



## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jan. 24, 2010

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Times

- 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

*Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.* Luke 4:21b

### THE GATHERING

- \*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Tracy Keenan  
Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Picardy, Arr. Carol Lynn Mizell  
Campanile Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

- \*OPENING HYMN NO. 327 “O Word of God Incarnate” Munich

\*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

Jim Mehler

*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.

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**

ANTHEM 8:30 "Walkin' Up the King's Highway"  
Traditional Gospel, Arr. Jerry Ulrich  
Early Birds

11:00 "My Good Lord's Done Been Here"  
Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan  
Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8-10 OT Page 436  
Lay Readers: 8:30 Willem Kogeler; 11:00 Bob Tannehill

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 4: 14-30 NT Page 61

SERMON "¡Hola!" Jim Mehler Preaching

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Meditation on Picardy" Leo Sowerby

\*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. 331 "Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written"  
Wylde Green

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" Danish

POSTLUDE "Fanfare in D Major" Nicolas Jacques Lemmens  
(You are invited to stay and listen)

**ANTHEM TEXT**

*Walkin' Up the King's Highway* Text/Music: Traditional Gospel Music: Arr. Jerry Ulrich  
Ain' gonna let nobody turn me 'round, keep on a walkin' up the King's highway.

Keep on a talkin', keep on a prayin', walkin' up the King's highway.

It's a highway to heaven, none can walk up there but the pure in heart.

If you're not walkin', start while I'm talkin', walkin' up the King's highway.

There's joy in knowin' that's where you're goin', as you're walkin' up the King's highway.

*My Good Lord's Done Been Here* Text: Spiritual Music: Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan

My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul and gone away. Never did I think that He was so nigh, blest my soul and gone; he spoke and he made me laugh and cry, blest my soul and gone. Sinner, better mind how you walk on the cross, blest my soul and gone; your foot might slip and your soul get lost, blest my soul and gone.

**HYMN NOTES**

The author William W. How, 1823-1897, known as the "poor man's bishop" in East London, wrote "O Word of God Incarnate," based on Psalm 119:105 ("Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"), but headed it with Proverbs 6:23 ("For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life"). It develops many pictures of God's Word, but the word "incarnate" strongly indicates that it is also about Christ as the living Word.

Following 1950 "Peter" Brooks was with the British Broadcasting Corporation in radio, television and religious broadcasting. His hymn "Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written" (originally "Thanks to God, whose Word was Spoken") was written in 1954 for the Triple Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The theme of the hymn is "thanks" or "praise" for the Word of God - in the Old Testament stories of creation and founding Israel, in the birth of the incarnate Word in Jesus, in the revelations of the Scriptures, in translations in many different tongues, and in the Spirit's voice within us. God's Word is always an open word. God is still speaking!

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

**Ushers:** 8:30 Dick Sharpe, Mark Owen, Betsy Owen, Tim Scott

11:00 Cheryl Buchanan, Jim Buchanan, Lynn Elliott, Jay McLean

**Greeters:** 8:30 Mike Hayes, Terri Hayes, Gail Griffin

11:00 Lou Ann Doub, Peggy Hicks, Betty Lindstrom, Deb Marsh

**Musicians:** Campanile Bell Choir; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

**TODAY AT COVENANT**

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by  
the Van Aman family in loving memory of Mike and Linda's parents.

**Adults**

- The Forum: NPR's "Speaking of Faith" (see below), Lounge
- Lay Led Bible Study, Room 121
- 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

**Today's Forum**

Krista Tippett and her NPR program "Speaking of Faith" will be the topic of two Forums scheduled for today and next Sunday. This popular weekly program about "religion, meaning, ethics, and ideas" is a winner of the Peabody Award. Today we will view *Why Religion Matters and How to Talk About It*, describing what led her to develop "Speaking of Faith," and answering questions from an audience at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Next Sunday's Forum will present short portions of several broadcasts with guests from a variety of faith traditions. The Forum will conclude with a discussion about the possibility of inviting Tippett to Columbus.

**Bible Study**

**6:30 pm, Room 120**

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

**Covenant Youth Tonight - Mission Trip**

**6 pm**

**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](http://www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com) and read my reflection on a passage from the bible. New blogs are up by Thursday mornings each week.

**The SOS Food Pantry:** Although our loyal supporters generously donated at Thanksgiving, we are again in need of the following items: soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, jam, cookies or cake mixes (as extras), and tuna (6 oz cans or larger). We also need one or two new volunteers about two hours once a month to deliver to our clients. Call Gerlinde Lott, 486-8607, or Lou Ann Doub, 488-3919.

**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.

**Tutor Program Needs**

We need tutors; some tutors are working with more than one student. Please call Carol Petro, 614-485-0994, if you can help. There are more students applying for help from the tutor program. One student needs a Spanish tutor, and a few more need help with math.

**Donate Sunday Flowers**

Many Sundays are available to remember or honor your loved ones. To donate flowers for Sunday worship services, please sign the chart in the hall, then call Anna Jo Beeson, 451-3613, with your dedication.

**Art Exhibit**

**Lounge**

Enjoy works of art by members of the Women's Art Guild of Central Ohio (AKA *Daubers*). Many of these talented artists have fine arts degrees, have studied here and abroad, and have works included in private, corporate and museum collections.

**THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday Prayer Nights 6:30 pm, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 10, Lounge**

Pray with us. No special training needed, and you don't have to be good with words. It's OK if your mind strays and if you have questions about how praying works. We are in this together; we pray as God's people, the body of Christ. We'll find words together. Pray for those we love and for this world which is so beloved by God.

**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 gets in the way? How should we care for ourselves in a healthy way? Our 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

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139:13-18. Eggs or pancakes, oatmeal, hot beverage provided. Bring a breakfast treat to share. Questions: [jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org).

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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### Winter Jam 2010

**Friday, Feb. 5 6pm**

All youth and young adults are invited to hear some great Christian music: Third Day, Newsboys, Tenth Avenue North, Fireflight. Contact Karen for more info.

### Play Bridge

**Sun., Feb. 7, 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. Future bridge dates are March 14, April 11, May 23. Call Anne or Dick Rorapaugh, 740-881-9934.

### No Strings Attached Concert

**Sun., Feb. 7, 3 pm, Sanctuary**

The No Strings Attached Chamber Music Society and GCAC Franklin County Neighborhood Arts Program presents The Example to Follow, The Paradigm! Bach to Basics: The music of Bach, Vivaldi, Loeillet, Villa-Lobos with Rodolfo Vázquez, flute; Sean Ferguson, guitar; Darlene Barrett, cello.

### Presbytery Youth Retreat @ Camp Akita

**Feb. 12-14**

Come play, learn, worship, and meet new friends from around the Presbytery. Contact Karen ASAP to register.

### Spiritual Cinema - Zulu

**Mon., Feb. 15, 6:30, 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 will follow. Contact Beth Askue, [askue.1@osu.edu](mailto:askue.1@osu.edu), or Susan Imel, 262-7444 or [susanimel1@gmail.com](mailto:susanimel1@gmail.com).

### CPW Variety Show & Spaghetti Dinner

**Sat., Feb. 20**

Please put this on your calendar as the date for another fabulous evening! Tickets will go on sale in the hallway on Jan. 31. Don't miss it!

### Mission Interpretation Meeting

**Tues. Feb. 23, 1:30 pm**

### 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.

### 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 Jean A. Mortland Scholarship was established in memory of Jean A. Mortland who 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. The fund reflects 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, call Ingrid Brooker, 451-6677.

### Primetimers Meet

**Fri., March 19, 6pm, Lounge**

Enjoy a potluck and hear speaker Jym Ganahl, local celebrity and NBC Channel 4 weatherman. Mark it on your calendar; He is a fascinating and entertaining speaker! If you have any questions, call Dorothy Grossman at 488-2820.

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## IN SYMPATHY

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The prayers of the congregation go out to the family of Charles Boyer who died Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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Vera Tongue at Riverside Hospital and Marion Sanford at OSU Hospital.

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

Karen Jackson, Kristin Cooper, her sister, whose husband, Chris, died in a car accident during the holidays, and their family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colleen Cooper (their 22-month-old daughter) College Fund. Make checks payable to *First Presbyterian Church of Bryan*, memo line *Colleen Cooper Fund*. Mail to First Presbyterian Church of Bryan, 1100 Carter Creek Parkway, Bryan, TX 77802.

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.

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## PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

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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.