

Worship Attendance

Sunday, October 6, 2019—143

Yearly Average—120

Last Year's Average to Date—120



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This Week at Covenant:

- *10/13, Roba Family Farm, after worship
- *10/14, Church office closed
- *10/15, Deacons, 7:00 P.M.
- *10/16, Covenant Women's Board, 12:00 P.M.
- *10/16, No Chancel Choir rehearsals

Next Week:

- *10/22, Trustees, 6:30 P.M.
- *10/23, 24, 25, 26, Photos
- *10/24, Women's Circle, 6:00 P.M.
- *10/27, Session, after worship
- 10/27, Safety Net Chicken Dinner

October Dates Ahead

- 10/27, Safety Net Chicken Dinner
- 10/27, Arcadia Chorale Concert, 3:00 P.M.
- 10/30, Labyrinth with special music, 7:00 P.M.

Today's Ushers: Team 4

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

Oct. 20—Team 5

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

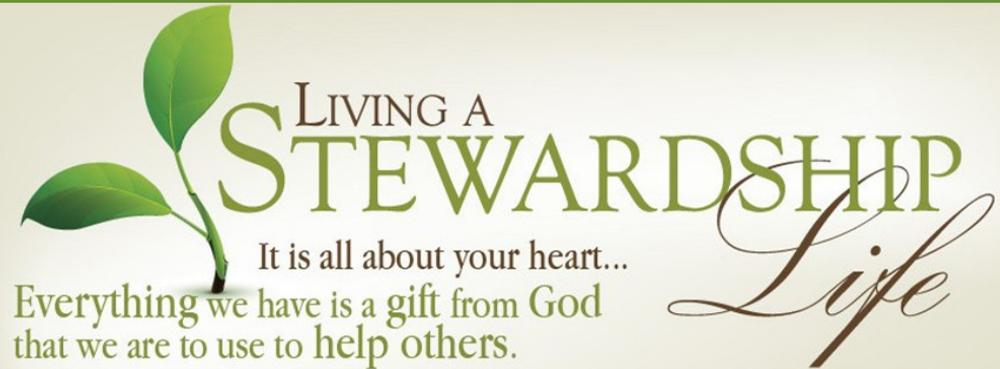


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Growing up as a Roman Catholic, I attended church with my family every Sunday and on Holy Days. I recall rushed Sunday mornings sharing one bathroom among five people, carefully choosing what to wear and making time to eat breakfast. No matter how rushed and busy those mornings were, my mom and dad always reminded us, "don't forget your offering." We earned our weekly 25-cent allowance by doing household chores, and we took turns helping our father with his wood delivery business on evenings and weekends for a little extra money. Even though it was difficult to 'give up' those hard-earned pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, there was never a question of how important it is to show God and the church how blessed we feel about our fortunate circumstances.

Now, I fully understand.



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 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, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work.

Be here with us today, for we come, asking for your support in all that we do.

We need your love, transforming our lives in hope. Be with us we pray. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude A Trumpet Minuet *Alfred Hollins*

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. 488 The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *Silent Confession . . .*

Forgive us those times we have tried to live without you. Forgive us our closed minds and hearts to your presence and your invitation to follow in Christ's way. Reveal your truth to us; repeat your call to us; straighten our lives that we may walk in His way. Help us to rejoice together in what Christ can help us accomplish through His spirit and will. 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

Communication Committee News

Covenant announces a new service of **Give+**, a Vanco product, which provides a complete range of payment solutions for religious organizations. Give+ offers the services of text, mobile or online giving.

You can go to Covenant's "Give" webpage (on our website) and view a short video of how each Give+ platform (online, mobile, text) works. The first time you use Give+ you must register your account. Once that's complete, giving is just a click away! No more writing checks or remembering your envelope on Sunday morning. It's easy, safe and secure electronic giving.

<https://covenantscranton.org/give/>

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

Your phone must have a QR code reader application to use this.

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



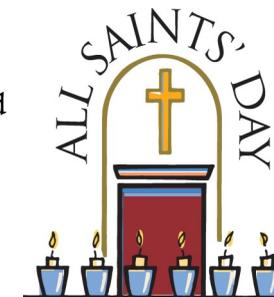
Speaking of envelopes . . . Covenant has new **Welcome** envelopes in each pew. A line has been added that reads: "I give online." These envelopes can be used on Sunday mornings if you get that feeling that you should be placing *something* in the offering plate even though you may give electronically. Just check the box and place the envelope in the offering plate.

We understand that not everyone may be comfortable with electronic giving—and that's OK! Covenant church's goal is to make giving as easy as possible for everyone no matter how you choose to give. Please feel free to ask church staff any questions you may have about giving online through Give+.

Next Sunday, October 20th, we will have a short video before the prelude begins about Give+ and online giving.

All Saints Celebration

Sunday, November 3, 2019, we celebrate saints departed in addition to 'new' saints (new members and newly baptized) in the life of Covenant Church in the past year. If you would like someone's name remembered please call the office by **Monday, October 28th.**



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Godly Play continues for children age 4 through 3rd grade. Children are excused to Godly Play after the Children's Sermon during worship to hear God's word in a quiet setting. We are studying the stories of the Old Testament.

