



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jan. 31, 2010

4th 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.
- Prayer request cards will be collected during Fellowship Moments.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. 1 Corinthians 13:4

THE GATHERING

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Karen Ware Jackson
Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

PRELUDE “Noel’s Galliard” John Dowland
Merrymakers

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN NO. 335 “Though I May Speak” O Waly Waly

*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.

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

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT Page 698
 Lay Readers: 8:30 Andrea Eberhard; 11:00 Jim Hamilton

NEW TESTAMENT I Corinthians 13:1-13 NT Page 175

EXPLORING THE WORD (Bible study) Tracy Keenan

ANTHEM "Love Is..." Joseph M. Martin

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD "Difficult People"

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "He Who Would Valiant Be" Monk's Gate
 Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams; Setting: Weldon Adams
 8:30 Early Birds and Merrymakers; 11:00 Chancel Choir and Merrymakers

*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. 531 "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"
 Bridegroom

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" Danish

POSTLUDE "Galliard" Anonymous
 (You are invited to stay and listen) Merrymakers

ANTHEM TEXT

Love Is... Text: Based on I Corinthians 13 Music: Joseph M. Martin
 Love is patient, love is kind. Love forgives a thousand times.
 Love is faithful, ever true. Love in time makes all things new.
 Love is gracious. Love is strong. Love admits when there is wrong.
 Love is tender. Love is light. Love rejoices in the right.
 Love is the whisper of angels, God's anthem of hope in the night.
 Love is the music that calls us home. Love is the song of life.
 Love is constant. Love endures. Love is gracious, ever sure.
 Love is humble, never proud. Love remembers every vow.
 Love protects and perseveres, wipes away the falling tear.
 Of every gift from heaven above, the greatest one of all is love.
 If we gain all knowledge and wisdom, if we join with the heavens in song,
 if deep in our hearts, love has no part, our song has no meaning at all.

**He Who Would Valiant Be Text: Percy Dearmer, after John Bunyan
 Tune: Monk's Gate, Sussex Folk Melody**

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, let him in constancy follow the Master.
 There's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.
 Who so beset him round with dismal stories, do but themselves confound, his strength the more is.
 No foes shall stay his might, though he with giants fight; he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.
 Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit, we know we at the end shall life inherit.
 Then fancies flee away; I'll fear not what men say, I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.

HYMN NOTES

"Though I May Speak" is a paraphrase not of a psalm, but of the great "love" passage by Paul from I Corinthians 13. The paraphrase is by Hal Hopson, who composed a popular anthem with this text and the English folk tune "O Waly Waly." This tune is in the unusual meter of 9.8.9.9. It was originally collected and notated by Cecil Sharp (1859-1924). Sharp was the most important collector of English folk tunes, gathering 4,977 tunes. Other collectors included Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. The collection of folk tunes was part of an important international movement to preserve remnants of fading cultures and national identities.

"Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels" is based on I Corinthians 13. It was written by Timothy Dudley-Smith at Ruan Minor, Cornwall in August of 1984. It was written at the request of the editor of an American Catholic hymnal who was searching for a text to be sung to the tune "Bridegroom." The tune was composed by Peter Cutts, a noted English hymn tune writer. Erik Routley once described Cutts as "the most creative composer of hymnody to come out of English Congregationalism. He derives a great versatility from a true sympathy with both music in popular styles and learned church music."

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Terri Hayes, Mike Hayes, Carolyn Bordelon, Al Bordelon
 11:00 Frank Croft, Mike Davis, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett
Greeters: 8:30 Linda Billman, Betty Rupp, Joan Sanford
 11:00 Esther Curtis, Linda Hoffman, Deb Marsh, Betsy Sebastian
Musicians: Merrymakers; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by Peggy Hicks in memory of her brother, Donald B. MacNamee.

Adults

- The Forum: NPR's "Speaking of Faith" (see following article), 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's NPR program "Speaking of Faith" will again be the topic of the Forum. This popular weekly program about "religion, meaning, ethics, and ideas" is a winner of the Peabody Award. This Forum will present short portions of several broadcasts with guests from a variety of faith traditions. There will be a discussion about the possibility of inviting Tippett to Columbus.

Covenant Youth Tonight 6 pm

Bible Study 6:30 pm, Room 120

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

Medical Mission to Haiti

Lee Pratt, pastor of Glen Echo Presbyterian Church in Columbus, will lead a Medical Mission work trip to Fort Liberle, Haiti, the week of Feb. 12. A team of 31 volunteers, consisting of medical personnel, construction specialists and other experienced volunteers will serve refugees from the disaster areas. Medicines such as antibiotic ointments are still needed. Contact Lee Pratt at lelandw@msn.com as soon as possible.

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.

SOS Food Pantry: The recent article in the Columbus Dispatch emphasizes the need for more volunteers for our SOS Food Pantry. Even though we have canned goods and money for purchases, we have to shut down the pantry periodically because volunteers have already given their time, yet there are still days in the month not covered. Ten volunteers deliver once a month and five accept calls twice a month. **If we had two additional volunteers**, that would increase our capacity to deliver food to our clients. It takes just about two hours to gather the groceries and deliver them. Thank you for your consideration to participate in this mission. Call me (Gerlinde Lott): 486-8607.

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.

The February Issue of *Your Communicator* is in the mail to those on the mailing list. Everyone else can read/download the issue from the church web site or pick up a copy from the Welcome Table in the hall.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Prayer Nights **6:30 pm, Feb. 3, 10, Lounge**
Pray with us. 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.

Winter Jam 2010 **Fri., Feb. 5 6pm**
All youth and young adults are invited to hear some fabulous Christian music: Third Day, Newsboys, Tenth Avenue North, Fireflight. Only \$10. Contact Karen.

Next WEEK

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 and Mike Martin will follow. Contact Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu, or Susan Imel, 262-7444 or 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! Primetimers will sit together. Call Emogene Andrews, 451-2474.

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 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.

IN SYMPATHY

The prayers of the congregation go to the family of Rodolfo Vazquez whose mother, Maria Vazquez, died Tues., Jan. 26.

The prayers of the congregation also go to the family of Vera Tongue who died Sat., Jan. 23.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Betsy Tannehill at Riverside Hospital. Dick Rorapaugh 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	Jane Jackson
Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart	Mary Marshall	Sandy McCloud
Marion Sanford	Judy Sechler	Richard Smathers	Phyllis Tate
Whitney Von Voigt	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.

