



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am **ORDER OF WORSHIP** February 14, 2010
Transfiguration of the Lord

- 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.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness... 2 Cor. 3:12

THE GATHERING

*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.

PRELUDE “Procession on Lobe den Herren” Martin Shaw
Weldon Adams, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN NO. 482 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Lobe den Herren

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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.

*PRAYER RESPONSE “God of Love, Hear Our Prayer” John Helgen

God of love, hear our prayer, we are trust-ing in your mer - cy,
God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

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

11:00 am Service

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

TALK WITH CHILDREN

Tracy Keenan

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.

COVENANT IN MISSION "CPW Spaghetti Dinner/ Variety Show"

8:30 Louise Davidson; 11:00 Betsy Sebastian

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

- Prayer request cards will be collected at this point.
- Please sign the fellowship pad and 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 and debtors.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 9:28-43 NT Page 69

Lay Readers: 8:30 Carol Smathers; 11:00 Martin Spencer

NEW TESTAMENT 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 NT Page 180

EXPLORING THE WORD (Bible study) Tracy Keenan

ANTHEM "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee"

Adoro te, Arranged by Weldon Adams

8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD "Veils, Visors, and Veritas"

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory 8:30 "Peace (Fireworks Suite)" G. F. Handel

Weldon Adams, Organ

11:00 "Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite" G. F. Handel

Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God the Father, God the Son, Praise God the Spirit, Three in One. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Prayer of Dedication

WALKING WITH THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 339 "Be Thou My Vision"

Slane

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen"

Danish

POSTLUDE "Rejoicing and Minuet (Fireworks Suite)"

G. F. Handel

(You are invited to stay and listen)

Weldon Adams, Organ

ANTHEM TEXT

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee Text: Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

Music: Benedictine Plainsong, Arr. by Weldon Adams (The text for this anthem may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal at #519.)

Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite Text: Unknown Music: George Frideric Handel

Let their celestial concerts all unite ever to sound his praise in endless morn of light.

HYMN NOTES

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. It was written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680). Neander wrote some sixty hymns and has been called the "Paul Gerhardt of the Calvinists." As a youth in Bremen, he took the Calvinist faith seriously, but also lived a rather unruly existence. Under the leadership of his pastor and others he became a tutor, then teacher and headmaster of a grammar school, and undordained assistant to his pastor. The valley of the Düssel near Mettmann, where Neander used to take long walks, was named Neanderthal in his honor. Here was where the skeleton of Homo neanderthalensis (Neanderthal man) was discovered in 1856. This exuberant hymn has a galloping dactylic rhythm which allows fourteen syllables in each of the first two lines. It is highly probable that the author, who lived only thirty years, knew the tune as associated with an earlier chorale and wrote his outpouring of praise to Almighty God as Creator and Sovereign to provide new words.

"Be Thou My Vision" is from an ancient Irish poem, "Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdi cride," dating from around A.D. 700. It was translated into English in 1905 and put into metrical verse form in 1912. The text has been slightly altered for "The Presbyterian Hymnal" (1990). The tune "Slane" is an ancient Irish ballad named for Slane, a hill near Tara, Ireland. In the fifth century, it was at Slane where the first fires of Easter were lighted by St. Patrick as a challenge to King Laoghaire. At the first printing of this Irish folk tune in 1901 it was associated with the text "With My Love Come on the Road."

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

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

11:00 Jim Hamilton, Suzie Shoemaker, Katy Nowels, Jeffrey Smith

Greeters: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini, Linda Billman, Roger Miller

11:00 Jeff DuBois, Jo Elin DuBois, Hazel Ginther, Karen Hjelm

Musicians: 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are from the Messick family:

Wishing peace and love to all.

Adults

• Spirituality Bazaar - see "Living Lent with Love" on right panel.

• Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

Youth - "The Gospel according to Joan of Arcadia" - Karen's Office

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

Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast

9-10 am, Fellowship Hall

Watch the flapjacks fly! Chris Cakes does the flipping, and we're having Mardi Gras right here at Covenant in between services. It's all you can eat (pancakes, sausage and orange juice) for \$4 a person. Children three and under are free.

We'll have prizes, crafts, and laughter galore.

Living Lent with Love

9:30 am, Lounge

While you are giving your Mardi Gras pancakes a chance to digest, stop by the Lounge for some help in Living Lent With Love. It's a sort of Spirituality Bazaar where you can get all kinds of ideas. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 17, and with it we'll begin 40 days of preparing for the wonder of Easter. Take this time to pay special attention to your discipleship, to all the ways you are growing to become more like Christ and better able to love boldly and love well.

Variety Show/Spaghetti Dinner Tickets on sale today between services or by calling Betsy Sebastian at 457-4383 by Feb.18. Tickets will not be sold at the door; will call only. (See below for more details.)

Covenant Cowboy Cafe Tickets On Sale Today

Support youth mission trips and have a great time at our annual dinner and silent auction Sat., March 13, 6 pm! Get your tickets for \$15 each or donate items for the silent auction today and for the next four Sundays.

Second Sunday Praise Gathering

6 pm, Sanctuary

Covenant Youth Tonight

6 pm

Bible Study

7:00 pm, Room 120

Join us for our study of Acts. Contact Katie Kinnison.

