synod. This challenge came after Charles and Melissa Johnson, Missionaries to Zambia, met with our church members in the Covenant Room following the church service on July 28th. Melissa Johnson serves in the Health Department as Health Education Programs Facilitator. Melissa and other health care workers have developed "Feminine Kits" which are given to women in need. Each hygiene kit costs \$12.00 and lasts for three years.

Our "challenger" will match, up to \$240.00, donations toward funding feminine hygiene kits for the girls and women of the Synod of Zambia. So.... If 10 women each make 1 donation of \$12.00 each (\$120.00 for 10 kits) our challenger will match that \$120.00 which would double the number of kits to 20. If there are 20 donations of \$12.00 each (\$240.00 for 20 kits) we will match that \$240.00, totaling \$480.00 which would provide 40 kits. (Of course, what a wonderful blessing it would be if the ladies of Covenant Church were to donate more than the \$240.00 of this challenge.)

Please forward checks to Covenant Presbyterian Church indicating that the donation is for the "Ladies of Zambia." The final date for the collection will be Sunday, September 29.

***You are challenged Covenant Presbyterian Ladies!!
Support the cause!***

Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. We confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins. You redeem us from our mistakes. Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Hear us as we silently confess our sinfulness.

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: God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us,
but to listen to our prayers.

God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

People: This is indeed good news for us!

We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life.

Thanks be to God! 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

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

NRSV

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I

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 loving memory of:
David J. Keene
Gov. William W. Scranton
By Linda & Jennifer Keene

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor
Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music
Evelyn Munley, soloist

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.

Photography Dates: October 23, 24 & 25

(Think Christmas cards!) Sign-up will begin in September!



Construction Alert

Work is scheduled to begin in the Madison Ave. entranceway on August 26th. Painting of the walls will be done and the entryway will be closed. There will be access through the handicap entryway during the construction.

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon "The One Who Knows" *Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say *Charles F. Harris*
I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come unto me and rest; lay down thou weary one, thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary, worn and sad; I found in Him a resting place and He has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived. And now I live in Him. I heard the voice of Jesus say; "I am this dark world's Light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise and all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun; and in that Light of life I'll walk 'till traveling days are done.
Evelyn Munley, mezzo-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)*

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn No. 420 God of Grace and God of Glory *CWM Rhondda*

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude Sinfonies de Fanfares: Rondeau *Jean Joseph Mouret*

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