



## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**8:30 & 11:00 am      ORDER OF WORSHIP      February 28, 2010**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

- 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

*God brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then God said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:5-6*

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### THE GATHERING

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\*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30 Jim Mehler; 11:00 Tracy Keenan

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

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE      "Little Prelude in E-flat Major"      Cesar Franck  
Madeleine Connolly, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 458 "Earth and All Stars"      Dexter

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) "For All the Times"  
(See card in the pews)      David Bruce Smith

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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

11:00 am Service  
 \*AFFIRMATION  
**Love has its source in you, Creator God; Flows from you like an ocean into a world as unyielding as any shoreline cliff; And like the ocean which batters, erodes, and wears away even the hardest stone, your love persists; finds cracks and inlets in hardened hearts, flows inside, and works a miracle. Who would think that water was more powerful than granite, love mightier than the hardest heart? Thank you, Creator God, for the power of your love.**

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.*

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

- Prayer request cards will be collected at this point.
- Please sign the fellowship pad and pass it to your neighbor.

Covenant in Mission “Covenant Cafe”  
8:30 Sam Clark; 11:00 Kadie Koeneman

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 13:31-35 NT Page 77  
Lay Readers: 8:30 John Griffin; 11:00 Abby Kinnison

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 OT Page 12

EXPLORING THE WORD (Bible study) Karen Ware Jackson

ANTHEM “Siyahamba” Zulu Melody, Arr. Weldon Adams  
8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD “Can the Stars Be Counted?”

**RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  
Thomas A. Dorsey, Arr. by Jack Schrader  
Madeleine Connolly, Piano

\*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. 261 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”  
O quanta qualia

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Walk, Walk” Tracy Keenan  
 (See cards in the pews)

POSTLUDE “Rondo” Ludolph Arens  
 (You are invited to stay and listen) Madeleine Connolly, Piano

ANTHEM TEXT

*Siyahamba* **Text: South African and Psalm 27:1-4**  
**Music: Zulu song, additional melody by Hal Hopson** **Piano Arr.: Weldon Adams**  
 We are marching in the light of God. The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light. One thing have we asked of the Lord, Yea, this is the thing we seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord; to live with God forever. When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone. Our feet are lifted high; yea, high upon a rock. We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure. We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.

HYMN NOTES

For the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in 1964, Herbert Brokering, a Lutheran minister and poet, wrote “Earth and All Stars,” a text which attempts to pick up and praise “many facets of life which merge in the life of the community. So there are references to buildings, nature, learning, family, war, festivity.” We can enjoy this contemporary hymn because it brings pictures and visual images to mind as we sing. Also, the tune is well crafted, leading to a climax on the extended text “marvelous things.”

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” was written by John Moment, a member of the committee to compile “The Hymnal” of 1933. Moment was educated at Princeton and Hartford Theological School. He taught at the Lawrenceville School in NJ and served several pastorates in New Jersey as well. This text, which is so well known and beloved by many, is Moment's only hymn in common use.

**Weldon Adams Away**

Weldon Adams is away on vacation this week. Nancy Davidson is directing the choir and playing the organ. Madeleine Connolly will be playing the Prelude, Offertory and Postlude.

**Affirmation** by J. Birch (www.faithandworship.com)

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

**Ushers:** 8:30 Linda Billman, Betty Rupp, Joan Sanford  
 11:00 Lou Ann Doub, Peggy Hicks, Betty Lindstrom, Deb Marsh  
**Greeters:** 8:30 Terri Kennedy Mancini, Bob Turrell, Gerald Annis, Dianne Annis  
 11:00 Cheryl Buchanan, Jim Buchanan, Lynn Elliott, Jay McLean  
**Musicians:** Madeleine Connolly, Piano; Nancy Davidson, Organ and Piano;  
 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

**TODAY AT COVENANT**

The flowers in front of the pulpit are from Liz Richmond in memory of Alice Richmond.

**Adult Learning**

- The Forum: Christianity and War, Dr. Diane Lobody, Lounge
- Lay Led Bible Study - Luke, Room 121
- Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

**Youth** - New Study on “Heaven and Hell,” Karen’s office

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

**A Search Committee for Director of Music** will be elected by the session at our March meeting. If you would like to submit your name for consideration to serve on the search committee, please contact Tracy Keenan. The first meeting will be March 14 at 12:30, at which time the group will determine the best day and time for regular weekly meetings of two hours each. We hope to have a staff person in place by September to overlap with Weldon Adams before his retirement on September 26.

**Covenant Youth Tonight, Friendship Village** Meet at the church at 6pm

**Bible Study** **6:30 pm, Room 120**

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

**New Art Exhibit** **Lounge**

View the stunning art on the subject of the cross by regional artist and art teacher Marilyn Stocker, who will be the featured speaker at the CPW Lenten Breakfast March 17. (See next page for details.)

**One Great Hour of Sharing Inserts** provide details about this April 4 offering.

**The March Issue of *Your Communicator*:** Read/download the issue from the church web site or pick up a copy from the Welcome Table in the hall.

