

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 AM	Sacrament Training Class	Kitchen/Dining Rm
9:00 - 11:00	Nursery	Nursery
9:00 AM	Covenant Alive!	Covenant Center
9:15 AM	Kids' Music Time	Room 212
10:00-10:45 AM	Parish Nurse Office Hours	Room 302
10:00 AM	Covenant Connections Hour	
10:00 AM	Book Study - Adult Spiritual Dev.	Room 306
10:00 AM	Video Study - Adult Spiritual Dev.	Parlor
10:00 AM	Covenant Kids Elementary 3-5	Room 212
10:00 AM	Covenant Kids K-2	Room 210
10:00 AM	Covenant Kids Preschool	Cov. Kids Rm.
10:00 AM	IMPACT: Youth	Youth Room
10:00 AM	Parent Gathering	Room 211
10:00 AM	Covenant Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary

This Week at The Church of the Covenant

Monday, April 22, 2024

1:00 PM	Monday Readers	Dining Room
6:30 PM	Preschool Finance Committee	Room 211
7:00 PM	Preschool Board	Room 211
7:00 PM	Mission Committee	Parlor

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	Chicco Bacello
7:00 PM	Personnel Committee	Room 300

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:00 AM	Women's Prayer Breakfast	Dining Room
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Thursday, April 25, 2024

5:00 PM	Friends of Jesus	Kitchen/Dining Rm
5:30 PM	Jubilate Ringers	Bell Room
6:30 PM	Covenant Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, April 26, 2024

9:00 AM	Preschool Fun & Fitness	Covenant Center
11:30 AM	W&J Choral Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	W&J Choral Concert	Sanctuary

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:00 - 11:00	Nursery	Nursery
Worship services and classes similar to April 21st		

May 19 will be the last Covenant Connections Hour before we break for summer. It will resume on September 21, in conjunction with our annual Kick Off Day.

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE THE COTC'S GRADUATES!

“Graduate Recognition Sunday” will take place on **Sunday, May 19th**. If you have a graduating student, please send their name, school, a picture if possible, and information on future plans to yvonnegayle20@gmail.com so that we can honor their achievements.



To our Church family, please save the date for this special day and help us provide a meaningful send-off to our impressive graduates! More details to follow.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUCHEON

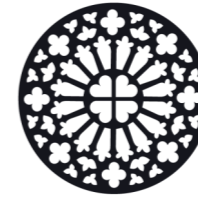
Women and girls of all ages are invited to the Mother-Daughter Luncheon on Saturday, May 4th at 12:00 p.m. in the Covenant Center. Alterio's Catering will be preparing a delicious meal which consists of chicken breasts, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad and rolls. Dessert will also be provided and the kids meal includes chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese and fruit salad. There will be entertainments, prizes, baskets to raffle off. All proceeds will go directly to support Church sponsored mission trips. Adult tickets are \$24 and children from 5-12 are \$12. Children 4 and under are free. Please purchase your tickets by April 21st. Look for someone selling tickets between Church services in the Commons, or contact Kathy Nasser at 724-350-5000.

IDENTITY THEFT/PROTECTION SEMINAR
ATTEND THE SEMINAR ON MAY 30TH

Hands and Hearts will host an Identity Theft/Protection Seminar sponsored by State Rep. Tim O'Neal's office on Thursday, May 30th at 10am in the church dining room. PA State Trooper Rocco Gagliardi will discuss identity theft, scams, how to protect your personal information, and steps to take if you suspect your information has been compromised. This program is open to the public and registration is required by May 20th. Please contact Linda Grimm by phone or text at 724-777-9240 or Rep. O'Neal's office at 724-223-4541. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Learn how to keep you and your family safe from cyber criminals!

ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

The Mission Committee will hold their annual flower sale fundraiser on Thursday, May 9th from 12-3 p.m. Flats will be \$26 and hanging baskets \$26. You can pre-order your flowers by completing the form by the display in the Commons Area or contacting Kathy Nassar at 724-350-5000. Forms and checks can be placed in the envelope on the display. Pre orders must be made by April 21st. Flower order pick up times will be Thursday, May 11th from 12:00-3:00. Please make checks payable to “Church of the Covenant” and write “Flower Sale” on the memo line. Money is due at the time of the order. All proceeds will go directly to support Church sponsored mission trips.



The Church of the Covenant

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A Worship Celebration

April 21, 2024
11:00 am

OUR VISION

To know Christ, and make Him known to the next generation.



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Renny Domske

Moment for Mission

Nominating Committee

Elder Ed Breedlove

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Robert J. Powell

Call to Worship

(Psalm 19:1-4)

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament
Proclaim his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night
declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their
words to the end of the world.**

The glory of God echoes throughout the world.

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

**Hymn #478*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Blue Hymnal

Call to Confession

(Matthew 11:28-29)

“Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls.”

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

**Loving Lord Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save the lost,
who invites the weary and the overburdened to rest, and who
heals the hurting: we confess that we have lost our way. Forgive
our wayward and willful disobedience. Lead us back to you.
Forgive us for every thought, word, or deed that has brought
hurt to others, harmed ourselves, or dishonored your name.
Heal the pain we have caused. Grace us with your Holy Spirit**

**Silent Prayer of Confession*

**Assurance of Pardon*

(I Peter 2:24)

Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we
might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. In
Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

**Congregational Response*

The congregation is invited to sing:

Alleluia! alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia! alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia! alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia! alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture

I Thessalonians 4:1-8

Elder Susan Key

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Sermon

“The Gospel and Sexuality”

Rev. Dr. William Younger

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(11:00) Baptism

Baptized this morning:

Rev. Dr. Younger

**Jackson Robert Carl, born September 1, 2023,
infant son of Chad and Melina Carl.**

A Time of Stewardship

Dr. Younger

Offertory

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Georg Neumark

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and await God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and His discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully,
Trust the rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

The Covenant Choir

**Doxology*

The congregation is invited to sing:

Praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise.

The tomb held Jesus just three days.

Then to the Father he returned.

Our sins forgiven through grace, unearned. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Susan Key

The Lord's Prayer

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory forever. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

**Hymn #276*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Blue Hymnal

**Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Younger

The postlude is the final Alleluia of the worship service.
Thank you for giving your full attention to the music.

Postlude

O God, Our Faithful God

O Gott, Du Frommer Gott

**Congregation please stand if you are able.*

NEXT SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

Sermon Title:

“The Gospel and Death”

Scripture:

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Rev. Dr. Younger

**We ask you to pray for those who have been in the hospital
recently, those who may not have reported to us, and others
who are recovering at home.**