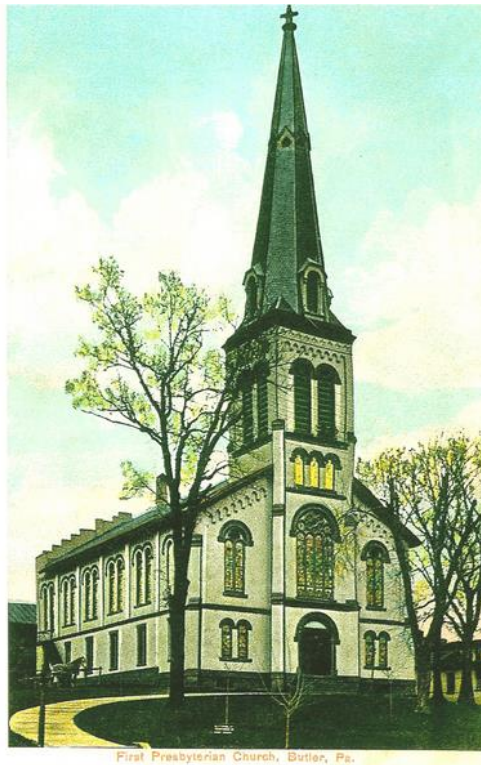


# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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First Presbyterian Church, Butler, Pa.

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2021

Today's Pastor: Brian F. Graff, C.P.

Leader: Elder Ann Morrison

Accompanist: Steven Yealy

Flute: Sir Lars Morrison

YouTube Version Produced By: Brian F. Graff

## ~ Order of Service ~

\*\* = Please stand, as able

### The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION

\*\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*\*HYMN 339

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious gift-giving God, you call us to live in ways which honor you and bless our neighbors. We recognize that worship is an essential part of our faith journey and we believe that it shapes our daily witness to Jesus, whose disciples we profess to be.**

**Our faith is most visible when we live by your kingdom values of love, justice and peace; yet it is hard to resist the false values of the world --money, profit and consumption.**

**We hear Jesus' words about the danger of treasuring our earthly goods more than your kingdom, and we confess our failure to meet his challenge to live more simply and trustfully.**

**Forgive us when we receive your generous gifts, O God, with pleasure, but fail to invest these gifts in the service of others. Reshape our hearts for worship, witness and service. This we pray in Jesus' name.**

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*\*RESPONSE K9 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI **MEINEKE**

***Glory be 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.***

\*\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

## The Word

\*\*ILLUMINATION B321 V.1 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* SONG 13

***Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.***

OT LESSON Isaiah 1: 1, 10 – 20 *Pew Bible P.548-549*

Liturgist: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 50: 1 – 8, 22 - 23 *Pew Bible P. 451-452*

Responsive Reading:

Women: 1, 3, 5, 7, 22; Men: 2, 4, 6, 8; All: 23

NT LESSON Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 – 16 *Pew Bible P.977*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

\*\*GOSPEL READING Luke 12: 32 – 40

*Pew Bible P.847*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE P707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* HALL

***Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;  
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
teach us to know thy truth that sets us free;  
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.***

SERMON *He IS Near* PASTOR BRIAN

PULPIT HYMN 350 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* KEEP YOUR LAMPS

\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Belhar Confession*

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; We believe in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through the Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. Thanks be to God!**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with 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; and lead us not into**

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

\*\*DOXOLOGY P717 *For the Life That You Have Given* PLEADING SAVIOR

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

\*\*THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, accept our offerings, and use us to bring life and health and hope to your world. Make us generous and faithful stewards of your mysteries, doing your will and proclaiming your Word; through Christ we pray. Amen.**

## The Sending

\*\*HYMN 362 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* LLANGLOFFAN

\*\*THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Finale* YEALY



**Offerings, Tithes, & Gifts:** Mail to 230 E. Jefferson St.; Online at [www.covenantbutler.org](http://www.covenantbutler.org); Mobile via Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App

**Fellowship Hour:** Thank you to “Mother Hubbard” for hosting today.

**Lighthouse Item of the Month: AUGUST:** Canned Meat – Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Turkey, Roast Beef, Spam (or individual packaged bag servings)

**Prayer Circle:** Sundays in the Assembly Room from 10:40 – 10:50 AM.

**UPMC Medicare Faith & Wellness Program:** If you are on Medicare, we ask you join our team to earn money for the church! All you have to do is track your healthy activities for 8 weeks and fill out a weekly form online. This year’s challenge has been restructured and instead of individuals winning prizes, the church will earn extra dollars, up to \$2,000, just from your weekly questionnaires! Please sign up in the Assembly Room. We also need a captain who will attend the introductory meeting via Zoom.



**Prayer Concerns:** If you have a prayer request please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148 or [covenantoffice@zoominternet.net](mailto:covenantoffice@zoominternet.net) or the Prayer Hotline email [covenantprayers@zoominternet.net](mailto:covenantprayers@zoominternet.net).

**Don & Dorothy Wallace,** friends of Covenant, as Don had open heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic August 5

**Tracey**, a family relation of Leanne Heaton, has leukemia  
**Dr. Ellen Dodge**, a friend of Leanne Heaton, continuing recovery at home

**Sir Lars & Ann Morrison**, for wisdom and discernment in prospects and projects  
**Carl and Katherine**, known to the Morrisons, that their child will be safely delivered.  
**Chet**, known to Lars Morrison, retired physician with pneumonia

**Scott Pflueger**, a college friend of the Loebell's, whose father, **Cliff**, is praying for positive outcomes after diagnosis and treatment for cancer  
**Aria**, age 4, hoping cell grafts take hold eliminating leukemia cells

**Jim Overheiser**, brother-in-law of Elaine & Pastor John, fighting a serious infection  
**Rev. Tom Conboy Jr.**, mentor to Pastor John & long-time Silbert family friend in Minnesota, joined the church triumphant this week at his home. He was 92.

**Mckenna**, age 18 neighbor of Connie Swartzfeger, 2<sup>nd</sup> cancer surgery, Doctors believe all of tumor removed, starts chemo soon, also contracted COVID  
**Allison**, niece of Connie Swartzfeger, for encouraging news

**Pam Patterson**, ongoing rehabilitation in Concordia at Cabot.

**The People of Ukraine** in this time of uncertainty and **All called to duty**, there, suffering casualties, while serving in harm's way  
**Continued prayers for the Holy Spirit's discernment, direction, and guidance for Covenant**, as we contemplate the congregation's mission and ministry into the future

## Hebrews 11: 1 - 3

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I V O E O N H E A D E  
T O T D M A D R T E L  
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### Word List

UNDERSTAND CONVICTION ASSURANCE ANCESTORS RECEIVED PREPARED  
APPROVAL VISIBLE HEBREWS WORLDS THINGS INDEED HOPED FAITH  
WORD WHAT WERE THAT SEEN NRSV MADE FROM WAS THE OUR  
NOW NOT GOD FOR SO BY

*(Hebrews 11:1-3) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (2) Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. (3) By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. (NRSV)*