



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 21, 2010

5th Sunday in Lent

- 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

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.* Isa. 43:19

THE GATHERING

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30 Katie Kinnison; 11:00 Karen Ware Jackson

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

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE “Fantasia in C Minor, BWV 537a” Johann Sebastian Bach
Weldon Adams, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN NO. 430 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”
Darwall’s 148th

*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 Karen Ware Jackson
 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.

TESTIMONY Dick Sharpe

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 Isaiah 43:16-21 OT Page 672
 Lay Readers: 8:30 Janet Bock; 11:00 Jo Elin DuBois

NEW TESTAMENT John 12:1-11 NT Page 106

EXPLORING THE WORD (Bible study) Tracy Keenan

ANTHEM "The Call" Ralph Vaughan Williams
 Martin Spencer, Soloist

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD "A Way Out of No Way"

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory 8:30 "That Priceless Grace" Ghanaian traditional,
 Arr.by John Helgen; Early Birds
 11:00 "Glory In-a My Soul" Donald P. Moore; Chancel Choir

*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. 350 "Fill My Cup" Fill My Cup

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Walk, Walk" Tracy Keenan
 (See cards in pews)

POSTLUDE "Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537b" J. S. Bach
 (You are invited to stay and listen)

ANTHEM TEXT
That Priceless Grace Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson Music: Ghanaian traditional Setting: John Helgen
 That priceless grace which gave me life: Jesus' life is priceless grace.
 That priceless grace is life for me.
 That priceless blood which gave me life: Jesus' blood is priceless grace.
 That priceless grace is life for me.
 That painful death took sins away: Jesus' death is priceless grace.
 That priceless grace is life for me.
 That precious word which brought me light: Jesus' word is priceless grace.
 That priceless grace is life for me.

Glory in-a My Soul Text: Grace Weiser Davis Music: Donald P. Moore
 Since I lost my sins and I found my Savior, there is glory, glory, glory in-a my soul.
 Since by faith I sought and I obtained his favor, there is glory, glory in-a my soul.
 Since he cleansed my heart, gave me sight for blindness...
 Since he touched and healed me in loving kindness...
 Since I entered Canaan on my way to heaven...
 Each day is brighter in this heavenly union...

HYMN NOTES
 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" was written by Brian Dill in 1988 for a competition held by the PC(USA) Bicentennial Committee. The theme of the bicentennial year was "Celebrate the Journey." Dill's hymn was the first-place winner and was designated "The Bicentennial Hymn." Brian Dill was born in Springfield, OH, attended The Ohio State University and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. An accomplished musician, he is also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church. "Fill My Cup" will be new to many of us, but it has been recorded more than 15 times by various Gospel singing groups. Both the text and the tune were written by Isaiah Jones, Jr., author of more than 100 hymns and religious songs, and Pastor at several Presbyterian and Community churches in the Los Angeles area.

Unison Affirmation by J. Birch (www.faithandworship.com)

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Terri Hayes, Mike Hayes, Carolyn Bordelon, Al Bordelon
 11:00 Jim Hamilton, Suzie Shoemaker, Katy Nowels, Jeffrey Smith
Greeters: 8:30 Mike Hayes, Terri Hayes, Joan Sanford
 11:00 Jeff DuBois, Jo Elin Dubois, Hazel Ginther, Karen Hjelm
Musicians: Martin Spencer, Soloist; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by Terry Kennedy and Joe Mancini in celebration of life.
 The flowers in front of the lectern are given by Kitty Ewing in loving memory of her husband, Chet.

Adult Learning
 • The Forum: *A time to Reflect together: Christianity & War*, 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 Easter Ham Deadline Mon., March 29. Pick up Sat., April 3, 9-11am
 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 next Sunday.

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

Bible Study of Acts. Contact Katie Kinnison **6:30 pm, Room 120**

NO Covenant Youth Tonight - Spring Break

New Art Exhibit Lounge
 View the stunning art regional artist and art teacher Marilyn Stocker.

THIS WEEK March 21-27

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

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

CPC Bridge 11:30am, Lounge

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

Preacher from the Pew Dinner & Service - Rodolfo Vazquez Wed., March 24
 Light supper at 6 pm; Service begins at 6:45 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*.

Next WEEK March 28-April3

Holy Week
 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**
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Easter Services & Events

April 4, 8:30am & 11am.....Easter Sunday, Worship Services
April 11, 9:45am.....More Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt
April 18, 3pm.....Merrymakers Concert, “Rhythms and Blues”

**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, Concert-master 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.

Merrymaker’s Concert April 18, 3 pm, Sanctuary

Rhythms and Blues in 16th Century England: Enjoy an hour of lively vocal and instrumental music from the Tudor and Jacobean periods at a free concert by the Merrymakers Recorder Ensemble, vocalists, and friends including Nancy Davidson, Linda Gabel, Scott Henning, and Stu Kendall. Weldon will be tuning up the harpsichord to accompany some of the songs. A reception will follow the program.

Three Presbyterian Churches in Concert April 25, 4pm, Covenant

The musicians of three Presbyterian Churches will present a concert of sacred music for choirs, handbells, and organ: Covenant Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, Indianola Presbyterian Church of Columbus. Look for more details in future bulletins or contact Weldon Adams for more information.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS



Did You Know?

Between 20 and 30 Covenant members are lay readers at worship services throughout the year. Would you like to be one, too?

Love One Another

Mother’s Day Cards – Healthy Women Healthy Families (formerly Networkers) is a program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that provides obstetric care, fistula surgery, cervical cancer screening and malaria prevention along with other health services to women in Africa. Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PW/PSV) is again supporting the Mother’s Day Card Project. Cards will be available at the PW/PSV Spring Gathering in April or you can order cards or get more information by contacting Judy Oeder, 459-2231. A suggested donation of \$10. per card is recommended.

Thanks to everyone who donated blood at the Deacon’s recent blood drive. Twenty-three units were collected with the potential to save 69 lives. We couldn't have done it without you! The next drive is July 12.

Our Food Pantry is again in need of the following items: Cereal; canned fruit; jam; peanut butter; macaroni and cheese; prepared meals for one person; canned corn; Hamburger Helper; Tuna Helper, and canned tuna (small and large). Many thanks for your continued support!



Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Covenant Café a big success!

We cleared \$9,090 for youth mission trips! Thanks to the youth, the advisors, the Schooners, and to the tireless and tenacious Jay Armstrong!! And, of course, thank you to everyone who supported the event and our mission!

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

Sympathies are extended to the family of Janet Schneider who died March 11.

The sympathies of the Covenant congregation also go to the family of Forrest Hurley who died November 4, 2009.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Eleanor Calvary	Kristin Ware Cooper	Charlene Evans	Mildred Furney
Mary Jane Greeger	Pauline Grehl	Blake Haxton	Birdine Lint
Evan Lockhart	Cassie Lowery	Judy Lyons	Mary Marshall
Sandy McCloud	Anne Rorapaugh	Dick Rorapaugh	Judy Sechler
Richard Smathers	Phyllis Tate	Whitney Von Voigt	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
Covenant Presbyterian Church is a dynamic congregation
• led by Christ,
• active in the world,
• inspired by the word,
• open to the future.