

with no constraints, no predictability.
**Our God lives where our God lives,
 and destruction has no power
 and even death cannot stop the living.**
**Our God will be born where God will be born,
 but there is no place to look
 for the One who comes to us.**
**When God is ready
 God will come even to a godforsaken place
 like a stable in Bethlehem.**
**Watch, for you know not when God comes.
 Watch, that you might be found whenever,
 wherever, God comes.**

*HYMN NO. 260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG
 (You may be seated.)

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS Sign the fellowship pad & pass it to your neighbor.
 Karen Ware Jackson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you became one of us, took on our weak flesh, that you might truly know us and love us. Yet, we cannot do the same. We forget you in the faces of the irritated store clerk, or the careless driver, or the woman shivering in the cold waiting for the bus. You seem distant. Help us to remember that you aren't, that you are close, so close, as near as a heartbeat, as near as a breath.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

(11:00) 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

8:30 Katie Kinnison; 11:00 Jim Mehler
 All: "Our Father who art in heaven..." (Hymnal pg. 16. We say "debts" & debtors.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5 OT Page 1
 Lay Readers: 8:30 Tom Billman, 11:00 Rusty Miller

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11 NT Page 34

SERMON "Water and the Spirit" Karen Ware Jackson

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 354 "Guide My Feet" GUIDE MY FEET

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem "Be Thou My Vision" Edwin Childs

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 270 "O God, in a Mysterious Way" DUNDEE
 (Sung to alternate tune "St. Anne")

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: ...Know this, and go,
All: In Christ's love and peace and power.

POSTLUDE

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LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Terri Hayes, Mike Hayes, Carolyn Bordelon, Al Bordelon
 11:00 Dana Rudmose, Tom Hoover, Robert Gross, Pete McGeoch

Greeters: 8:30 Gail Griffin, Betty Rupp, Linda Van Aman
 11:30: Cora Kuyvenhoven, Carmina Spencer, Benjamin Spencer,
 Martin Spencer, Sarah Starr

Musicians: Scott Henning, *Tenor*; Katie Wynkoop, *Piano/Organ*

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers by the chancel are given by Joe and Terry Kennedy Mancini with thanksgiving for their family and friends.

9:45 am Education Hour (Sunday School for All Ages):

- Adults** • Forum: *Great Thinkers of the Church and Why You Should Care*
- Lay Led Bible Study, *Acts*, Rm. 120
- Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102
- *Falling Upward* Book Study, Tracy's Office

Youth: Sunday School - *Reform Ancestors*

Treasure Finders: Children's Epiphany Party, *The Magi* - 3 years-3rd grade, Fellowship Hall. One more opportunity for our children to celebrate the joy of Christmas as we revel in the wonder of the Magi.

Youth Dinner & Bible Study 6-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall & Lower Level
 Join us for a weekly dinner and Bible study focused on the *Jesus Creed - Love God, Love Others*. This low-key event is geared toward an older student, but if a middle school student is interested, talk to Karen. This activity is expected of students who feel called to serve at Montana de Luz (Honduras) for the high school mission trip next summer.

Youth Connections (middle school) Fellowship 6-7:30pm
 Join us for dinner and then we'll break off into our own group for a time of faith and fun.

Sunday Night Bible Study 6:30pm, Lounge, 120
 Meet every Sunday night to study *Mark*. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Lisa Wallace or Colleen Davis 766-4871.



"Open Wide the Door" Capital Campaign
 Making the building safe, accessible, and welcoming is a necessity for Covenant. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to pledge to this campaign. When we all share the responsibility, great things can happen! Contact Ingrid in the church office.

To view the *Open Wide the Door to the Future* video:
<http://vimeo.com/29679281>, Password: *church*

THIS WEEK January 9-14

PiYo Resumes Mondays, 1:30-2:30pm, Lounge
 PiYo is a simple blend of Pilates and Yoga movements. Exercises can improve flexibility, balance, and core strength. Work at your own pace. Modifications are shown for those with certain restrictions. Movements are slow and flow from sitting to standing positions. Quiet music and relaxing stretches help calm the body and spirit. Dress comfortably and bring a mat. Donations are applied toward a mission selected by the group.

Youth Basketball Tues., Jan 10, 6:15pm
 Join us at Meadow Park Church of God on Bethel Rd. to support our youth basketball team. **Youth 6-12th grade, boys and girls come at 6pm to play!**

Covenant Men's Breakfast Sat., Jan. 14
 Join Covenant men every second Sat. for breakfast at First Watch at Kingsdale. Call Allan Kennedy, 451-9318.

NEXT WEEK January 15-21

Flower Dedications Needed
 The beautiful flowers in front of the chancel each Sunday are provided by members and friends of Covenant to be enjoyed by all. Flower dedications (\$36) are still needed for the Jan. 15 and Feb. 5 services. If you have a loved one or special occasion that you would like to acknowledge, contact Anna Jo Beeson, 451-3613.

