



Covenant Presbyterian Church

August 28, 2011 ∞ 8:30 & 11:00 am

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hawaiian Shirt Sunday / Block Party

- 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 are collected during Fellowship Moments.
- Please silence your cell phone.

∞∞ SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK ∞∞

“There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.” Exodus 3:2

ORDER OF WORSHIP

∞∞ THE GATHERING ∞∞

Arrive early to enjoy the prelude as preparation for worship.

PRELUDE

“Pie Jesu”

G. Faure

Martin Spencer, *Tenor*

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30 Jim Mehler; 11:00 Katie Kinnison

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do not give easy or unthinking response to this day’s call to worship. For today we ask God’s Spirit to fill us, that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see visions. The call to worship today is a summons to be touched by the wind and fire of the Spirit.

People: **The wind of the Spirit has given us breath, and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.**

Leader: Come here in Faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God’s Spirit brings.

People: **We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God’s promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of Spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!**

*HYMN NO. 420 “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

**All who can comfortably do so, please stand.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*HYMN NO. 339 “Be Thou My Vision” *SLANE*
(Please be seated.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, we admit our preoccupation with small concerns and personal problems. The circle of our caring is too often bounded on all sides by ourselves. When our compassion reaches out to others, it is usually to those we know well. The embrace of our concerns leaves out many others unlike ourselves. We find ourselves demanding much and giving little in return. Do not condemn us, O God. Forgive our distorted ways of thinking and living, that we may be freed to live in true faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

(11:00) TALK WITH CHILDREN Katie Kinnison
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.

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS Sign the fellowship pad & pass it to your neighbor.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: “Our Father who art in heaven...” (Hymnal p. 16. We say “debts” & “debtors.”)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 16:21-28 NT Page 18
Lay Readers: 8:30 Gail Griffin, 11:00 Ginnie Swartz

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 3:1-15 OT Page 50

SERMON “The Divine ‘Hellooooo?’” Tracy Keenan

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem “Zion's Walls” adapted by A. Copland
Martin Spencer

*Offertory Response “Doxology” *OLD HUNDREDTH* (NO. 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN NO. 142 “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” *CORONATION*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Katie Wynkoop, *Organ/Keyboard*

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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Mark Owen, Betsy Owen, Betty Johnston, Carrie/Dale Mellon

11:00 Jeff Smith, Tom Hoover, Robert Gross, Pete McGeoch

Greeters: 8:30 Linda Billman, Terri Hayes

11:00 Cora Kuyvenhoven, Carmina Spencer, Benjamin Spencer, Martin Spencer

Musicians: Katie Wynkoop, *Organ/Keyboard*

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers on the chancel are given by Linda and Mike VanAman in loving memory of their parents.

9:45 am Education Hour (Sunday School for All Ages):

Adults • The Forum: *A New Kind of Christianity: What Is God Like?*, Lounge

• Lay Led Bible Study, *Acts*, Rm. 120

• Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102

Youth • **Fall Retreat at Geneva Hills Camp.**

Treasure Finders: Kick-Off, Children 3 years-3rd grade, Fellowship Hall

Annual Block Party 12pm

The Block Party is a special time to get together with old and new Covenant friends. The grill will be going with brats, hot dogs and more, and there's a potluck so bring salad, a side dish or dessert to share. Tickets will be available this Sunday: Adults \$5, Children \$3, Families \$12.