THIS WEEK Feb. 15-20

Spiritual Cinema - Zulu

Mon., Feb. 15, 6:30 pm, Lounge

Zulu is about the 1879 battle of Roarke's Drift, South Africa, where 139 South Wales Borderers held against 4,500 Zulu warriors for several days. The themes are current with today's issues on Christianity and war. A discussion led by Tracy Keenan and Mike Martin will follow. Contact Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu, or Susan Imel, 262-7444 or susanimel1@gmail.com.

"Mardi Gras" Variety Show and Spaghetti Dinner

Sat., Feb. 20

Plan to attend Covenant's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show sponsored by Covenant Presbyterian Women. Dinner will be from 5:30-7 pm with the "Mardi Gras" variety show beginning at 7 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. Buy tickets between services today or by calling Betsy Sebastian at 457-4383 by Feb.18. **Tickets will not be sold at the door; will-call only.** Come enjoy an outstanding dinner and see your Covenant friends and staff in the variety show. PW's Coordinating Team has voted to send any proceeds to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Haiti.

Primitimers will sit together. Call Emogene Andrews, 451-2474.

NEXT WEEK Feb. 21-27

Confirmation Class Date

Feb., 21, 9:45-10:45 am, Lower Level

"Christians and War: Commitment & Conviction"

Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 9:45, Lounge

For 2,000 years, followers of Jesus Christ have wrestled with what it means to love one another in situations of profound threat and imminent violence. What are Christian, faithful, responses to war? How can we honor those who pursue peace along paths different from our own? This Forum will call upon

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historians, theologians and experienced servants of Christ to share their perspectives. Dr. Diane Lobody, professor from Methodist Theological School in Ohio, will begin this series with an historical overview.

Preacher from the Pew Series **Series Starts Wed., Feb. 24**

Attend the Preacher from the Pew services where members of our congregation share their life's journey of faith. Our distinguished lay preachers will be: Feb. 24, Kadie Koeneman; March 3, Marsha Martin; March 10, Mary Hoyt; March 17, Reid Huntley; March 24, Rodolfo Vazquez. Join us for soup and salad at 6 pm in the Lounge. The Service will be at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

String Quartet Concert Wed., Feb. 24, 8 pm, Battelle Fine Arts, Westerville
QUBE, the string quartet in residence at Otterbein College, will perform a free concert of music by Mozart, Roussel, Schumann and others. QUBE is comprised of Otterbein Music Department faculty members including Covenant's Cora Kuyvenhoven, cello. For information, call 614-823-1508.

LOOKING AHEAD Feb. 28+

March Spiritual Cinema Offering Mon., March 15, 6:30 pm, Lounge
"Adam's Apples" is an award winning Danish film where good and evil collide with interesting results when an optimistic pastor takes in a neo-Nazi convict named Adam, who is anxious to get his community service time completed. Linda Gabel will lead a short discussion following the film. Coming in April: "Up," that recently received a best-picture nomination from the Academy. For information about the Spiritual Cinema group, contact Beth Askue at askue.l@osu.edu or Susan Imel at susanimel@gmail.com or 262-7444.

Play Bridge Sun., March 14, April 11, May 23, 2 pm, Lounge
Come as pairs or as individuals who will be paired. No reservations. Bring a snack to share and a cold drink for yourself. Hot drinks and ice provided. To pay for incidentals, \$1 per person is collected. Contact Bonnie Roussey, 451-7511.

Mission Interpretation Meeting Tues., March. 23, 1:30 pm

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

Part of the Deacons' Ministry is the Prayer Chain. This ministry is to send a prayer through our church members by phone or email. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain or have someone be placed on the prayer chain, please contact the church office.

Read the Bible on Katie's Blog Each Thursday

Go to www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com and read my reflection on a passage from the bible. New blogs are up by Thursday mornings each week.

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

2010 Per Capita - \$33.31 per member

We invite you to pay your share of the per capita which is \$33.31 per member. If you didn't receive an envelope in your year-end statement, pick one up from the welcome table or church pews. Question? Contact Ingrid Brooker.

The Jean A. Mortland Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship recipient is selected by the Worship and Arts Commission. Applicant should be pursuing a college or graduate degree in music or theology, a member of Covenant or associated closely in some manner, and demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their vocation. Also considered are overall GPA, financial need, and written recommendations. The candidate must be enrolled in the institution of higher learning to which the gift will be directed. Deadline is March 1. For information and an application, call Ingrid Brooker, 451-6677.

Remember and honor your loved ones or a special occasion by donating flowers for Sunday worship services. Please sign the chart in the hall, then call Anna Jo Beeson, 451-3613, with your dedication.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dick Rorapugh at Mt. Carmel West

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Kristin Ware Cooper	Katherine Davis	Charlene Evans	Mildred Furney
Mary Jane Greeger	Pauline Grehl	Blake Haxton	Birdine Lint
Evan Lockhart	Mary Marshall	Sandy McCloud	Judy Sechler
Richard Smathers	Betsy Tannehill	Phyllis Tate	Whitney Von Voigt
Jean Ware	Steve White	Linda Yohn	

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
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.

