

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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"You are the salt of the earth . . . you are the light of the world. . . let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:13a, 14a and 16

"On Big-game Sunday are there lessons in piety to be learned from seasoned football fans?"

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026, 11:00 AM**

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Worship Leader: Gina Loebell

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Musician: Dominico Reyes

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

SPECIAL PRELUDES & TIME OF CENTERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

I Will Worship the Lord ~ Rutter
I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP ♫

Pastor: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.
People: **We are the salt of the earth.**
Pastor: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.
People: **We are the light of the world.**
Pastor: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.
People: **The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**
Pastor: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.
People: **Let us love one another with the love of God.**
All: **Let us come together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

** OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER CONFESSION

God of the upside down kingdom, reorient us; for we seek to hide what you would have shine. From our fall in Eden, we have been embarrassed by the fullness of our humanity, and in our shame and fear have hidden ourselves from you.

Forgive us, Lord, for it is truly our kingdoms which are upside down, and yours which is right side up. We need your help if we are to see the goodness of your creation, that we may rightly reflect Your goodness to the world.

Oh God of light, make us to be Your light, for the sake of Your salvation – Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer . . .

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news! The God of creation is a proud and merciful creator. We who bear God's image may also expect to receive God's grace. Though we have sought to recreate ourselves according to our shame and fear, we may be assured of this: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation! The old has gone, and the new has come. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace!

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**CONFESSiON RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

***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.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 459 v.2

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

*The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through.
amid the rocks and quick-sands still, guides, O Christ to you.*

HT LESSON

Isaiah 58: 1 – 9a

Pew Bible P.600

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 112

Hymn 419 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

WEISSE FLAGGEN

NT LESSON

1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 12

Pew Bible P.927

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5: 13 – 20

Pew Bible P.786

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

**CANTICLE 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE MESSAGE

Lessons in Piety from Seasoned Football Fans

PASTOR JOHN

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG

**HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

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 OFFERINGS & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ♦

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight.

The Sending

**HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ANTHEM

♦ The Call to Worship (adapted) was written by Rev Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution.

<http://rev-o-lution.org/>

The Prayer of Dedication is posted on the Worshiping Well blog.

<http://stephenmfearing.wordpress.com/>

Wait! Don't Go Yet! Join us for conversation and food in Fellowship Hall right after the service. Thanks to Dorothy & Don Wallace for hosting today!

Membership at Covenant United Presbyterian Church

If you are reading this information in our Worship Bulletin, you already belong here at Covenant United Presbyterian Church. Here, all are welcome, and membership in the congregation is not required to participate in any of our activities and ministries. By becoming a member, you will have voice and vote in congregational meetings and can better express your commitment to Jesus Christ through this church. Welcoming people as members helps us to get to know them better and to support you more fully – letting all of us stay engaged and grow in faith together. Individuals may join the church by Profession of Faith and Baptism (for those who have never been baptized), by Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who are not currently active members of another Christian church), or by Transfer of Church Letter (for those on the active roll of another church.) Contact Pastor John to find out more.

Church Announcements

Donations: “Tithely” at covenantbutler.org or “Tithely” Smartphone App

ABBE Group Meeting: The next meeting to discuss Niall Williams', *This Is Happiness* will be on February 12, 2026, at 11:30 AM

February 18: Ash Wednesday Worship – Butler Area Presbyterians at TBD 7:00 PM.

February 15: Noisy Offering of Loose Change & Transfiguration Sunday



Celebration: February 2 Lowell Wetzell's Birthday (90!)

Prayer List: 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

Please Pray for:

Jan Thompson & Family, Gina Loebell's former co-worker, as daughter Donna had a major stroke, she is currently in AGH.

Pam Patterson, residing at Concordia Cabot.

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, that an appeal made to Whitehouse.gov will break the impasse with FEMA concerning her ongoing housing situation.

Scotty McAliley, Ann Morison's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continues with chemo-therapy treatments every two weeks for the remainder of her life. She treasures each day and week she can visit with her parents in North Carolina on off-weeks.

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