Spiritual Cinema Mon., Jan. 16, 6:30 pm, Lounge
 Watch a film and share your reactions. *Children of Heaven*: Two children concoct an elaborate scheme to cover up the loss of a pair of shoes in this family comedy-drama from Iran.

The church office will be closed, Mon., Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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Youth Basketball**Tues., Jan 17, 7:15pm, Meadow Pk. Church****Primetimers Potluck****Fri., Jan., 20, 12pm, Lounge**

Come to the potluck. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Dick Campbell will show the film "Pride of the Buckeyes," about the process for becoming a member of the OSU marching band. Contact Ruth Adams with questions at 336-0194.

Chili & Chocolate**Sat., Jan. 21, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Bring food to share (chili, something chocolatey, a salad, bread. . .). We'll supply the drinks, and we'll eat, talk, and watch the children play.

LOOKING AHEAD January 22+**Summer Mission Commitment Day****Sun., Jan 22**

We have groups traveling to Montana de Luz, a home for children with HIV/AIDS in Honduras (June 20-27) and The Pittsburgh Project to serve vulnerable homeowners (July 9-13). Both trips are open to youth and adults, but we still need a male adult sponsor for Pittsburgh. See Karen for more information and consider how God might be calling you to serve in Columbus and beyond!

Presbytery Youth Retreat**Camp Akita - Feb 10-12**

We'll head to the Hocking Hills to meet up with friends from all over the Presbytery for great keynotes, fun small groups, and lots of free time. All youth 5th grade and up are invited. This retreat is part of confirmation class. Karen will be teaching the confirmation lessons at the retreat, so it will be different from last year.

Spaghetti Dinner/"Covenant's Got Talent"**Sat., Feb. 11, 2012, 5:30pm**

Start the evening by enjoying a wonderful spaghetti dinner hosted by Louise Davidson and CPW. Then, hold onto your boots because then will come "Covenant's Got Talent: YOU." If you are interested in being in this show, contact Rob Rucker, Ginnie Swartz or Betsy Sebastian. Tickets go on sale late January.

Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast Sun., Feb. 19, 9-11am, Fellowship Hall

Get ready for Lent with one last party and join us in Fellowship Hall as Chris Cakes gets those flapjacks flying onto your plate.

Family Game Night**Sat., Feb. 25, 5-7pm, Fellowship Hall**

We'll order pizza and pick up something healthful to nibble on. We'll gather some games, and then we'll be ready. Bring a game if you'd like, but just come. RSVP to Katie or Karen, so that we have enough food. And, remember, we are all family here at Covenant, and all are welcome, so bring friends.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS**Habitat for Humanity**

A group of churches, of which Covenant is one, completed its twentieth Habitat house. It is a beautiful two story, four bedroom dwelling for a family with three children. If you have a few hours now and then and are interested in volunteering on the next house call Dave Fecht at 451-9770.

Food Pantry Delivery Volunteers Needed - If you have 1-1/2 to 2 hours a month we need your help. You're not locked into a certain date or time. If you, a spouse, or friend can help call Lou Ann Doub, 488-391, or Gerlinde Lott, 486-8607.



Covenant Collections: There is shelving at the end of the coat racks in the hall for various groups' collections such as Compass items, CPW eye glasses and cell phones, youth and SOS toiletries, and more. Bins are labeled.

You can send your contributions to the church through your online banking, just as you do your household bills. It's safe and easy, plus it eliminates the check writing process because your bank sends a check to the church on your behalf. Make sure to add your envelope number as your account number when you're setting up your account. Everyone has an envelope number which is how your information is recorded at the church. Need help setting this up through your bank or don't know your envelope number? Call Ingrid Brooker, Financial Administrator, 451-6677.

PRAYER REQUESTS

George Anderson	Marge Arnold	Bob Bartels	Marie Bernays
Cindy (Tullett friend)	Ellis Clouse	Tom Dale	Stan Erikson
Kitty Ewing	Marianne Ewing	Phyllis Flaig	Jerry Francis
Mary Jane Francis	Manette Friske	Mildred Furney	Maria Huntley
Louise Knox	Sharon Kuntz	Becky Liebling	Birdine Lint
Evan Lockhart	MaryAnna MacQueen	Bill Marsh	Sandy McCloud
Dan Morton	Bob Murchake	Elizabeth Remnant	Judy Sechler
Ruth Stoyak	Whitney Von Voigt	Marvin White	Steve White

Maggie Woodcock

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
 Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education
 Rob Rucker, Music Director
 Katie Wynkoop, Organist & Pianist
 Jim Mehler, Parish Associate

Worship Services:

Sunday mornings: 8:30am and 11:00am
 Wednesday evenings *Gathering*: 6:00pm

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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.