Sunday School

Classes meet at 9:30 A.M. Children age 4 through 8th grade meet for class on the third floor. The Sunday School class will study various bible stories from *God's Game Plan*. Pre-school and Kindergarten are exploring *A to Z Thru the Bible*. The high school class will meet in the Chapel.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes gather at 9:30 A.M. in Room 8 (first floor) with Dr. Brian Kaschak leading.

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 is currently studying the book of Judges.

Confirmation

If you have a young person (8th grade or older) who is interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Martha. The first class will be held on Sunday, October 20th, at 2:00 P.M.

C3 Youth Group

C3 will meet on Sunday, October 20th, at 12:30 P.M.

Chancel Flowers

Each week our worship experience is enriched by the memorial flowers in the front of the sanctuary. These same flowers rearranged into small bouquets and distributed by Deacons to the ill and homebound members of Covenant, enrich our common ministry. There are a few open Sundays in our schedule. If you would like to give chancel flowers, please call Patti Ollendyke at the church office.

Open Dates: Nov. 3rd and Dec. 1st, 2019

Jan. 26th, July 26th, and August 23rd, 2020.

Wi-Fi

Did you know Covenant Church has Wi-Fi? In the church building, the network name and password are the same: **cpcguest**. The signal may not be available in all areas of the church building.

*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

Recognition of New Members

Tracy Bryndza & Brenda Davis

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 66: 1-12

NRSV

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

Selah

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him,

who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

To God All Praise and Glory

Frederick H. Candlyn

Sing praise to God, Who reigns above, the God of all creation,

the God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;

With healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills:

To God all praise and glory!

The Angel host, O King of kings; Thy praise forever telling,

*in earth and sky all living things beneath Thy shadow dwelling.
Adore the wisdom which would span and power which formed creation's plan:*

To God all praise and glory!

O ye who name Christ's holy name, give God all praise and glory:

all ye who own His power, proclaim aloud the wondrous story!

Cast each false idol from His throne, the Lord is God and He alone:

To God all praise and glory!

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

Luke 17: 11-19

NRSV

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon 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.

*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. 332

Live Into Hope

Truro

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

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon

"Who is There to Give Thanks"

Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Stuffed Chicken Dinner to benefit Safety Net

Sunday, October 27, 2019

12:00—2:00 P.M. Take Out ONLY

You must purchase your ticket in advance:

\$12.00 adults, \$6.00 children 10 & under

See Kathy Kintzer after worship for tickets.

Safety Net aids people with emergency food, rent and clothing needs as well as referral to social service agencies.



Camp Lackawanna Job Posting

Camp Lackawanna is seeking to hire a full-time, on-site Camp Director.

The Director will supervise all aspects of the camp including, but not limited to, marketing, hiring, touring, hosting, overseeing the maintenance of the camp, grant writing, assuring safety and good will, and evaluating staff and the programs while exemplifying the values of Christ. The Director will uphold the mission and ministries of Camp Lackawanna, the Presbytery of Lackawanna and the PC (USA). Interested? Email CampLackawanna.reservations@gmail.com for more information, or send your resume!

Infant Care Program Job Posting

We are looking to hire a compassionate, energetic, responsible and flexible teacher for a Toddler or Preschool classroom! The candidate needs to be dedicated to educating and nurturing young children in a full-time position, willing to contribute as a member of a team and committed to the field of early childhood education. Hourly rate will be based on education and experience.

We are a small Star 3 center serving children from birth to kindergarten age.

Please email Barb Pliske at infantcareprogram@gmail.com.

An Evening for Remembrance

Quiet your mind . . . Restore your Spirit

Covenant Presbyterian Church invites you to join us on a spiritual journey.

A special evening is planned on Wednesday, October 30th, to walk the Labyrinth as we welcome Jay Steveskey, guitar, for an All Saints' Day remembrance. Jay will play from 6:30—8:00 P.M. Walk the Labyrinth, meditate, pray and ponder in a serene setting.

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.



Children's Worship Bags are located in the basket in front of the sanctuary. Please return bags to the basket after worship.

There will not be a Fellowship Hour today.

For those coming to **Roba's**, we'll be at fire pit #3 with hot dogs and buns. Bring a drink, and a side/chips or dessert to share.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Thomas,
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dobbins, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Harry Thomas
By Suzanne M. Thomas

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Assoc. Pastor
Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music
Mrs. Catherine Carter, Liturgist

Pictorial Directory

Please be a part of our new family directory!

We need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Photography Dates:

October 23, 24, & 25 AND Saturday, October 26

You can access the website and choose your own appointment time or call the church office (570-346-6400).

Go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b1dg81dk/>

We need to fill up all our appointments! Please sign up today!



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Text & Online Giving available: 570-363-4324 (one time registration)



Offertory

Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us. Look at the world, and marvel every day.

Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:

All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;

Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love;

We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn No. 554

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

*Charge & Benediction

*Choral Response

God Be in My Head

Rita E. 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

Now Thank We All Our God

Jan Bender

*Those who are able, please stand

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible