

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday

- 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

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.* Psalm 118:1

THE GATHERING

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jim Mehler

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

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“Christ's Entry into Jerusalem”

Stanley E. Saxton

Weldon Adams, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Congregational Response: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 88 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Valet will ich dir geben

*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 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.

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

ANTHEM	8:30 "Draw Nigh to Jerusalem"	David H. Williams Early Birds
	11:00 "Hosanna to the Son of David"	Thomas Weelkes Chancel Choir
OLD TESTAMENT	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	OT Page 565
	Lay Readers: 8:30 Gail Griffin; 11:00 Marsha Martin	
NEW TESTAMENT	Mark 11:1-10	NT Page 47
	Matthew 21:1-11	NT Page 23
	Luke 19:28-40	NT Page 83
	John 12:12-17	NT Page 106

SERMON "4 Gospel Writers in Dialogue"
 Tracy Keenan, Karen Jackson, Katie Kinnison, Jim Mehler preaching

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "The King's Majesty" Robert Hobby
 Weldon Adams, Organ

*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. 89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Ellacombe

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE "March upon a Theme by Handel (Lift Up Your Heads)"
 (You are invited to stay and listen) Alexandre Guilmant
 Weldon Adams, Organ

ANTHEM TEXT

Draw Nigh to Jerusalem Text: Bishop Jeremy Taylor Music: David H. Williams
 Draw nigh to thy Jerusalem, O Lord, thy faithful people cry with one accord: Ride on in triumph; Lord behold we lay our passions, lusts, and proud wills in thy way! Thy road is ready; and thy paths made straight, with longing expectation seem to wait the consecration of thy beauteous feet, and silently thy promised advent greet! Hosanna! welcome to our hearts! for here thou hast a temple, too, as Zion dear! O enter in, dear Lord, unbar the door and in that temple dwell for evermore. Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David Text: Matthew 21:9 Music: Thomas Weelkes
 Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Thou that sittest in the highest heavens, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in excelsis Deo. (*Hosanna* is derived from a Hebrew word meaning *pray* or *save us*. It is used as a cry of acclamation and adoration. *In excelsis Deo* is Latin and means *God in the highest*.)

HYMN NOTES

Bishop Theodulph was imprisoned in 818 for conspiring against King Louis the Pious. "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" was probably written while he was in prison. Of 78 lines originally, it was shortened and translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale. It is set to a traditional German chorale tune of AAB form. It has become the traditional Palm Sunday processional hymn throughout the church.

Jeannette Threlfall, daughter of a Blackburn, England, wine merchant, was lamed and disfigured early in life by an accident, and in another accident was maimed for life. With much time on her hands, she turned to writing hymns which she sent anonymously to various periodicals. Her "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna," based on Mark 11:1-10 for Palm Sunday, is, or was, widely used in church schools.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Dick Sharpe, Mark Owen, Betsy Owen, Tim Scott
 11:00 Phil Hall, Beth Askue, Ed Lazear, Betsy Sebastian
Greeters: 8:30 Linda Billman, Betty Rupp, Gail Griffin
 11:00 Donna Harder, John Harder, Bette Purdy, Bonnie Roussey
Musicians: 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to David and Michelle Anderson on the arrival of their daughter, Anara Mei, adopted from Turkey. David is the son of Doris Anderson.

TODAY AT COVENANT

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 *Faith Questions*, Karen's office

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

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received and dedicated this morning. Envelopes are in the pews if needed. Please write "OGHS" at the bottom left of the check.

Order Easter Lilies Sunday between services. \$8.00

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.

No Bible Study Tonight

Covenant Youth Tonight

Art Exhibit

Lounge

View the stunning art regional artist and art teacher Marilyn Stocker.

THIS WEEK March 29-April 3

Holy Week

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**

TGIGF

Fri., April 2, 10 am-noon

We invite children from three years old through fifth grade to join us for *Thank God It's Good Friday*. We'll share stories, crafts, games, good food, and lots of fun as we celebrate Holy Week and God's amazing love for us. \$3 per child. Older children, youth and adults can help share this day. Bring a friend, and share the Good News! Registration forms are on the Welcome Table or you may also call the church office to register and pay when you arrive. Contact Katie with questions.

NEXT WEEK April 4-10

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"

UA Community Arts Festival Sat., April 10, 1-4 pm, UA High School

This arts festival will benefit the Rafiki Children's Orphanage in Kenya, Africa. Tasteful art! Delectable foods! Original music!

LOOKING AHEAD April 11+

Greet Your Deacon & Mission Fair

Sun., April 18, 8:30am-Noon, Fellowship Hall

In conjunction with the annual Greet Your Deacon festivities, there will be a mini Mission Fair that will highlight the various missions and ministries of
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the Deacons. Also, Session Commissions which conduct ministries will have tables displaying their work and volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in adult, children or youth programs, Mission and Social Concerns, Nurture and Outreach, or Worship and Arts, discover more about the many ministries connected with Covenant Church.

Concert/Auction Help Ship Supplies to Haiti & El Salvador

Sun. April 18, 2:30 pm, Worthington Presbyterian Church

Bernie Campbell and Allan Kennedy, 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 talented kids joined by Covenant member Cora Kuyvenhoven, Charles Wetherbee, Concertmaster of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and many others. A silent auction will kick off the afternoon. A free-will offering will be collected. Proceeds pay for shipping medical and educational supplies to Haiti and El Salvador. If you have tools or educational materials you don't use, bring them to donate.

Merrymakers Concert

April 18, 3 pm, Sanctuary

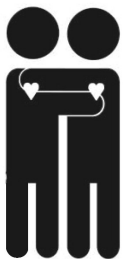
Rhythms and Blues in 16th Century England: Enjoy an hour of lively vocal and instrumental music from the Tudor and Jacobean periods at a free concert by the Merrymakers Recorder Ensemble, vocalists, and friends including Nancy Davidson, Linda Gabel, Scott Henning, and Stu Kendall. Weldon will be tuning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

Three Presbyterian Churches in Concert

April 25, 4 pm, 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?

Worldwide Humanitarian Aid's mission is to collect, organize and deliver humanitarian aid to destitute persons throughout the world. Covenant has donated many items over the years: cloth, sewing machines, sewing tools and items left over from the annual garage sale. WHA is always collecting medical supplies, walkers, canes, wheel chairs, and clinic items such as band-aids. We also collect mountain bikes, newer computers, tools, school and building supplies, file cabinets and desks. Question? Call Allan Kennedy, 451-9318, or place your donation in his grey truck 6AK near the north entrance most Sunday mornings.

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.

Save for Annual Garage Sale

CPW are planning for the annual Garage Sale to be held Oct. 1 and 2 with set-up →

beginning Mon., Sept. 27. As you do your spring cleaning, set aside cherished but no-longer-needed items to donate. Please do not leave items at the church until Sept. 27! A new feature this year will be a table for handcrafted items. One hundred percent of the income from this table will go directly to the Mission Pledge of Presbyterian Women for the General Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Your craft items will be most welcome and appreciated for this cause.

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!

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.

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	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.