



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am ORDER OF WORSHIP April 11, 2010
2nd Sunday of Easter / Confirmation Sunday

- Covenant Church welcomes children in worship. There is a nursery for infants through age two in Room 101 of the Educational wing of the church. Worship bags full of quiet activities for children to use during our services are available inside the cart that holds our name tags.
- Hearing devices and large print bulletins, bibles and hymn books are available on the credenza in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- Prayer request cards will be collected during Fellowship Moments.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

*He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." Mark 8:29*

THE GATHERING

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Ben Spencer
Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

PRELUDE "Invention #6" Johann Sebastian Bach
Madeleine Connolly, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Megan Koeneman

*OPENING HYMN NO. 306 "Fairest Lord Jesus" Crusaders' Hymn

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) Ellen Herd
O God, who is both just and merciful, we confess that we do not handle change easily. Whether it is getting used to a new year, a new routine, or an entirely new way of being, we find much to stumble over. O God, you who specialize in new life, help us to find your call to us in whatever newness of life we encounter. Take away our fear and replace it with your love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS Karen Ware Jackson
We encourage children to stay with us in worship. We try to keep the worship experience engaging and participatory for all ages. At the same time, some little ones are too restless to remain in the Sanctuary for the full hour so, with their grown-ups' permission, they may go to Room 112 for Wiggle Worship at this time.

- Please sign the fellowship pad and pass it to your neighbor.
**All who can comfortably do so, please stand.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER Kristy Helscel
All: “Our Father who art in heaven...” (Hymnal p. 16. We say debts and debtors.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 8:27-30 NT Page 43

SERMON “Who do you say that I am?” Confirmation Students, preaching

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS;

Offertory “Sonata for Violin: Siciliane” Fritz Kreisler
Carmina Spencer

*Offertory Response No. 592 “Doxology” Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication Frank Atkinson

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT
& RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Affirmation of Faith (See insert)

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 273 “O God the Creator” Kastaak

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION Carmina Spencer

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen” Danish

POSTLUDE “Suite in G Major: Courante” Johann Sebastian Bach
(You are invited to stay and listen) Ben Spencer

HYMN NOTES

“Fairest Lord Jesus,” a simple work which no one felt was worth claiming, has become an all time favorite. The choir director at St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig (Bach's famous church) discovered the anonymous Silesian tune, and Richard Willis (who also wrote the tune for “It came upon a midnight clear”) introduced it to America. All nature is beautiful, but Jesus is fairest of all. The Lutheran Church uses this tune for the text “Beautiful Savior.”

“O God the Creator” was written by Native Americans Elizabeth Bess Haile and Cecil Corbett as the theme song for the 1977 Indian Youth Conference, Tulsa, OK. Elizabeth Haile has been active in the work of the Presbyterian Church in a variety of capacities. Her daughter is the first Native American woman ordained in the PC(USA). Cecil Corbett was president of the Charles Cook Theological School in Tempe, AZ, where many native American students are educated and trained.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Andrea Eberhard, Jay Armstrong, Willem Kogeler, Joyce Kogeler

11:00 Frank Croft, Mike Davis, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett

Greeters: 8:30 Maggie Broekema, Nancy Cowman, Bob Cowman

11:00 Esther Curtis, Linda Hoffman, Rusty Miller, Betsy Sebastian

Musicians: Madeleine Connolly, Piano; Ben Spencer, Cello; Carmina Spencer, Violin

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by the Fromkes family
in honor of Susan’s mother, Muzzee Carruthers.

Adults

• The Forum: “Ways to Give: Answering the Call for Stewardship,”
Permanent Funds Ministry Team, Lounge

• Lay Led Bible Study - Luke, Room 121

• Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

Youth - Study on *Faith Questions*, Karen’s office

Treasure Finders - Children three years through fifth grade, begin in Room 104

Walking in the Power of Love

We’ve been singing about it during Lent, and here’s another chance to put our words into action. Literally. This is a ministry of walking and of prayer, and we can each do it according to our own schedule and at our own pace. Walk in your own neighborhood or in Covenant’s neighborhood, and as you walk, pray. Pray for the people in the houses you pass by, and pray that God will show you, show our church, how to understand and serve the needs of the people in our communities. You will, quite literally, be walking in the power of love. Who knows what will happen because of it? To begin, pick up a packet from a table in the hallway today. Contact Katie with any questions.

Sunday Night Service with Indie Gospel Band 6 pm

Covenant Youth 6pm

Bible Study of Acts. Contact Katie Kinnison. 7pm, Room 120

Youth Dinner at Donato’s 7pm

Check your weekly Covenant email on Thursday to stay up to date with events.

THIS WEEK April 12-17

God Talk Tues., April 13, 7-9pm, Old Bag of Nails, UA, Tremont
Topic: “Does Prayer ‘Work?’” Join us for good, honest conversation.

Imagination Station: A Night of Envisioning on Behalf of Children
Fri., April 16, 6-8 pm

Children’s Ministry at Covenant is having a party. Children will use their imaginations to play and rejoice in all the splendors of Creation during a pizza and pajama party extraordinaire. Grown-ups will take flights of fancy as we dare to dream possibilities for our children, helping them to grow in faith and love. We’ll

plan family events, movie nights, field trips, parent parties, prayer vigils and more. Bring your hopes, your calendars, and your visions of what might be. Please RSVP to Janet Gross or Katie so we have food and supplies for all.

NEXT WEEK April 18-24

Bread for the World Offering of Letters 2010 Sun., April 18

The Justice & Peace Ministry Team is providing an opportunity to express to your Senators and Representative in Congress your support of extending tax credits for low-income families. In 2005 more than 22 million households applied for the Earned Income Tax Credit lifting 5 million people, including 2.6 million children, above the poverty line. Sun., April 18 between/after services, write or sign letters asking to increase the scope of this tax credit to help more families...also to improve the Child Tax Credit program.

Greet Your Deacon & Mission Fair Sun., April 18, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

In conjunction with the annual Greet Your Deacon festivities, there will be a mini Mission Fair to highlight various missions and ministries of the Deacons. Also, Session Commissions which conduct ministries will have tables displaying their work and volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in adult, children or youth programs, Mission and Social Concerns, Nurture and Outreach, or Worship and Arts, plan to stop by.

Concert and Silent Auction Help Ship Supplies to Haiti & El Salvador
Sun. April 18, 2:30 pm, Worthington Presbyterian Church

Bernie Campbell and Allan Kennedy, active with Worldwide Humanitarian Aid, Inc., invite you to the WHA-sponsored “The Sounds of Spring, A Concert by Kids to Help Those in Need.” Music will be provided by talented kids joined by Covenant member Cora Kuyvenhoven, Charles Wetherbee (Concertmaster of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra) and many others. A silent auction will kick off the afternoon. A free-will offering will be collected. Proceeds pay for shipping medical and educational supplies to Haiti and El Salvador. If you have tools or educational materials you don’t use, bring them to donate.

Merrymakers Concert April 18, 3 pm, Sanctuary

Rhythms and Blues in 16th Century England: Enjoy an hour of lively vocal and instrumental music from the Tudor and Jacobean periods at a free concert by the Merrymakers Recorder Ensemble, vocalists, and friends including Nancy Davidson, Linda Gabel, Scott Henning, Tom Billman and Stu Kendall. Weldon will be tuning up the harpsichord to accompany some of the songs. A reception will follow.

April Spiritual Cinema - Up Mon., April 19, 6:30 pm, Lounge

“Up,” which received a Golden Globe award for Best Animated Feature Film, and multiple Academy Awards, will be viewed. It centers around an elderly widower and a young, overeager explorer. Roberta Adams will lead a short discussion. Contact Susan Imel, 262-7444, susanimel1@gmail.com, or Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu.

Darkness2Light Wed., April 21, 6 8:30 pm

Learn how to prevent, recognize and respond to child sexual abuse. Answer God’s call to love one another by being part of Covenant’s commitment to keep our church and our communities safe for children.

Covenant Men: Connecting With God Sat., April 24, 8-9 am, Lounge

A gathering for men interested in exploring over breakfast their relationship with God. Eggs, oatmeal or pancakes, and coffee provided. If you can, bring a breakfast treat to share.

Continuing our series on “Stress: Keeping It Together When It’s Falling Apart.” This time: “Stress from Failure.” Our society rewards success and punishes failure. There is great pressure to do it right, to have it all together. Yet, all of us have failed at some time. If we fear failure, we can be immobilized. We’ll learn from none other than Peter who learned some deeper truths through failure. See posters in the hall or contact Jim Mehler, jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org.

In upcoming months: “Stress from Conflict, Loss, and Burnout.”

APRIL 25+

Three Presbyterian Churches in Concert April 25, 4 pm, Covenant

The musicians of three Presbyterian Churches will present a concert of sacred music for choirs, handbells, and organ: Covenant Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, Indianola Presbyterian Church of Columbus. Come enjoy this exciting musical event!

Covenant Golf League Wed., April 28, 5:30pm

The Covenant Golf League is back for another exciting year of “Fellowship on the Links” at The Phoenix Golf Links in Grove City for golfers of all ages, genders, and skill levels. This will be a 16-week league, split into 2 sessions. Cost per round (9 holes) is \$13, so the total cost per session is \$104. Bring a check payable to Tom Billman to the first session. Call Tom Billman, 531-5323.

Save for Annual Garage Sale

CPW are planning for the annual Garage Sale to be held Oct. 1 and 2 with set-up beginning Mon., Sept. 27. As you do your spring cleaning, set aside cherished but no-longer-needed items to donate. Please do not leave items at the church until Sept. 27! A new feature this year will be a table for handcrafted items. One hundred percent of the income from this table will go directly to the Mission Pledge of Presbyterian Women for the General Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Your craft items will be most welcome and appreciated for this cause.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS



Did You Know?

Our youth give monthly support to a child with HIV/AIDS at Montana de Luz in Honduras.

Love One Another

Mother’s Day Cards – Healthy Women Healthy Families is a program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that provides obstetric care, cervical cancer screening, malaria prevention and other health services to women in Africa. Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley is again supporting the Mother’s Day Card Project. Cards will be available at the PW/PSV Spring Gathering in April or you can order cards or get information by calling Judy Oeder, 459-2231. A suggested donation of \$10 per card is recommended.

COMPASS needs full-size toiletries: soap, shampoo, tooth brushes/paste, deodorant, razors. Place in the laundry baskets in the narthex for deacons to deliver. →

Eyeglasses will be collected in April for needy people throughout the world: men’s, women’s, children’s prescription, bi-focals, and non-prescription sunglasses. A box on the welcome table.

Copies of a new letter from the Rev. Dr. Esther Wakeman, our Mission Connection in Thailand, along with her husband, are on the information table. Help yourself to one.

Our Food Pantry is again in need of the following items: Cereal; canned fruit; jam; peanut butter; macaroni and cheese; prepared meals for one person; canned corn; Hamburger Helper; Tuna Helper, and canned tuna (small and large). Many thanks for your continued support!

Softball Leagues Being Formed

The City of UA Parks and Rec is offering a new women’s fast pitch softball league on Thurs. nights in addition to the slow pitch softball on Tues. nights. Interested teams or individuals should contact Ginny Houghton, 582-5302.

IN SYMPATHY

The sympathies of the congregation are extended to the family of Pat Blosser who died April 3, 2010.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Eleanor Calvary	Kristin Ware Cooper	Charlene Evans	Mildred Furney
Mary Jane Gregeor	Pauline Grehl	Blake Haxton	Earl Hosler
Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart	Cassie Lowery	Mary Marshall
Jan Morris	Sandy McCloud	Judy Sechler	Phyllis Tate
Whitney Von Voigt	Ann White	Marvin White	Steve White

Compiled last week. For current information, check the list on the office bulletin board. Call the church, 451-6677, if you know of those who need prayers of concern or celebration. Hospitals do not automatically contact us when members are admitted, so we rely on you. Also pray for Covenant’s mission workers; the list is on the hall bulletin board. See our website for Mission and Ministry: www.covenantpcusa.org.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tracy Keenan, Senior Pastor
Karen Ware Jackson, Associate Pastor
Weldon Adams, Minister of Music
Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education
Jim Mehler, Parish Associate

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Our Vision Statement
Covenant Presbyterian Church glorifies God and builds relationships with Christ and each other through:

- worship that inspires,
- nurture that embraces,
- education that challenges,
- fellowship that energizes,
- ministry that responds.



Our Mission Statement
Covenant Presbyterian Church is a dynamic congregation

- led by Christ,
- active in the world,
- inspired by the word,
- open to the future.