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This Week At Covenant

Sunday
July 22
9:30 a.m.  Prayer for the Lord’s Day – Fireside Room
10:30 a.m.  Worship Service

Monday
July 23
5:30 p.m.  Session Meeting

Wednesday
July 25
6:45 a.m.  Men’s Breakfast – THE REASON FOR GOD: “Only One Way To God!”

Next Week At Covenant

Sunday
July 29
9:30 a.m.  Prayer for the Lord’s Day – Fireside Room
10:30 a.m.  Worship Service

Wednesday
August 1
6:45 a.m.  Men’s Breakfast – THE REASON FOR GOD: “What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life?”

The flowers for worship services this month are arranged by Susie Husted and Carol McDonald to the glory of God.

Covenant Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) denomination. The PCA is a fellowship of churches that practices the Reformed faith and is committed to the historic Baptist confession of faith and the Westminster Confession of Faith. The motto of the PCA is: “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity (love): Truth in Love.”

**EPC WOMEN IN MINISTRY (WIM)**
WIM Moderator for the Month of July:  Dot Haddad

**CPC DEACONS AND MINISTRIES**

**USHERS IN CHARGE TODAY:**  Bobby Staub  Charles Herold
**USHERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**  Guy Barr  Lee Perkins

**THE SESSION (Installed Ruling Elders)**

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**THE REASON FOR GOD:**

*The Hymn of Praise #165:

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

*The Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth!

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad!

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

++The Hymn of Praise #165:

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*
The Call to Confession and Repentance:
(1 John 4:7-8; 1 Corinthians 13:4-6; Galatians 5:14)
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

The whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

The Prayer of Confession (in unison):
Gracious God have mercy upon me, a sinner. I have loved myself and put myself first, above and before you; and above and before others. My failure to love others is a failure to love you. Forgive me for my impatience with others, and my failure to show kindness. Forgive my envy of others, and arrogance toward others. Forgive every impulsive, action, and word of rudeness, selfishness, irritability, and resentment. Forgive every evil imagination of my heart, and cause me to desire only that which is good and right and true.

{Silent Confession of particular personal sins}
Wash me, O God, so that my heart may be refreshed with your love. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, and conform me to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, that I may walk in love, as Christ loved me and gave himself up for me; to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon
**The Hymn of Assurance:**
[“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”]
How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure; How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away, That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure;

Forgive every impulse, action, and word of rudeness, selfishness, irritability, and resentment. Forgive every evil imagination of my heart, and cause me to desire only that which is good and right and true.

**The Call to Confession and Repentance:**
[“How Lord, O LORD?”]
Whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Therefore, because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for him. Amen!

**The Prayer for a Right Response to God’s Word**

**The Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism #1**
What is your only comfort in life and in death?
MY ONLY COMFORT is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of his own precious blood, he has fully paid for all my sins and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for him. Amen!

**The Gloria:**
“Praise and glory to the Father …”
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**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture:** Psalm 13 (p.453)

**The Sermon:** “How Lord, O LORD?”
(The Summer Series of selected Psalms)

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**The Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison):**
Holy Father, we praise you for your tender mercies, steadfast love, goodness, kindness, and compassion, which you have freely given to us in your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name, with thanksgiving, we offer these gifts as tokens of our lives — heart and soul and mind and strength — and we pray that, by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, our lives might reflect the light and love of Christ to all the world; and may these gifts be used for the increase of his kingdom and the glory of your name. Amen.

**The Hymn #629: “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**The Charge and Benediction**

**The Choral and Congregational “Amen”**

**The Postlude**

*(The congregation will please stand.)* *(ushers may seat worshipers.)*

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**Birthdays for July 22**

- Fred McDonald
- Virginia Ann (Annie) Dean was born on July 15, 2012. The blessed grandparents are George and Jere Waggoner.

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**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

We rejoice with Ben and Katie Waggoner Dean, whose daughter, Virginia Ann (Annie) Dean was born on July 15, 2012. The blessed grandparents are George and Jere Waggoner.

Please remember in prayer and with your expressions of care:

Mary Reighney
Graham Humble
Floyd Stewart

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**PRAYER MINISTRY of the ELDERS:** If you have a special need or concern and would like to meet with Pastor Mabray and the elders for prayer, please speak to Pastor Mabray or to one of the elders. You may meet with them for prayer on Sunday mornings following Sunday School or at another time that can be arranged.
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