

Worship Attendance

Sunday, February 9, 2020—141

Yearly Average—123

Last Year's Average to Date—115



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This Week at Covenant:

*Feb. 16, Confirmation class, 2:00 P.M.

*Feb. 17th, Church office closed today.

*Feb. 18th, Deacons, 7:00 P.M.

*Feb. 20th, Women's Circle, 6:00 P.M.

*Feb. 23rd, Session, 8:30 A.M.

Next Week:

*Feb. 25th, Trustees, 6:30 P.M.

*Feb. 26th, Ash Wednesday, Service & Soup, 5:45 P.M. in the sanctuary. Labyrinth available

*Feb. 26th, no Bell Choir rehearsal, Chancel Choir only.

Today's Ushers: Team 4

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

Feb. 23rd: Team 5

Ken Pembridge, Roy Pauli, Michael Carr, Jack Neuls, Joseph Nusbaum

Daylight Savings time isn't too far off! Clocks will 'spring forward' one hour on Sunday, March 8th. That's only three weeks away!



A Stewardship Thought

God's work done in God's way will never lack for funds. Generosity is Contagious. God never promised to meet our budget, only our needs.

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"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear."

MATTHEW 6:25, NRSV



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

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 love, you peer into each soul and heart and cherish us just the same. Be with us now as we come into your presence with reverence and humility, with joy and expectation. Help us to live more fully with the realization of your endless love for us. Teach us to live and love as a family. Guide us to be good children, as you are our perfect parent. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Pavane from Rhythmic Suite Robert Elmore
Voluntary in c minor

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. 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies *Laudes Domini*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and each other by what we have done and by what we have left undone. By not loving you with our whole being, we have neglected our neighbors as well as ourselves. Help us turn our lives to you, that we might receive renewal of mind, body and spirit, we pray in Christ's spirit.

Accept this prayer that we offer together this morning, and hear our individual prayers which we offer in the silence of our hearts.

Silent Confession . . . Amen.

Covenant Community Connections
Events for the community offered free of charge, sponsored in part by the Women's Circle at Covenant Church

March 24th

5:30—8:00 PM Understanding Medicare

Enjoy a light supper and hear an informative presentation by APPRISE.

Reservations required for this event, call the church office.

All are welcome—and most importantly—Invite a Friend!

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News from Session

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, the Session acted to approve the recommendation from the Personnel committee to hire a Transitional Associate Pastor for an interim period of 12 months.

Nursery Workers Needed

Covenant Church is searching for **Child Care workers** for our **Sunday**

Nursery. This is a paid position and interested persons must have all child care clearances performed. Please contact Pastor Martha at the church office with questions.

Please save us your jelly jars! We will be using them for the **Lenten Workshop** on March 15th for a craft that Jean Stubbs will be leading. Bring them to the church anytime!

Covenant Women

Pledge cards have been mailed to all women—please prayerfully consider pledging to Covenant Women. All pledges (however big or small) assist us in upholding our mission contributions as well as fund our yearly activities.

Covenant Women maintain the display cabinet located on the first floor of the church. There are many handmade baby sweaters available as well as dishcloths, Rada cutlery, etc. Ask a church staff member or women's board member if you would like to purchase items.

*Quiet your Mind,
Restore your Spirit*

Covenant Presbyterian Church invites you to walk with us on a Lenten Journey. The Labyrinth will be available in the Sawtelle Auditorium every Wednesday from February 26th, Ash Wednesday, through April 8th. 1—4:00 P.M. and 5:30—8:30 P.M.

Guest musicians and candlelight will create a serene setting on two special evenings from 7:00-8:30 P.M.

March 4th--Jay Steveskey, guitar
April 1st--Andrea Wittchen, harp

All are welcome to walk, meditate or just sit and listen to beautiful music.

HAVE A HEART

Safety Net is a non-profit agency sponsored by several local churches, including Covenant. Each month hundreds of local people in need find emergency support in our building by coming to Safety Net. They have on-site mini-pantry, emergency clothing, vouchers for emergency fresh food/transportation/medical or rent assistance.

February and March are Covenant's months to help supply the **Safety Net** pantry with non-perishable foods. Bags and a list can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. **Any help you can give to Safety Net can help people in need and is greatly appreciated!**

Suggested items: Canned meats (chicken, spam), tuna, Chef Boyardee, cereal, canned stews, jelly, peanut butter.



Speaking of Hearts!

Save your can tabs!

Matt and Andrea Grotzinger are collecting can tabs for Jack of Hearts in memory of their daughter, Vienna, during heart month. The tabs support the Ronald McDonald House. Save your tabs, and bring them to church for Matt & Andrea!

The date is set for Covenant Women's 6th Annual Spring Tea!

"From Sea to Shining Sea" Our Fifty States
Friday, April 24, 2020, 6:30 P.M.
Sawtelle Auditorium

Hostesses are needed!

Pick a state and show us your "creativity." States already chose include: Hawaii, Louisiana, New York, Florida, Alaska, South Dakota, and Pennsylvania. A meeting for all hostesses will be held after worship on March 1, 2020, in Room 8. Any questions, please contact: Co-Chairpersons Sara Wintermute 570-561-3478 or Norma Ciero 570 881-4459

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

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43: 16-21

NRSV

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Anthem

Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me

David N. Johnson

*Ah, Jesus Lord, thy love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O bind my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there.
Thine wholly, thine alone I'd live, myself to thee entirely give.
O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
ah, may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown.
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word thought, be love.
O Lord, how gracious is thy Way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow, melt away, where'er thy healing hands arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, and nothing seek, desire, but thee.*

Chancel Choir

GOOD MORNING!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6: 25-33

NRSV

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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. 233

Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart

Richmond

GOD’S WORD REVEALED

Sermon

“The Times They are (Always) A-’Chang’in”

Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Text Giving: 570-363-4324



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 following worship today in the Sawtelle Auditorium (1st floor), hosted by members of the board of Deacons.

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

Mr. & Mrs. Warren A. Keller

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Keller

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hermes

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Herrmann, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. John Begley

Mr. Russell Keller, Mr. Richard Keller

Mr. Eugene Herrmann, Jr., Mr. Charles Keller

By Mr. & Mrs. Warren Keller & Family

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor

Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music

Mr. Craig Westbrook, Jr, Liturgist

On **Sunday, March 1st**, Pastor Scott would be happy to meet with anyone interested in **Communion “training.”** Simply put, we don’t always know exactly what to do or where to go when serving communion. Join Pastor Scott at the communion table after worship for a brief time of training and explanation as to the duties of being a communion server.

Church Wifi: Network name and password are the same: *cpcguest*.

