



Covenant Presbyterian Church

August 7, 2011 ∞ 8:30 & 11:00 am

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Communion

- 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 ∞∞

“But immediately, Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’” Mt. 14:27

ORDER OF WORSHIP

∞∞ THE GATHERING ∞∞

Arrive early to enjoy the Prelude as preparation for worship.

PRELUDE “Prelude in C Major” J.S. Bach
Katie Wynkoop, *Guest Organist*

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30 Katie Kinnison; 11:00 Karen Ware Jackson

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. 255 “O Lord Our Help in Ages Past” *ST. ANNE*

*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. 111 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" GELOBT SEI GOTT (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 side by ourselves. When our compassion reaches out to others, it is usually to those we know well. The embrace of our concern 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!

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.

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 14:22-23 NT Page 16
SERMON "Above the Fray" Tracy Keenan

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE (See inside back cover of hymnal)

Communion Anthem 11:00 "The Old Rugged Cross" George Bernard arr. Kevin McChesney

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem 11:00 "Blessed Assurance" Phoebe Knapp arr. McChesney

*Offertory Response "Doxology" OLD HUNDREDTH (NO. 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN NO. 307 "Fight the Good Fight" DUKE STREET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

8:30 "Soon and Very Soon" Traditional arr. John Carter

11:00 "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" HOLY MANNA arr. Wilbur Held

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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Terri Hayes, Mike Hayes, Carolyn Bordelon, Al Bordelon 11:00 Rusty Miller, Rob Radcliff, Robin Schmidt, Jan Schmidt Greeters: 8:30 Gail Griffin, Betty Rupp 11:00 Deanna Blesch, Patrick Blesch, Peggy Hicks, Betty Lindstrom Musicians: Covenant Bell Ensemble: Nancy Davidson, Linda Gabel, Scott Henning, Jude McLean. We welcome Katie Wynkoop, Guest Organist, to our services today.

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers on the chancel are given by Marsha and Mike Martin in loving memory of Richard and Maxine Martin, now with the saints.

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

Adults • The Forum: Uppity Women of the Bible, Lounge • Lay Led Bible Study, Acts, Rm. 120 • Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102

Youth • Youth Bible Study - Continuing through the summer, education hour for youth will be a Bible study at 10am at Panera, or meet at the church at 9:45am to ride over together.

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

Forum

9:45 am

We'll begin another installment of the Uppity Women Bible Series. This one focuses on the Song of Songs (sometimes called, The Song of Solomon), a myste-

rious and alluring book studied only by very brave congregations.

Flautango Columbus 3pm, Hilliard Presbyterian Church Covenant's own Rodolfo Vázquez, flute, with Sean Ferguson, guitar, will perform works by Piazzolla, Merlin and Alvarez. Sones de Mexico and Tangos will be presented by No Strings Attached Chamber Music Society and Hilliard Presbyterian Church.

Youth Softball 4pm, Thompson Field Tournament beings. Contact Morgan, yeahmorgan@yahoo.com.

Sunday Night Bible Study 6:30pm, Rm. 120 Contact Lisa Wallace or Colleen Davis, 766-4871.

THIS WEEK August 8-13

Your Communicator Deadline Deadline Mon., Aug. 8. Start gathering any info about events and happenings about your group that you would like printed in the Sept./Oct./Nov. edition of Your Communicator. Email to joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org.

Centering Prayer (through Aug. 16) Mondays at 8am; Tuesdays at 6pm Do you not know that you are a dwelling place of the Holy One? Too often we imagine God far away, so far above us that we will never reach up that far and we wonder if God is willing to reach so far down to us. But what if we can find God by going deep within? What if God is already in us, working for God's good pleasure? Can we simply be still and know God? Give it a try.

Family Picnic Tues., Aug. 9, 5 pm, Fancyburg Park Come rain or shine and picnic with us. Bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided.

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Aug. 10, 6pm, Fellowship Hall The theme this week is "Is Loving Yourself Selfish?" Services are family-friendly, featuring the Indie Gospel Band, snacks, interactive prayer and message.

