

COVENANT RENEWAL

Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ. By the act of baptism, a person becomes a part of the visible Church, for it is a sign and a seal of God's Covenant of Grace for believers and their children. At the start of this New Year we have the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows and our commitment to live no more unto ourselves, but to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, to Him who has called us to Himself and to serve His Kingdom so that the purpose of His coming might be fulfilled.

Leader: In the Old Covenant, God chose Israel to be a special people and to obey the law. Our Lord Jesus Christ, by His death and resurrection, has made a New Covenant with all who trust in Him. We stand within this covenant and we bear His name. On the one side, God promises in this covenant to give us new life in Christ. On the other side, we are pledged to live not to ourselves but for God. Today, therefore, we meet to renew the covenant which binds us to God.

Friends, let us claim and renew the covenant God has made with His people and accept the yoke of Christ. To accept the yoke of Christ means that we allow Christ to guide all that we do and are, and that Christ Himself is our only reward. Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some make others applaud us, others bring only reproach; some we desire to do because of our own interests; others seem unnatural. Sometimes we please Christ and meet our own needs, at other times we cannot please Christ unless we deny ourselves. Yet Christ strengthens us and gives us the power to do all these things. Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves completely to God, trusting in His promise and relying on His grace.

People: We give ourselves completely to You, God. Assign us to our place in Your creation. Let us suffer for You. Give us the work You would have us do. Give us many tasks or have us step aside while You call others. Put us forward or humble us. Give us riches or let us live in poverty. We freely give all that we are and all that we have to You. And now, holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are ours and we are Yours. So be it. May this covenant, established in Christ Jesus, continue for all eternity. AMEN.



Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021

Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church
Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania

This Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
11:00 AM Late Morning Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:15 AM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Confirmation Fellowship Dinner

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
10:00 AM Christian Education for all ages
10:00 AM Confirmation Class
11:00 AM Late Morning Worship



Childcare Available

Birth - 18 months → Nursery
18 months - pre-K → Walkabouts Room

Financial Update

Expenses were lower than expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are pleased to let you know that through your continued faithful stewardship, we have met our expenses for 2020. We appreciate your generosity and support of the ministry and are grateful to God for His goodness and faithfulness to our congregation. A full financial report will be available at the annual meeting.

Thank you!

For more information about Beverly Heights Church, please see our website (www.beverlyheights.org) or *The Gathered Seeds* weekly newsletter.

Morning Worship

IN THIS SEASON OF EPIPHANY WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome Elissa Winkler
Greeting and Announcements Amy Lucas
Hymn of Worship **No. 30** vv. 1, 2, 4, 7 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin
Prayer of Invocation

IN THIS SEASON OF EPIPHANY WE SEE THE LORD

Hymn of Worship **No. 226** vv. 1, 3, 4 *As with Gladness Men of Old*
Covenant Renewal See back cover
Ordination and Installation of New Elders
We Offer Ourselves to God
Special Music *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* arr. Hayes
Chad Winkler, piano
Children dismissed as per prior page.

IN THIS SEASON OF EPIPHANY WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 54:9-17
John 6:35-70
Sermon Rev. Mark Simonds
Who Can Accept It?

IN THIS SEASON OF EPIPHANY WE GO IN HOPE

Hymn of Worship **No. 642** vv. 1, 2, 4, 5 *Be Thou My Vision*
Benediction

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

As with Gladness Men of Old

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When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Be Thou My Vision

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Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.
 Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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SLANE 10.10.10.
 Traditional Irish melody
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927