**THIS WEEK March 1-6**

**Preacher from the Pew Series: Marsha Martin** **Wed., March 3**  
**Soup & Salad, 6 pm, Lounge; Service, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary**

Members of our congregation share their life's journey of faith: March 10, Mary Hoyt; March 17, Reid Huntley; March 24, Rodolfo Vazquez.

**NEXT WEEK March 7-13**

**“God Talk”** **Tues., March 9, 7-9 pm, Old Bag of Nails, Tremont, UA**  
 Topic: “Will The Poor Be With Us Always?” Come for good, honest conversation and fellowships.

**Preacher from the Pew Service & Dinner Continues Wed., March 10**

**Spring Fest Conference** **Sat. March 13**

On the campus of The OSU, the “Journey Forward” will be the theme for the 2010 Spring Fest conference. It will feature two worship experiences and a host of helpful workshops led by nationally known Presbyterians. Special guest leaders include, Claudio Carvalhaes, Margaret Ahymers, Rodger Nishioka, Graham Standish (See Forum, pg. 2), David Crittenden, Ray Jones, Diane Hymans and Hunter Farrell. The workshops will offer ideas on worship, evangelism, spirituality, education, stewardship and mission. \$20 per person with lunch. Registration forms are on the welcome table.

**Covenant Café 2010** **Sat., March 13, 6-9 pm**

Hey, pardner! Pull on your boots and join us for a dinner and auction to support youth mission trip! Adults \$15. Children under 12 \$5. Childcare will be provided. *Silent Auction Items Needed!* Contact Karen Jackson.

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Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sun., March 14

Easter Ham Sale

If you would like a Honeybaked Ham for Easter, buy one from the Covenant youth to support our summer mission trips! We will have a table after worship services on March 14, 21, and 28. Last day to order an Easter ham is Mon., March 29. Pick up is Sat., April 3 from 9-11am.

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.

Deacons' Blood Drive

Mon., March 15, 1-6pm, Fellowship Hall

This is the Deacons' first blood drive of 2010. You can help save lives. Make an appointment at the sign-up table between Sunday services, by calling Lou Ann Doub, 488-3919, or on line at www.givelife.org sponsor code "covenant."

March Spiritual Cinema - Zulu

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

Since it was canceled because of the snow storm, Zulu is rescheduled to be the March movie. It 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 will follow. Contact Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu, or Susan Imel, 262-7444 or susanimel1@gmail.com.

CPW's Lenten Breakfast & Program

Wed., March 17, 9:30 am, Lounge

Come to the CPW Lenten Communion and Breakfast followed by the program "On the Cross" presented by regional artist and art teacher Marilyn Stocker. She will discuss art works on the subject of the cross, of which a number of examples will be on display. Cost of the luncheon is \$8. Contact Gail Brown, 457-3470, gbrown32@columbus.rr.com, or call the church office, 451-6677, for a reservation.

Primetimers Meet

Fri., March 19, 6pm, Lounge

Primetimers will enjoy a potluck, and the speaker will be local celebrity and NBC Channel 4 weatherman, Jym Ganahl. Be sure to mark it on your calendar; He is a fascinating and entertaining speaker! If you have any questions, call Dorothy Grossman at 488-2820.

Mission Interpretation Meeting

Tues., March. 23, 1:30 pm

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

Did You Know?

A Covenant Circle makes 150-170 sandwiches for Open Shelter each month! Love One Another

An On-Line Lenten Devotion

Scripture, prayer and meditative thoughts, accompanied by gentle music, can be accessed every day at www.journeytothecross.org through Easter Sunday, April 4. Journey to the Cross is part of the year-round devotional site, d365, a ministry of Passport, Inc. Visit http://www.d365.org/journeytothecross/ for new devotions throughout the year. d365 is sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and The Episcopal Church.

Good Reading: Interested in any of the books mentioned by Cathy Levy or Tracy Keenan (Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God, The Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns, and Quarantine by Jim Crace) during worship

last week? See the book display in the hall. We have those and other resources to enrich this season of Lent.

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.

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.

Covenant Presbyterian Women thanks all who participated in the cooking, decorating, serving and clean-up for the Spaghetti Dinner and all who shared their talents as technicians, photographers, stagehands, production assistants and performers in the Variety Show. The Coordinating Team is especially grateful for the leadership of Betsy Sebastian and Anna Jo Beeson.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Table with 4 columns of names: Bob Bartels, Kristin Ware Cooper, Mildred Furney, Birdine Lint, Dick Rorapough, Phyllis Tate, Linda Yohn, Bob Basford, Robert Cowman, Mary Jane Greegor, Evan Lockhart, Judy Sechler, Whitney Von Voigt, Dan Belville, Katherine Davis, Pauline Grehl, Mary Marshall, Richard Smathers, Jean Ware, Marie Bernays, Charlene Evans, Blake Haxton, Sandy McCloud, Betsy Tannehill, 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, 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.