

Worship Attendance

Sunday, November 17, 2019—142

Yearly Average—120

Last Year's Average to Date—122



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This Week at Covenant:

- *11/24, Angel Tree available
 - *11/27, No Chancel Choir rehearsals
 - *11/28, Happy Thanksgiving!
- The church office will be closed 11/28 and 11/29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Next Week:

- *12/1, Advent Workshop after worship
- *12/1, Choral Society concert, 4:00 P.M.
- *12/4, Cookie baking, 10:00 A.M.
- *12/4, Advent Service & Soup, 5:45 P.M.
- *12/4, Labyrinth with harp, 7:00 P.M.
- *12/5, Personnel, 5:00 P.M.
- *12/5, Infant Care Board, 6:00 P.M.
- *12/7, Breakfast with Santa, 9:00 A.M.
- *12/7, Packing cookies, 1:00 P.M.

Today's Ushers: Team 5

Ken Pembridge, Frank Ciero, Roy Pauli, Michael Carr

Dec. 1—Team 1

Alice Goodall, Robin Nash-Arneil, Rich & Kate Hollenberg, Bob & Kathy Kintzer, Siemong Wang, Cody Brooks, Gregg Sandercock, Karen Fogley, Ken Pembridge, Carol Winn, Pam Huddy

Wi-Fi

*Network name and password are the same: **cpcquest**.
The signal may not be available in all areas of the church building.*

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 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.

Gathering God, when we have only a few pennies of hope in our pockets, you multiply us into a blessing. When the world whispers seductively to us, you tell us of your joy for us.

When everyone has forgotten even who we are, you shout out our name with delight:

"My Beloved!" Creating and loving God, gather us into this place both physically and spiritually. Grant in this time and place that we may find the strength in prayer and community to grow in Your presence. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now *Johann Gottfried Walther*
Elegy *John Ireland*

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

People: We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

People: From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

People: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art *Toulon*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

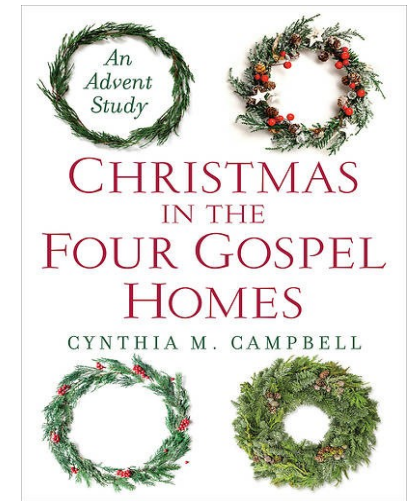
Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have now bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love.

Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes

An Advent Study By Cynthia M. Campbell
Sunday mornings during Advent, 9:30 A.M.
(Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22)

How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*, beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns re-imagine each of the four Gospels as a "house," which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel.

If you haven't signed up for the class, please know you are still welcome to attend. Books will be available and all are welcome.



A Nursery Rhyme Christmas

HEAR YE – HEAR YE – HEAR YE! ALL COVENANT KIDS!!

Parents/Grandparents/Aunt/Uncles: We are starting to get ready for our Christmas Play (which will be presented at the Covenant Christmas party on Sunday, December 15th) if you would like to sign up your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, cousin, all are welcome to participate in our production. Sign up sheets will be available at Fellowship Hour, and if you have any questions, please contact Pam Huddy or Bruce Jordan.

The **Angel Tree** is available in the rear of the sanctuary. Pick a card from the tree, and give your name and the card number to the Deacon on duty and help to make Christmas a little brighter for area children. All gifts for Outreach (pajamas only) will be due no later than December 8th.



Christmas with the Choral Society
December 1, 2019, 4:00 P.M.
Covenant Presbyterian Church
arcadiachorale.org

Arcadia Chorale Concert
A European Christmas
Saturday, Dec 7, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
St Luke's Episcopal Church
232 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA 18503
choralsociety.net



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 be a Fellowship Hour today following worship in the Sawtelle Auditorium (1st floor) hosted by the Ciero & Pembridge families.

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

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Schautz Sr.

Clarence & Cora Layfield, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Layfield,

Melissa Leigh Morgan, Nancie Schautz Green,

Seth Ian Donahue

By Walter L. Schautz, Jr. & David, Cindy & Linda Morgan

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Assoc. Pastor

Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music

Ms. Pamela Huddy, Liturgist

Advent Workshop, Sunday, December 1, 2019

Sawtelle Auditorium after Worship

Lunch and Crafts for ALL ages!

Covenant's annual Advent Workshop will help you prepare for the birth of our Savior. We will have a variety of holiday crafts for people of all ages. Join us to gather for lunch and a time of fellowship.

If you would like to share a craft at the event, please let Pastor Martha know as we still have room for more crafts.



In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear us Lord, as we silently confess to you . . .

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: This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us—and redeems us!

People: God prepares the way for us—the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks 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

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1: 11-20

NRSV

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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.

Anthem Ye Servants of God *arr. Henry Coleman*
*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;
the Name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
Then let us adore and give Him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.*
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 1: 68-79 *NRSV*
“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
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. 555 Now Thank We All Our God *Nun Danket Alle Gott*
(Prayer concern cards will be collected during the hymn.)

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GOD’S WORD REVEALED

Sermon “All About Christ” *Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Text & Online Giving available: 570-363-4324 (one time registration)



Offertory Lord God Almighty, Thou Art Glorious *Franz Joseph Haydn*
*Lord God Almighty, Thou art glorious, in the greatness of Thy power.
We praise Thee, Lord, we give thanks unto Thee, we adore Thee Lord, we magnify Thy name.
We will remember Thy tender mercies, nor forget the loving kindness Thou hast ever shown to us.
We will rejoice in Thy salvation and will triumph in the name of the Lord our God.
Lord God Almighty, Thou art glorious in the greatness of Thy power.
Thine is the kingdom and the power forever and ever. A-men.*
Chancel Choir, Catherine Carter, 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. 551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *St. George’s Windsor*

*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 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
From Cantata #79 *arr. Virgil Fox*

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

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