

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am **ORDER OF WORSHIP** **March 14, 2010**
4th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

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THE GATHERING

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30 Jim Mehler; 11:00 Tracy Keenan

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

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“I Will Arise” Tony Alonso
Bob Lowery, Bob Tannehill, Scott Henning, Soloists;
Choir; Rodolfo Vazquez, Flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN NO. 298 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
In Babilone

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) “For All the Times”
(See card in the pews) David Bruce Smith

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

**All who can comfortably do so, please stand.*

11:00 am Service

*AFFIRMATION

**Love
has its source in you,
Creator God;
Flows from you like an ocean
into a world as unyielding
as any shoreline cliff;
And like the ocean
which batters,
erodes,
and wears away
even the hardest stone,
your love persists;
finds cracks and inlets
in hardened hearts,
flows inside, and works a miracle.
Who would think that water
was more powerful than granite,
love mightier
than the hardest heart?
Thank you, Creator God,
for the power of your love.**

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.

COVENANT IN MISSION "One Great Hour of Sharing"

8:30 Carrie Mellen; 11:00 Suzie Shoemaker

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 Psalm 32 OT Page 506

Lay Readers: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini; 11:00 Rusty Miller

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 NT Page 78

SERMON "Are You the Father, Son...or the Other Son?"

Graham Standish, Preaching

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory 8:30 "If We Ever A-needed the Lord Before/Down By the Riverside"

Traditional American; Arranged by Gilbert Martin

Early Birds

11:00 "Still, Still with Thee" Fred Gramman

Chancel Choir; 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. 422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No ending"

Beach Spring

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Walk, Walk"

Tracy Keenan

(See Cards in the pews)

POSTLUDE "Toccatà for Organ"

John Weaver

(You are invited to stay and listen)

Weldon Adams, Organ

ANTHEM TEXT

I Will Arise Text: John L. Bell, based on Luke 15:11b-32 Music: Tony Alonso

I will arise and go to my father, come to my senses, confess what I've done;

I will implore his peace and his pardon: all will be well and all be one.

I will arise and watch at the window, wait to recover and welcome my child;

I will prepare a feast in his honor: all will be well and all be one.

I will arise and bury my envy, stretch out my hand to the one I have scorned;

I will lay down the resentment I harbor; all will be well and all be one.

I will arise and go to my father; I will arise and welcome my child;

I will lay down the resentment I harbor; all will be well and all be one.

If We Ever A'needed the Lord Before/Down By the Riverside

Text and Music: Traditional Setting: Joseph M. Martin

If we ever a'needed the Lord before, we sure do need Him now. Oh, we need Him every day and every hour. I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside.

Still, Still With Thee Text: Harriet Beecher Stowe; Music: Fred Gramann

Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh, when the bird waketh, and the shadows flee.

Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight, dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee.

Alone with thee, amid the mystic shadows, the solemn hush of nature newly born.

Alone with thee in breathless adoration, in the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

Still, still with thee! As to each newborn morning a fresh and solemn splendor still is given,

this blessed consciousness, awaking, breathe each day nearness unto thee and heaven.

So shall it be at last in that bright morning, when the soul waketh and life's shadows flee.

O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning, shall rise the glorious thought, I am with thee.

Rev. Graham Standish

Rev. Standish has been pastor of Calvin Church since 1996 when he arrived with a vision to create a church rooted in prayer and a passionate desire to seek and do God's will in everything. He is working on his sixth book, tentatively titled, *Restoring the Holy to Worship*, and is the author of: *Humble Leadership*, *Becoming the Blessed Church*, *Discovering the Narrow Path*, *Paradoxes for Living*, and *Forming Faith in a Hurricane*. Rev. Standish is an adjunct professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry program and Certificate in Spiritual Formation program, focusing in the areas of spirituality and congregational leadership. He is a teacher, retreat leader, spiritual director, and has a background in individual, marital, and family therapy. He has a Ph.D. in formative spirituality from Duquesne University, a Master of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh, and Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In addition, he was the founding president of the Vineyard Guild, an organization committed to supporting, nurturing, and training spiritual leaderships and the growth of more spiritually vibrant congregations. He is husband of Diane, and the father of twin girls, Erin and Shea.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Andrea Eberhard, Jay Armstrong, Willem Kogeler, Joyce Kogeler

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

Greeters: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini, Joyce Kogeler, Willem Kogeler

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

Musicians: Rodolfo Vazquez, Flute; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by Lou Ann and David Doub

in memory of Mary and Emmert Doub.

Adult Learning

• The Forum: *Spirituality*, Rev. N. Graham Standish, Lounge

• Lay Led Bible Study - Luke, Room 121

• Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

Youth - Study on *Heaven and Hell*, Karen's office

Treasure Finders - Children three years through fifth grade, Room 104

Order Your Easter Ham

Buy a Honeybaked Ham for Easter from the Covenant youth to support our summer

mission trips! We will have a table after worship services today, and March 21 and

28. Last day to order is Mon., March 29. Pick up is Sat., April 3 from 9-11am.

Search Committee Meeting, Director of Music 12:30 pm, Tracy's Office

Play Bridge

2 pm, Lounge

Come as pairs or as individuals who will be paired. No reservations.

2nd Sunday Praise Gathering

6 pm, Sanctuary

Bible Study of Acts. Contact Katie Kinnison

7 pm, Room 120

Youth - Dinner at Donato's after the evening service

7 pm

CPW's Lenten Breakfast & Program (see below)

Last Day to RSVP

New Art Exhibit

Lounge

View the stunning art regional artist and art teacher Marilyn Stocker, who will be the featured speaker at the CPW Lenten Breakfast March 17. (See below for details.)

THIS WEEK March 15-20

Read the Bible on Katie's Blog Each Thursday www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com

Deacons' Blood Drive

Mon., March 15, 1-6pm, Fellowship Hall

This is the Deacons' first blood drive of 2010. You can help save lives. Make an appointment at the sign-up table between Sunday services, by calling Lou Ann Doub, 488-3919, or on line at www.givelife.org sponsor code "covenant."

March Spiritual Cinema - Zulu

Mon., March 15, 6:30 pm, 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 will follow. Contact Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu, or Susan Imel, 262-7444 or susanimel1@gmail.com.

CPW's Lenten Breakfast & Program

Wed., March 17, 9:30 am, Lounge

Attend the CPW Lenten Communion and Breakfast followed by the program "On the Cross" by artist/art teacher Marilyn Stocker. She will discuss her art subject, the cross. A number of examples are on display. Cost: \$8. RSVP Gail Brown, 457-3470, gbrown32@columbus.rr.com, or the church, 451-6677, by March 14.

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Preacher from the Pew Dinner & Service - Reid Huntley Wed., March 17
Light supper at 6 pm; Service begins at 6:45 pm.

Primetimers Meet Fri., March 19, 6pm, Lounge
Primetimers will enjoy a potluck. The speaker will be local celebrity and NBC Channel 4 weatherman, Jym Ganahl. Mark your calendar. Call Dorothy Grossman, 488-2820.

Next WEEK March 21-27

Order Easter Lilies Sun., March 21 & 28
Order lilies (\$8) between services at the hall table.

Chamber Music Concert Sun., March 21, 3 pm Sanctuary
The No Strings Attached Chamber Music Society and GCAC Franklin Co. Neighborhood Arts Program presents *A Little Blue Music: The Jazz Music of Claude Bolling*. Musicians are Rodolfo Vázquez, flute, Mary Fahrenbruck, piano, Sean Ferguson, guitar, and James Faulkner, Bass.

Mission Interpretation Meeting Tues., March. 23, 1:30 pm

Covenant Men: Connecting With God Sat., March 27, 8-9 am, Lounge
Men, explore your relationship with God over breakfast. Eggs, oatmeal or pancakes and coffee provided. If you can, bring a breakfast "item" to share. The series on stress continues: "Stress from Work." How we handle work stresses directly affects other areas of our lives. See posters in the hall or contact Jim Mehler.

Churchwide Cleanup (Weather permitting) Sat., March 27, 9am
Help with the annual outside cleanup. Boy Scouts will be there at 9am. This is right after Jim Mehler's breakfast *Covenant Men: Connecting With God*.