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

Visiting Covenant? To receive our weekly newsletters with updates and events, send your email address to joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org.

NEXT WEEK Aug. 14-20

Annual Report Available Sun., Aug. 14 Copies of the 2010-11 Annual Report will be available Aug. 14. The Annual Meeting is Sun., Aug. 21, 12pm, in the Sanctuary.

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Aug. 17, 6pm, Fellowship Hall The theme will be "How-to's: Relating to God."

Spiritual Cinema Mon., Aug. 15, 6:30 pm, Lounge Toy Story 3 - Young Andy must put away "childish things" as he prepares for college. But his toys resist being separated from one another. (It is said that Tom Hanks and Tim Allen, who provided voices for this animated film, cried when they Continued on back

watched the final version.) Call Beth Askue, 459-1445, or Susan Imel, 262-7444, with questions or suggestions.

Primetimers' Breakfast **Sat., Aug. 20, 9am, Fancyburg Park**
This fellowship group for those over 50 will celebrate summer with a cookout breakfast. \$3 per person. Everyone welcome. Call Dick and Betsy Campbell, 451-3480.

Chung/Hall Wedding Invitation **Sat. Aug. 20, 3pm, Sanctuary**
The Covenant congregation is invited to the wedding of Esther Chung and Andrew Hall. The Officiant will be The Rev. Jeff Jaynes. Weldon Adams and Rodolfo Vazquez will provide the music.

LOOKING AHEAD August 21+

Annual Mtg./Blessing of the Backpacks **Sun., Aug. 21, 12pm, Sanctuary**

Fall Youth Retreat **Aug. 26-28, Hocking Hills**
All youth 5th-12th grades are invited to a weekend adventure to kick off our program year.

Annual Block Party **Sun., Aug. 28, 12pm**
Wear your Hawaiian shirt to church that morning! The Block Party is a special time to get together with old and new Covenant friends. The grill will be going, and there's also a potluck, so think about what you would like to bring. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are in the hallway between the services and after the 11am service

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." He has been Ohio State Auditor and Attorney General, and is currently Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents of Higher Education. Nancy Petro has more than 35 years of experience in marketing, publishing and business management and worked with Jim for two and a half years on the book. Go to www.falsejustice.com for further information.

Ohio Interfaith Prayer Service **Sun., Sept. 11, 4pm, Atrium, Ohio 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.

CPW Annual Garage Sale **Sept. 23-24**
Donate items you aren't using anymore: from tea cups to toys, from dishes to divans, sports equipment, art, decorative items, and small appliances. They should be clean and in working order. We need books for all ages and good used clothing in every size from infants to grandpas. Set up begins Mon., Sept. 19. Contact Louise Davidson, l.davidson@sbcglobal.net, 614-792-1289.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

Open Shelter, Fri., Aug. 12, 8:30am: Hope you can help. We especially need volunteers in the summer as many families are vacationing. "Thank you" to everyone who has helped prepare lunches for open shelter in the past year. This is →

a true hands-on opportunity which really makes a difference in the lives of our fellow central Ohio citizens. 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.

Deacons are serving breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House on the first Saturday of each month. Anyone interested, please contact your Deacon.

Tutoring - Tutors and families schedule tutor sessions in late July and early August. Sessions are casual, low key. Tutoring just one of the weeks will help a child prepare for school. Contact Carol Petro 485-0994, jpetrobball@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	Skip Collins	Myrna Dupler
Marian Elek	Phyllis Flaig	Manette Friske	Mildred Furney
Pauline Grehl	Lucy Herrmann	Elizabeth Jones Remnant	Samuel Kakos
Louise Knox	Becky Liebling	Jenny Limes	Birdine Lint
Evan Lockhart	Bill Marsh	Sandy McCloud	John McLean
Bob Murchake	Fran Park	Carl Pogalies	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
Glenn Stroh, Organist	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.