

## Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 28, 2019—68

Yearly Average—124

Last Year's Average to Date—124



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### This Week at Covenant:

\*Monday—Thursday, 8/5—8/8, VBS

\*Thursday, 8/8, Membership, 4:30 P.M.

\*Thursday, 8/8, Infant Care Board, 6:00 P.M.

### Next Week:

\*There will be 'Lemonade on the Lawn' after worship next Sunday, August 11th, hosted by Mrs. Alice Goodall and Mrs. Jane Foy.

\*Thursday, 8/15, Worship & Music, 12:00 P.M. in the Covenant House.

\*Thursday, 8/15, Communications, 1:00 P.M.

### Today's Ushers: Team 4

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

### August 11th—Team 5

Ken Pembridge, Frank Ciero, Roy Pauli, Michael Carr, Himran Aziz

### Summer Music at Covenant Church

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



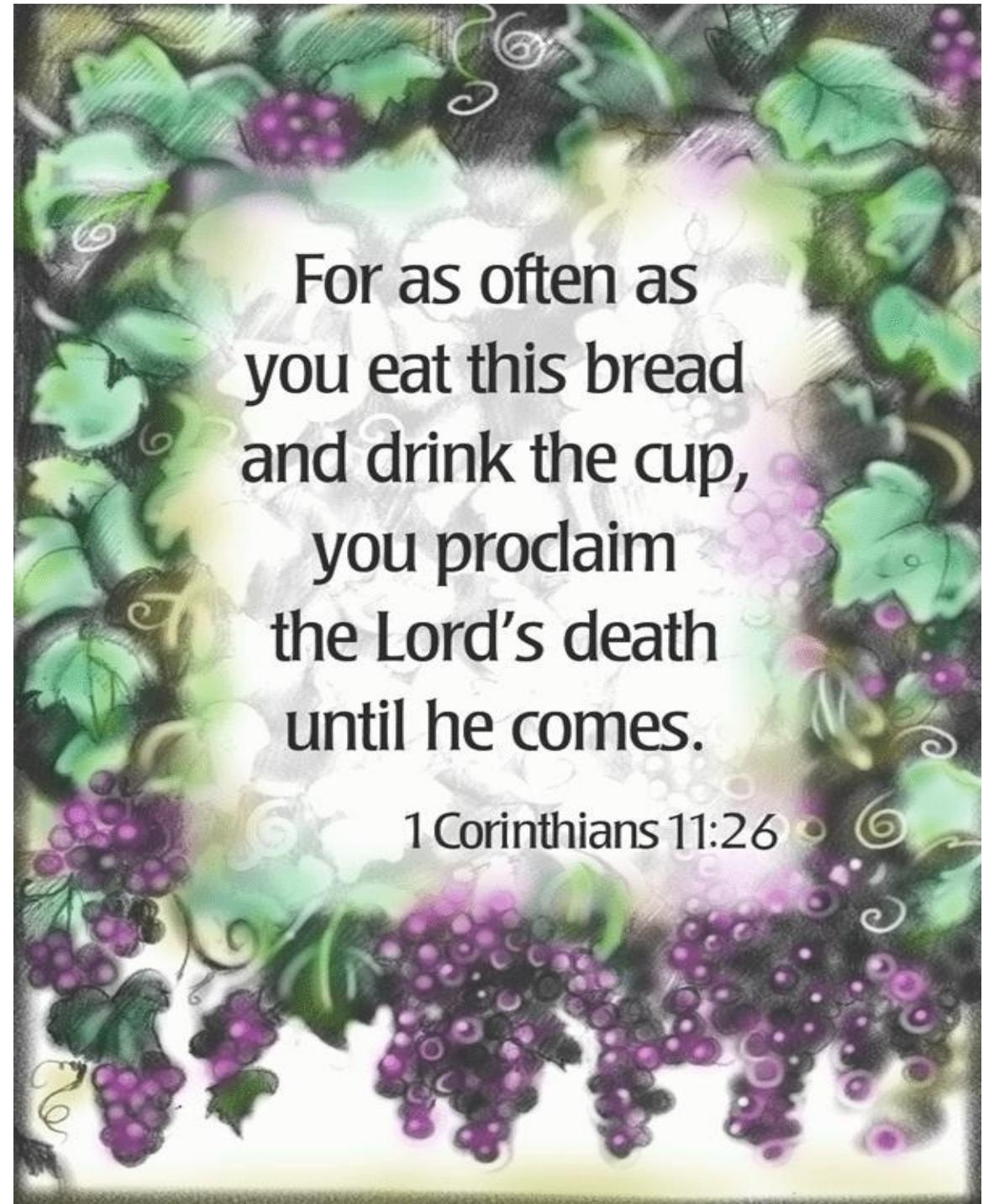
**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS  
JULY & AUGUST  
9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.**

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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.