LOOKING AHEAD March 28+

Holy Week and Easter Services & Events

March 28, 8:30am & 11am.....Palm Sunday Worship Services
April 1, 7pm.....Maundy Thursday Worship Service
April 2, 10am-12pm.....Thank God It's Good Friday (children)
7pm.....Good Friday Worship Service, **Note New Time**
April 4, 8:30am & 11am.....Easter Sunday, Worship Services
April 11, 9:45am.....More Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt
April 18, 3pmMerrymakers Concert, "Rhythms and Blues"

Play Bridge Sun., April 11, May 23, 2 pm, Lounge
Come as pairs or as individuals who will be paired. No reservations. Bring a snack to share and a cold drink for yourself. Hot drinks and ice provided. To pay for incidentals, \$1 per person is collected. Contact Bonnie Roussey, 451-7511.

Concert/Auction Help Ship Supplies to Haiti & El Salvador
Sun. April 18, 2:30 pm, Worthington Presbyterian Church
Bernie Campbell and Allan Kennedy, who are active with Worldwide Humanitarian Aid, Inc., invite you to the WHA-sponsored "The Sounds of Spring, A Concert by Kids to Help Those in Need." Music will be provided by many talented kids joined by Covenant member Cora Kuyvenhoven, Charles Wetherbee, Concertmaster of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and many others. All proceeds pay for shipping medical and educational supplies to Haiti and El Salvador. A silent auction will kick off the afternoon. A free-will offering will be collected. If you have tools or educational materials you don't use, please bring them to donate.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS



Did You Know?

Covenant members provide a three-day supply of food for an average of 45 people per month through our food pantry and monetary donations.
Love One Another

On-Line Lenten Devotion. Access scripture, prayer and meditative thoughts, accompanied by gentle music daily at www.journeytothecross.org through Easter Sunday, April 4. Journey to the Cross is part of the year-round devotional site, d365, a ministry of Passport, Inc. Visit <http://www.d365.org/journeytothecross/> for new devotions throughout the year. d365 is sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and The Episcopal Church.

Good Reading: Check out good books (*Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*, *The Hole in Our Gospel* by Richard Stearns, *Quarantine* by Jim Crace) on the book display in the hall.

COMPASS needs full-size toiletries: soap, shampoo, tooth brushes/paste, deodorant, razors. Place in the laundry baskets in the narthex for deacons to deliver.

IN SYMPATHY

The sympathies of the Covenant congregation go to the family of (Mary) Katherine Davis who died March 6, 2010.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Eleanor Calvary	Kristin Ware Cooper	Robert Cowman	Katherine Davis
Charlene Evans	Mildred Furney	Mary Jane Greigor	Pauline Grehl
Blake Haxton	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart	Cassie Lowery
Judy Lyons	Mary Marshall	Sandy McCloud	Anne Rorapaugh
Dick Rorapaugh	Janet Schneider	Judy Sechler	Richard Smathers
Phyllis Tate	Whitney Von Voigt	Jean Ware	Ann White
Marvin White	Steve White		

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:

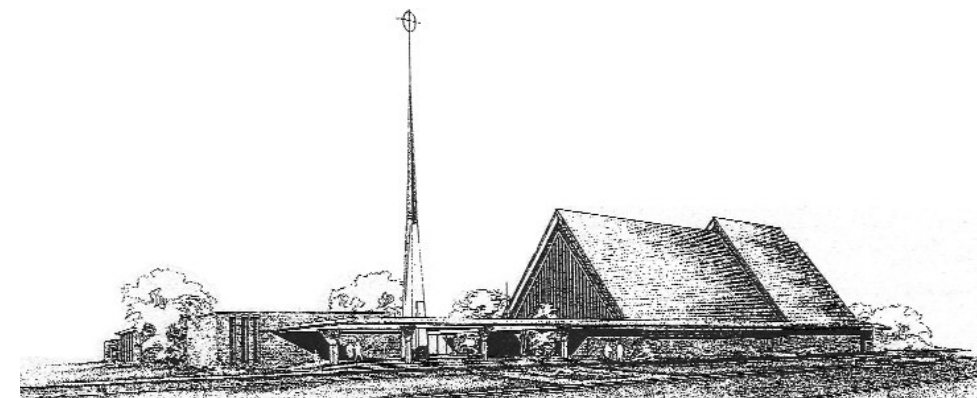
- worship that inspires,
- nurture that embraces,
- education that challenges,
- fellowship that energizes,
- ministry that responds.



Our Mission Statement

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- active in the world,
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