

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
**8:30 & 11:00 am**      **ORDER OF WORSHIP**      **January 3, 2010**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas**

- 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.

**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      “The Little Shepherd”      Claude Debussy  
Rodolfo Vazquez, Flute

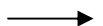
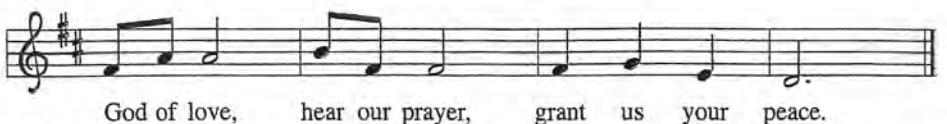
CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 275 “God of Our Life”      Sandon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**Holy God, we confess our distractions.**  
**We allow the clamor to drown out your voice.**  
**Holy God, we confess our possessions.**  
**We allow the clutter to crowd out your call.**  
**Holy God, we confess our distortions.**  
**We allow our biases to diminish our love.**  
**Forgive us, we pray. Help us to prune away all that prevents us from basking in your Light, from being nourished by your Spirit, and from loving 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



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

*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 Genesis 1 (selected verses) OT Page 1  
Lay Readers: 8:30 Dick Sharpe; 11:00 Dave Timmons

NEW TESTAMENT John 1 (selected verses) NT Page 91

SERMON (see insert) "One Voice: A Musical Sermon"  
Words and Music by Tracy Keenan

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Inside back cover of Hymnal)

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "La Fille Cheveaux de Lin" Claude Debussy  
Rodolfo Vazquez, Flute

\*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. 285 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"  
Austrian Hymn

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" Danish

POSTLUDE "Le Petit Negré" Claude Debussy  
(You are invited to stay and listen) Rodolfo Vazquez, Flute

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

Claude Debussy (1862-1918) was a great French composer. He won many

prestigious awards for composition in his youth, and is best remembered for orchestral works, one opera, and chamber pieces. He is considered the creator and chief protagonist of impressionistic music. He developed many new compositional techniques that enraged conservative musical traditionalists of his time.

The sermon this morning is a piece recently composed by Tracy Keenan that combines instrumental music, vocal music, and narration into one musical and theological expression. Its syncretic style is designed to enhance and expand the spoken word.

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

Ushers: 8:30 Jack Sanders, Diana Sanders, Duane Sunderman, Joan Sunderman,  
Gerlinde Lott

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

Greeters: 8:30 Linda Billman, Betty Rupp, Joan Sanford

11:00 Gail Brown, Betsy Campbell, Dick Campbell, Mona Connolly

Musicians: Rodolfo Vazquez, Cora Kuyvenhoven, Scott Henning, Ryan  
Cremeans, Robert Tannehill, Weldon Adams, Tracy Keenan

**TODAY AT COVENANT**

The flowers in the Chancel are given by  
Trent and Sandy Sickles in memory and honor of their parents.

**Adults**

The Forum: "New Years Resolutions to Make God Smile" — The Lounge  
The Wired Word, Room 120  
Sunday Morning Bible Study, Room 121  
Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

**Youth** - "Gospel according to Joan of Arcadia," Karen's office

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

**Bible Study**

**6:30 pm, Room 120**

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

**No Covenant Youth Tonight**

**Honduras Mission Group** will meet today at 4:00 pm in the Lounge for packing carry-on luggage.

**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.

**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 Jan. 4-9**

**Wed. Prayer Nights in the Lounge 6:30 pm Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 10**

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.

**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.

**NEXT WEEK Jan. 10-16**

**Covenant Music Discernment Group:**

Our music program is extremely important: It infuses our worship, lifts our hearts, and speaks to the deepest parts of our souls. Weldon Adams, our beloved Minister of Music for these past 41 years, will be retiring next September, and we need to plan for this transition with great care. We are looking for folks of various ages and backgrounds who are committed to meeting every week from Jan. 10 - Feb. 21 (seven weeks) to pray for God's guidance, explore the possibilities, and finally provide some direction for Covenant's search for staff person to direct our music ministries. Would you be interested in being a part of a prayerful group seeking to understand God's call to Covenant in terms of the future of our music program? Please contact Tracy ([tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org)). First meeting: Sunday, January 10, 9:40 am, the Chapel.

**Play Bridge**

**Sun, Jan. 10, 2 pm, Lounge**

Bridge players meet once a month except December. 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 each week. Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 14, April 11, May 23. Questions? Call Anne or Dick Rorapugh, 740-881-9934.

**Darkness2Light**

**Thursday, Jan. 14, 5:30-7:30 pm, Lounge**

This three-hour class on preventing child abuse will be led by Karen and Katie.

**LOOKING AHEAD Jan. 17+**

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

**January Spiritual Cinema Group Mon., Jan. 18, 6:30 pm, 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](mailto:askue.1@osu.edu), or Susan Imel, [susanimel1@gmail.com](mailto:susanimel1@gmail.com), 262-7444.



**Martin Luther King Day Peace School****Mon., Jan. 18**

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. Activities are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Lounge and F. Hall.

**Connecting With God: Men And 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. If you wish to prepare, you may read 1 Samuel 24 and Psalm 139:13–18. Come join the conversation. Eggs or pancakes, oatmeal, hot beverage provided. If you can, bring a breakfast treat to share. Questions/Information: [jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org).

**Variety Show 2010****Feb. 20**

The fabulous CPW Variety Show is scheduled for February 20, with the theme “New Orleans.”

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Chuck Boyer	Katherine Davis	Charlene Evans	Susan Fromkes
Mildred Furney	Mary Jane Greigor	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	

Karen Jackson and her family and Kristin Cooper her sister

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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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.