*God of all seasons, come to us anew on this Sunday morning. As we feel the changing pace of our common lives, let us know again the wonder of your ordered world and your wonderful desires for our fulfillment. As we sing and pray, remove our fears and insecurities and give us the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Amen.*

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude Melodie, Op.3, No. 3 *Sergei Rachmaninoff*

Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 447 Lead On, O King Eternal *Lancashire*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *Silent Confession*

**Gracious God, as we prepare today to receive the Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to discern the mystery of this most Holy sacrament. Unite us ever more deeply with Christ's suffering that we may also be united ever more deeply with him in his resurrection power. Draw us closer to him and to each other in the fullness of his grace and love.**

**Lord and Savior, your table is set for us so that we might remember your death until you come again and so that we might be nourished and comforted and grow in grace. Grant that as we receive your most precious body and blood that we might indeed be strengthened in our faith and that your people might be one as you and the Father and the Spirit are one, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.**

**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.**

Although we are all still enjoying our vacation time, you might want to jot down a few dates to remember:

**Sept. 8th:**

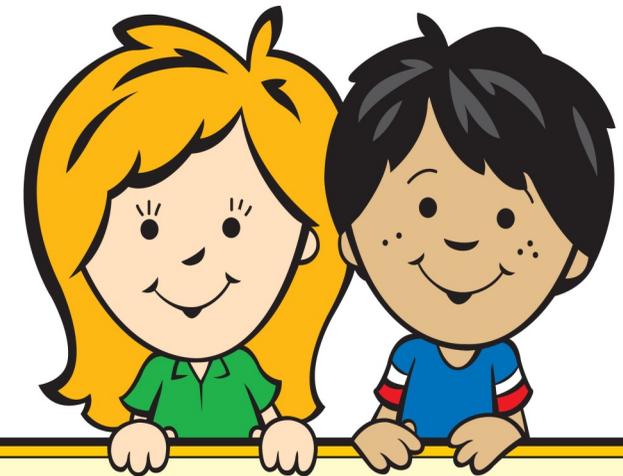
Welcome Back Breakfast

**Sept. 11th:**

Chancel Choir and Bell Choir rehearsal begins.

**Sept. 15th:**

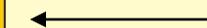
Sunday School begins  
Children's Choir begins



**Bookbags for Students**

We will distribute Bookbags to **ALL** children of our church on Sunday, August 18, 2019, during worship. Our goal is to fill 50 book bags this year.

You can help by donating **NEW** items to fill the bags. This will allow our young people to get a good start to their new school year.



***School supply donations will be accepted through Sunday, August 11th.***

**We are looking for the following donations:**

Crayons (not from the dollar store); colored pencils; erasers; scissors; pencil sharpeners; loose-leaf paper; 3 or 5 subject notebooks; 2 pocket folders; pens. If you would like to donate money, Pastor Martha would be happy to shop for items on your behalf.

## 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 Covenanter's. 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.

Scott Loomer - [pastorscott@covenantscranton.org](mailto:pastorscott@covenantscranton.org)

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Patti Ollendyke - [secretary@covenantscranton.org](mailto:secretary@covenantscranton.org)

### **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 is moving right along so don't forget 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.

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

New Testament Lesson

I Corinthians 11: 23-26

*NRSV*

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

John 6: 48-58

*NRSV*

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is

# GOOD MORNING!

the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn No. 339

Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

*(Prayer concern cards will be collected during the hymn.)*

## GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon

The Art of Remembering

*Rev. Scott G. Loomer*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 2

*Frederic Chopin*

Words of Invitation and Institution

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are invited to celebrate Communion. All who have examined their heart and come in faith including children, when under the supervision of a parent or other teacher of the faith, are invited to participate in this holy sacrament.)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bread Broken

(Please receive as served, remembering that we come to Christ individually)

Cup Shared

(Please hold and receive together when directed by the pastor, remembering we are also a part of the united community of faith)

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:

J. Ernest & Catherine Kohl

By Nancy Kohl & Suzanne Kilpatrick

### Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor

Nina Kouznetsov, Guest Organist

Mrs. Linda Keene, Liturgist

### Pictorial Directory

**Please be a part of our new family directory!**

**We need YOU to make our new family album complete!**

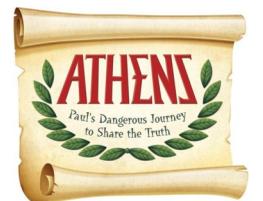
We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members! Our last Photo Directory was produced in 2014.

Photos will be taken in October ... more details to come!

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

### Vacation Bible School

VBS begins tomorrow, August 5th, at 5:15 P.M. If your child is not signed up—please speak with Pastor Martha after worship.



Prayers of the People and 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. 285      God, You Spin the Whirling Planets      *Austrian Hymn*

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude      *Finale from Organ Concerto No. 1*      *Josef Rheinberger*

\*Those who are able, please stand

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible