

## Worship Attendance

Sunday, February 16, 2020—131

Yearly Average—124

Last Year's Average to Date—116



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## This Week at Covenant:

\*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.

## Next Week:

\*Mar. 1st, Communion training after worship

\*Mar. 1st, Hostess meeting, 11:45 AM, Room 8

\*Mar. 3rd, Christian Ed. & Fellowship committees, 6:30 P.M. Covenant House

\*Mar. 4th, Service & Soup, 5:45 P.M.

\*Mar. 5th, Infant Care Board, 6:00 P.M.

\*Mar. 7th, Pysanky workshop, 9:30 A.M.

## Today's Ushers: Team 5

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

## March 1st: Team 1

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

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



# February 23, 2020

# Confirmation Sunday

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Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 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.

*When every day seems the same, with no one listening to our dreams, our hopes, our fears, and worries, you pause, O God, turning your head so you can read our lips.*

*When every road seems the same, filled with despair's potholes, you come alongside us,*

*Holy God, pointing out that side road that will take us closer to You.*

*You gather us into this place and invite us to be present. Grant in this time and place that I may find the strength in prayer and community to grow in Your presence.*

*I am your servant ready and willing. Amen.*

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Toccata in a minor  
Chancel Handbell Choir

*Mary G. McCreary*

Call to Worship

Leader: As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,  
as we are embraced in their kindness;

**People: we choose to be people of life and blessing.**

Leader: As we serve others in God's name,  
as we receive blessings from those we do not know;

**People: we choose to walk in God's way.**

Leader: As we forgive those who have hurt us,  
as we reach out to those we have harmed;

**People: we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 455

All Creatures of Our God and King  
**Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6**

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Call to Confession

**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,  
please call the church office.

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

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**Lent Workshop**

Join us after worship in the Sawtelle  
Auditorium on **Sunday, March 15th**, in  
the Sawtelle Auditorium. We will have  
craft projects for children and adults.  
There also will be a light lunch for all.  
To help us prepare, please sign up in  
advance. We are also looking for  
**donations of jelly jars** for a craft that  
Jean Stubbs will be leading.

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.**

Join us for a fun-filled morning of  
pancakes, children's activities and more!  
Be sure to bring your camera for your  
child's picture with the Easter Bunny!  
Tickets will be available soon.

Ticket Donation: \$8/adult \$5/child

**All proceeds benefit The Infant Care Program!**

*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.

**Wednesday Lent Services**

Covenant's Wednesday Lent services  
begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26,  
2020, at 5:45 P.M. in the sanctuary  
(subsequent services to be held in the  
Schultz Memorial Chapel). We will  
celebrate the sacrament of Holy  
Communion and the imposition of  
ashes. A soup supper will follow each  
service in the Covenant room.

2/26 Chancel Choir  
3/4 Jay Steveskey, guitar  
3/11 Mark Woodyatt, violin  
3/18 Tom Heinze, oboe  
3/25 Ed Wargo, flute  
4/1 Andrea Wittchen, harp  
4/9 Maundy Thursday,  
Chancel Choir

**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 chosen include: Hawaii, Louisiana, New York, Florida, Alaska, South Dakota, Georgia, California, Ohio, 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

**Covenant Women's Circle Take-Out Chicken Dinner**

Sunday, March 8, 2020 to support the activities of the circle such as Labor of Love, Yoga, and many more to come!

Tickets are available from circle participants. \$12.00 adults, \$5.00 children

**Covenant Women's Association**

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.

**HAVE A HEART**

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, canned stews, canned potatoes, Ramen, Canned fruit, applesauce, packaged potatoes or rice.

**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. You can work one Sunday a month or more, the choice is yours. Please contact the church office with questions or speak with Kim Hoehle.

Prayer of Confession

God of our lives, it is true we break your commandments. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us.

Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of 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: Christ came so we might be healed by God's tender touch.

Christ came so we might be reconciled to one another.

**People: Thanks be to God! As risky, and as hard as it may be, we will choose to be God's people. 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

Epistle Lesson

2 Peter 1: 16-21

*NRSV*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.



# GOOD MORNING!

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Anthem                                      God of Grace and God of Glory                                      *Paul Manz*  
*arr. Martha Lynn Thompson*  
Chancel Handell Choir

Psalter Lesson                                      Psalm 99                                      *NRSV*  
The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.  
Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!  
Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.  
Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!  
Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.  
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.  
O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.  
Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

## **CONFIRMATION & THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

Words of Introduction

**Jason Mark Alexander, Jr.**  
**Seth Julian Miller**

**David Douglas Arneil, Jr.**  
**Everly Skye Prostka**

Presentation for Baptism                                      *Elder Lori Chaffers*  
*David Douglas Arneil, Jr. son of Robin and David Arneil*

Declaration and Blessing of the Waters

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), in honor of Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan and our Confirmands, hosted by members of the Personnel and Christian Education committees.

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

Mr. & Mrs. William C. Carter

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Doud

Mr. William R. Carter

Mrs. Kathleen A. Doud

Mr. Robert L. & Mrs. Martha A. Carter

By David Doud, Rick & Angela Doud and Ken & Leslie Maas

### **Participating in Worship Today**

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor

Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music

Mrs. Linda Frangos, 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*.

