

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jan. 10, 2010

Baptism 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

Do not fear, for I am with you... Isaiah 43:5

THE GATHERING

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Katie Kinnison

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

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“Chorale: *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*”

Christ, unser Herr

“Chorale Prelude on *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*”

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN NO. 492 “Baptized in Water”

Bunessan

*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!

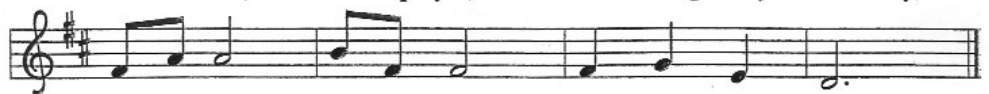
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*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 Katie Kinnison
We encourage children to stay with us in worship and 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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43:1-7 OT Page 672
 Lay Readers: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini; 11:00 Betsy Campbell
 NEW TESTAMENT Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT Page 60
 SERMON "Dying and Being Reborn" Tracy Keenan preaching

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "As Jesus Walked Into the Stream" Susan Borwick
 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir, Violin and Cello

*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

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 69 "O Morning Star" Wie Schon Leuchtet

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" Danish

POSTLUDE "Chorale Prelude on *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*"
 (You are invited to stay and listen) James Melby

ANTHEM TEXTS

To Jordan came our Lord the Christ Text: Martin Luther Music: Johann Walther
 To Jordan came our Lord the Christ, to do God's pleasure willing, And there was by Saint John baptized, all righteousness fulfilling; There did He consecrate a bath to wash away transgression, And quench the bitterness of death by His own blood and passion; He would a new life give us.

As Jesus Walked into the Stream Text: based on Matthew 3 Music: Susan Borwick
 As Jesus walked into the stream, into the flowing stream, God spoke a tender word to him, God called him, "My beloved." River, living stream, flowing fount, renew our spirits as you wash our souls afresh with healing waters. As Jesus dipped beneath the stream, beneath the flowing stream, a heavenly dove descended down with blessings from above. As we now sink beneath the stream, beneath the flowing stream, God speaks and sends a heavenly dove and names us, "My beloved."

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Andrea Eberhard, Jay Armstrong, Willem Kogeler, Joyce Kogeler
 11:00 Phil Hall, Beth Askue, Ed Lazear, Betsy Sebastian
Greeters: 8:30 Maggie Broekema, Nancy Cowman, Bob Cowman
 11:00 Jeff DuBois, Jo Elin DuBois, Hazel Ginther, Karen Hjelm
Musicians: Carmina Spencer, Violin; Ben Spencer, Cello; 8:30 Early Birds;
 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in the Chancel are given by??
 The flowers each Sunday are donated by caring members like you; however, not many have signed up for 2010, thus none today. Contribute to the beauty of services by signing the chart in the hall, then call Anna Jo Beeson, 451-3613, with your dedication.

Adults

- The Forum: '08 PW Global Exchange, E. Europe/Russia, Louise Davidson
- 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

Confirmation Dates **9:45-10:45am, Lower Level**
 Today, *What are the Sacraments?*; Jan. 24, *What is the church?*; April 9-10, Confirmation Retreat; April 11, Confirmation.

Second-Sunday-Night Service... **6:00pm, Sanctuary**
 featuring the Worship Band and Communion.

Covenant Music Discernment Group **9:40 am, Chapel**

Organ Symphonies of Louis Vierne **3 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral, Broad & 5th**
 The Organ Symphonies of Louis Vierne will be performed today and the next two Sundays. Three Cathedral organists will be joined by Weldon Adams, and Joseph Ripka, concert organist and winner of the 2008 Dublin International Organ Competition. Today's works will be *Symphonie No. 1*, Robert Wisniewski, Organist, and *Symphonie No. 2*, Paul Thornock, Organist. These works make use of the expansive resources of a large cathedral organ and a reverberant acoustic. The technical demands of this music are extreme, likely leading to the scarcity of complete performances of all six works. Join us as we take an incredible journey through this cycle of organ masterpieces by Louis Vierne. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation at the door. The other concerts of the series will be the following two Sundays. (See brochure for full schedule.)

Bible Study **6:30 pm, Room 120**
 Join us for our study of Acts. Contact Katie Kinnison.

Covenant Youth Tonight **6 pm**

Play Bridge **2 pm, Lounge**
 Come as pairs or as individuals who will pair up there. Reservations not needed.

Bring a snack to share and a cold drink for yourself. Hot drinks and ice provided. To pay for prizes and incidentals, \$1 per person is collected. Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 14, April 11, May 23. Call Anne or Dick Rorapough, 740-881-9934.

Honduras Mission Trip - January 6-13. Please pray for our teens and adults as they go to work with the children of Montana de Luz, an orphanage that is home to children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Mission News

A card from Joyce Michael in the Czech Republic is on the hall bulletin board. She sends wishes for the new year and reports that John is still having health problems.

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.

Open Shelter needs plastic containers with lids for food for our homeless friends. Place in the Open Shelter kitchen cupboard. It's good for recycling.

THIS WEEK

God Talk **Tues, Jan. 12, 7 pm, Old Bag of Nails, UA, Tremont**
 Topic: *Should the church talk politics?* Join us for some honest conversation.

Darkness2Light Training **Thursday, Jan. 14, 5:30-7:30 pm, Lounge**
 Covenant was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Presbytery to enable us to train our community in how to recognize, prevent, and respond to child sexual abuse. Go to our website to read our grant proposal, and go to www.darkness2light.com to read about this training. One in four girls and one in six boys suffer sexual abuse before they are 18. Be part of the solution to this crisis. *Stewards of Children* training classes will be led by Karen Ware Jackson and Katie Kinnison: Thur., Jan. 14, 5:30-7:30 pm with dinner; Sat., Jan. 16, 9:30 am-12pm with snacks; Sun., Jan. 24, 12:30-3 pm with lunch. You need not be a member of Covenant to attend. Training materials cost us \$15 per person, so donations are appreciated. To RSVP call the church office or e-mail Katie.

NEXT WEEK

Weldon Adams Organ Concert II
Sun., Jan. 17, 3 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral, Broad & Fifth
Symphonie No. 3, Robert Wisniewski, Organist; *Symphonie No. 4*, Weldon Adams and Dorothy Riley, Organists.

Martin Luther King Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED **Mon., Jan. 18**

No PiYo Class **Mon., Jan. 18**

January Spiritual Cinema Group **Mon., Jan. 18, 6:30pm, Lounge**
 "The Namesake," a movie about the struggles of an American son of immigrants to fit in. Beth Askue will lead a short discussion following the film. For information about the Spiritual Cinema group, contact Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu, or Susan Imel, susanimel1@gmail.com, 262-7444.

Continued on back

Martin Luther King Day Peace School **Mon., Jan. 18, 9am, Lounge, FH**
 Join us on our quest for peace as we learn and play together! The youth and adults will be volunteering at this 'Vacation Bible School style' school for children and families of all faiths. Co-sponsored by the Interfaith Center for Peace. Registration forms are on the welcome table in the hall.

Wed. Prayer Nights **6:30 pm, Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 10, Lounge**
 Come pray with us. No special training needed, and you don't have to be good with words. It's OK if your mind tends to stray and if you have questions about how this praying thing works. We are in this together; we pray as God's people, the body of Christ. We'll find words together. We'll trust the silent spaces to God. Pray for those we love, for the people of Covenant, for our ministry together, for our neighborhood, for this world which is so beloved by God.

Primetimers' New Year Luncheon **Fri., Jan. 22, 12 noon, Lounge**
 Primetimers will celebrate the new year with a day time potluck luncheon. Jim Mehler will be the featured speaker. Questions? Call Betty Rupp, 451-7820.

So You Can Love: A Workshop on Forgiveness **Sat., Jan. 23, 2-5 pm**
 We Christians talk about forgiveness all the time, but are we sure what we really mean by the word? Do we know how to do it? Do we know why it so important? Join us as we learn to practice what we preach. Katie Kinnison will lead this free workshop. Register by contacting her or call the church office.

Chili & Chocolate **Sat., Jan. 23, 6-8pm, Lounge**
 Here's the idea. We eat and talk and laugh and share and enjoy one another's company. That's the point of "Chili & Chocolate." No program. So, bring a pot of chili or something chocolate or veggies or bread. Just come for fun. Call the church office or sign up in the hallway if you'd like to register.

LOOKING AHEAD

Weldon Adams Organ Concert II
Sun., Jan. 24, 3 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral, Broad & Fifth
Symphonie No. 5, Joseph Ripka, Organist; *Symphonie No. 6*, Paul Thornock, Organist.

Connecting With God: Men & Our Relationships **Sat., Jan. 30, 8-9 am, Lounge**
 "A Man In Friendship With Himself" - Sometimes the hardest friendship involves making peace with ourselves. What does it mean to befriend ourselves? What gets in the way? How should we care for ourselves in a healthy way? Our outward friendships with God and other men will suffer unless we cultivate an inward friendship. We will consider David as a man in friendship with himself. To prepare, read 1 Samuel 24 and Psalm 139:13-18. Join the conversation. Eggs or pancakes, oatmeal, hot beverage provided. If you can, bring a breakfast treat to share. Questions: jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org.

2010 Per Capita - \$33.31 per member

Each member of Covenant is also a member of the larger church, the Presbyterian Church USA. As such, it is part of our responsibility to support the work of the administrative bodies of the national church – the General Assembly, the Synod, and the Presbytery. We do this by making a per capita payment each year. This year, the per capita is \$33.31 per member, for a total payment due of \$21,818.05. This figure is based upon our church membership roll as of December 31, 2008. We invite you to pay your share so that this money does not need to come from this year's budget. Your contribution will free up funds for other vital church programs →

that meet the spiritual needs of our congregation. Envelopes are being sent with your statements, and are also in the pew racks and welcome table.

The Jean A. Mortland Memorial Scholarship

The Jean A. Mortland Scholarship was established in 2007 in memory of Jean A. Mortland. Jean was a member of Covenant for over 40 years. She left a substantial bequest to us, which was supplemented by donations made in her memory. Her family wanted the fund to reflect her love of music, higher education and the Christian faith. 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 form, contact Ingrid Brooker, 451-6677.

IN SYMPATHY

The sympathies of the Covenant congregation go out to the family of Betty Green who died Dec. 30, 2009.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Chuck Boyer	Katherine Davis	Charlene Evans	Susan Fromkes
Mildred Furney	Mary Jane Gregor	Pauline Grehl	Blake Haxton
Jane Jackson	Cora Kuyvenhoven	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart
Mary Marshall	Sandy McCloud	Lauren Mitchell	Marion Sanford
Jean Scherr	Judy Sechler	Richard Smathers	Robert Spencer
Phyllis Tate	Vera Tongue	Whitney Von Voigt	Steve White

Karen Jackson, her family, and Kristin Cooper, her sister, whose husband died in a car accident during the holidays.

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

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2070 Ridgecliff Road • Columbus, OH 43221
(614) 451-6677 • Fax: (614) 451-1326 • www.covenantpcusa.org

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.