Get Real: Join a Small Group Meet different times, weekly, Sept. 18-Oct. 29 Sign up Aug. 28-Sept. 11 Party is Oct. 30, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall

Get real with God. Get real with each other. Remember what it is to be truly heard when you speak. Practice listening with undivided and complete attention. Notice, actually notice, what God is doing in your life. First, we’ll listen for God. Then, we’ll listen to one another. We’ll learn how and practice with each other. It’s a six-week commitment. Can you join a small group and meet once a week for an hour and a half six times? Just show up, but be fully present and ready to

listen. You’ll learn what may be a new way to read scripture (actually a very ancient way), and you’ll practice noticing God in your everyday life. Pick up a brochure at church, or download one on line. Read about the structure of a meeting and see the options for meeting times/places. Some groups provide child care. Questions: Katie Kinnison, Steve St. Martin, Martin Spencer, Jennifer LuPiba, Sandy Tullett, Lynn Hamilton, Brad Liebling, Dorothy Roberts, or Sidney Dill. (That’s the Spiritual Development and Adult Learning Commission.)

Sunday Night Bible Study - Gospel of Mark 6:30pm, Rm. 120
Contact Lisa Wallace or Colleen Davis, 766-4871. *No Bible study Sun., Sept. 4*

THIS WEEK August 29-September 3

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Aug. 31, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
The theme this week is *Healing*. Services are family-friendly, featuring the Indie Gospel Band, snacks, interactive prayer and message.

Office Closed Mon., Sept. 5, Labor Day

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Deuteronomy Wednesdays, 7pm, Lounge

NEXT WEEK Sept. 4-10

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Sept. 7, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
The theme will be *Juicy Bible Stories: Ordinary People*. Jim Mehler preaching.

LOOKING AHEAD September 11+

The Forum Sun., Sept. 11, 9:45am

This forum will be presented by authors Jim and Nancy Petro discussing their recent book *False Justice: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent*. Jim Petro received the 2010 Innocence Network Champion of Justice Award, “Honoring the person who goes above and beyond in supporting and championing efforts that free the wrongfully convicted and/or reform the criminal justice system to prevent wrongful convictions.” Go to www.falsejustice.com for information.

Peanut Brittle - We need donations of sugar and margarine which must be 80% vegetable oil. Giant Eagle and Kroger brands are good. Put them in the kitchen. We also need helpers to wash, prep and cook. Call Ruth Adams, 336-0194.

Ohio Interfaith Prayer Service Sun., Sept. 11, 4pm, Atrium, Statehouse
Communities of diverse faiths will gather for the 10th anniversary of 9/11 to pray for all affected, honor the creative human responses, promote peace and interfaith harmony, foster unity among people of Ohio. Go to: iaco@iaco.org.

IAM Youth Conference - “Better Together: The Path to Peace” Sun, Sept 11, 5:15-8pm

(No Second Sunday Recital Sept. 11) Join this multigenerational conference sponsored by the Interfaith Action Movement for Youth. Meet at church at 5:15pm to go to Congregation Tifereth Israel together where we will reflect on the 9/11 tragedy and the community spirit, recognize community leaders in the interfaith movement, and enjoy music and poetry by youth. This event is one of our confirmation class activities, but is open to all youth and interested adults.

CPW Luncheon Features Gracehaven House Wed., Sept. 14, 11:45am

Following the luncheon, Cathy Treyens will present a program about Gracehaven House, a safe home for female minors who are victims of domestic sex trafficking. Luncheon is \$8. RSVP by signing up at September Circle meetings, calling the church office, 451-6677, or contacting Rayma Ridgway, 451-9809 or Clara O'Connell, 459-2276. **Deadline for reservations: Sun., Sept. 11.**

Adult Confirmation 1st Class Sept. 18, 9:45-10:45am, Lower Level

Is the Bible True? Are you comfortable articulating your Christian faith? Do you have questions about God/Christ/The Holy Spirit? Of course you do. Let's put words to our questions and our faith so that we can talk to our children.

Spiritual Cinema 3rd Mon., 6:30 pm, Lounge

Dogma (Sept. 19) - The film follows two renegade angels on a quest to return to heaven/destroy humanity. Rated R for profanity, violence and sexual content.

CPW Annual Garage Sale Is Early This Year Sept. 23-24

Drop things off in Fellowship Hall beginning Mon., Sept. 19. Call Louise by Sept. 15 to arrange a pick-up. Your assistance is needed with set up and sales. We need strong arms, and help pricing toys and clothing. We will be in the hallway with sign-up sheets in September. You can also contribute to the Friday bake sale. If any of your items are of special value, let us know this when you leave them at church. All proceeds to go to support mission. Questions? Call Louise Davidson, 792-1289.

QUBE, Otterbein U. string quartet (cellist, Cora Kuyvenhoven)

Sun., Sept. 25, 8:30 and 11am services, CPC; Wed., Sept. 28, 8pm, Riley Auditorium, Battelle Music Bldg., Otterbein U (free); Fri., Sept. 30, 8pm, Kenyan; Sun., Oct. 16, 7:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church (Westerville) (free)

The Peacemaking offering will be received on Sun., Oct. 2.

The local group that is the recipient this year is Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio. A representative from Big Brothers Big Sisters will be in the Forum on Sun., Sept. 25 to share information and answer questions. Join us.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

Seeds of Hope Community Garden invites anyone interested in harvesting and planting fall crops to join us in the garden Sundays, 4pm. We normally spend two hours but you are welcome for any or all of that time. No experience necessary.

Circle of Hope Garden Kitchen Garden outside of the fence is filled with herbs that you are welcome to use. This is an old fashion "Kitchen Garden" with rosemary, oregano, basil, thyme, parsley and lavender.

Yasir Makki presented a spirit-filled and humorous Forum session on Aug. 14. Yasir has been a productive missionary in Sudan for eight years. Primarily, these new Christians have transitioned from Islam which puts Yasir in direct confrontation with the Muslim state. Yasir has avoided terrible wrath, but has been imprisoned. His current visit is to make politicians aware of the Sudan's government-backed bombardment of Western Sudan. Contact yasir_makki@yahoo.com and he will send you his monthly letters. His mission is largely financed by International Friendships Inc. Pledges of support may be sent to IFI in Columbus.

Open Shelter - Covenant members meet every second Friday morning at 8:30 for about an hour to fix 175 sack lunches. There is no long term commitment; come when you can. Get to know other Covenant members in a casual and fun way. Contact Carrie Mellen, 771-1396, dmellen@columbus.rr.com.

Tutoring - This summer, five Asian high school students and young adults were tutored by five Covenant women. Their English ranged from knowing only the alphabet to having studied ESL (English as a Second Language) for two years. We had no expectations of progress but were happy with our students' successes. As summer ends and students return to school we tutors know that we have been blessed by knowing our young students. Carol Petro 485-0994, jpetroball@aol.com.

If you are in need of prayers or would like to lift up prayers when others are in need, please contact the office staff, Carol Carr or Terri Hayes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Al Arndt	Marijo Bayer	Bob Bartels	Dan Belville
Marie Bernays	Ken Chapman	Mary Jean Clouse	Skip Collins
Myrna Dupler	Marian Elek	Marianne Ewing	Phyllis Flaig
Manette Friske	Mildred Furney	Pauline Grehl	Lucy Herrmann
Elizabeth Remnant	Samuel Kakos	Louise Knox	Ed Lazear
Becky Liebling	Jenny Limes	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart
John Lott	Pat Lyon	Bill Marsh	Sandy McCloud
John McLean	Dan Morton	Bob Murchake	Fran Park
Carl Pogalies	Phyllis Rucker	Jean Scherr	Judy Sechler
Ruth Stoyak	Sally Tate	Whitney Von Voigt	Marvin White
Paula White	Steve White	Maggie Woodcock	

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, so we rely on you. Also pray for Covenant's mission workers; the list of their names is on the hall bulletin board.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tracy Keenan, Senior Pastor Karen Ware Jackson, Associate Pastor
Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Ed. Rob Rucker, Music Director
Jim Mehler, Parish Associate

Worship Services:

Sunday mornings: 8:30am and 11:00am

Wednesday evenings *Gathering*: 6:00pm

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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.

