



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am ORDER OF WORSHIP March 7, 2010
3rd Sunday in Lent / Communion

- 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

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:88

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 “Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?” Spiritual, Arr. Dan Edwards
Campanile Bell Choir; Dan Thyng, Bass

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN NO. 361 “How Firm a Foundation” Foundation

*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.

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

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.

- Prayer request cards will be collected at this point.
- Please sign the fellowship pad and pass it to your neighbor.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT I Corinthians 10:1-17 NT Page 172
 Lay Readers: 8:30 Dick Sharpe; 11:00 Dave Timmons

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 63:8 OT Page 527

SERMON "Tested Beyond Belief" Tracy Keenan

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (See inside back cover of hymnal)

Music During Distribution "Adoro te (We Sing Your Praise)" Johann Michael Haydn
 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" Harol W. Friedell
 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 521 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" Finest Wheat

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
 *BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" Danish
 POSTLUDE "Toccatina and Fugue in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude
 (You are invited to stay and listen)

ANTHEM TEXTS
Adoro te Text: Anonymous Latin text, 18th century Music: Johann Michael Haydn
 We sing your praise, O Manna from on high, O Bread of life, Redeemer of the world: Holy, holy, holy, beyond measure, holy, Love's redeeming work is done in this wondrous Sacrament. O Fount of life and Spring of water clear, O Word of God, we give you thanks and praise: Holy, holy, holy, beyond measure, holy, Love's redeeming work is done in this wondrous Sacrament.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Text: Percy Dearmer Music: Harold Friedell
 1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them; Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
 2 As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up
 3 All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

HYMN NOTES
 "Foundation" is an American folk melody. It is pentatonic, meaning that its melody uses only five different notes, rather than the seven or more used in diatonic melodies. It is driven by a very simple, repetitive rhythmic pattern, which is altered slightly only once in the entire song. It was first written down, after being passed on by the oral tradition, in "shape notes." Shape notes were note heads of different shapes designed to assist in the reading of the music. The text was created by English Baptists in 1787 and reprinted by American Baptists in Philadelphia and New York. "How Firm a Foundation" is a poetic sermon. The first stanza speaks of the foundation of life being rooted in God's Word. The subsequent stanzas are paraphrases from both the Bible, including Isaiah 43:1-5, 12; II Timothy 2:19 and Hebrews 13:5. The last line, "I'll never, no never, no, never forsake!" is a triumphant conclusion.

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" was the official hymn of the 41st Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church held in Philadelphia in 1976. It was sung in the great Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul at Logan Circle in Philadelphia. This was the winner in a competition to produce a hymn for that conference. This hymn with its beautiful, flowing melody has become popular in many denominations.

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

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Jack Sanders, Diana Sanders, Duane Sunderman, Joan Sunderman, Gerlinde Lott
 11:00 Frank Croft, Mike Davis, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett
 Greeters: 8:30 Maggie Broekema, Dick Sharpe, Charlotte Sharpe
 11:00 Esther Curtis, Linda Hoffman, Rusty Miller, Betsy Sebastian
 Musicians: Campanile Bell Choir; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by Linda Gabel in honor of her mother and in memory of her grandmother on their March birthdays.

Adult Learning
 • The Forum: *Christianity and War*, Dr. Diane Lobody, 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

A Search Committee for Director of Music will be elected by the session at our March meeting. If you want to submit your name for consideration to serve on the search committee, contact Tracy. The first meeting will be March 14, 12:30, when the group will determine day and times for regular weekly meetings of two hours each. We hope to have a staff person in place by September to overlap with Weldon Adams before his retirement on September 26.

Covenant Youth Tonight 6pm
 Bible Study of Acts. Contact Katie Kinnison 6:30 pm, Room 120
 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 next page for details.)

One Great Hour of Sharing Inserts provide details about this April 4 offering.
 The March Issue of *Your Communicator*: Read/download the issue from the church web site or pick up a copy from the Welcome Table in the hall.

THIS WEEK March 8-13

Confirmation Session Meeting MANDATORY Mon., March 8, 7pm, Lounge
 We will be talking about our statements of faith with the session.

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

Note: There will be no PiYo session on Mon., March 8.

Youth Basketball Game v. Trinity UMC Tues., March 9, Meadow Park Ch.
 Show support for the youth of our church and cheer us on in a VERY big game!

"God Talk" Tues., March 9, 7-9 pm, Old Bag of Nails, Tremont, UA
 Topic: "Will The Poor Be With Us Always?" Good conversation and fellowships.

Preacher from the Pew Dinner & Service - Mary Hoyt Wed., March 10
 Light supper at 6 pm; Service begins at 6:45 pm.

Community Garden Meeting Wed., March 10, 6:45 pm, Fellow. Hall
 Covenant's *Seeds of Hope Community Garden* is hosting a meeting by Sustainable Upper Arlington to introduce and discuss community garden plans.

Covenant's Garden Preparation Sat., March 13, 9 am, old volleyball court
 (Weather permitting.) Everyone, including non-gardeners, are welcome to help. Contact Bob Tannehill to volunteer for this new mission to grow nutritious produce for hungry families.

Spring Fest Conference Sat. March 13
 On the campus of The OSU, the "Journey Forward" is the theme for the 2010 Spring Fest conference. It will feature two worship experiences and a host of helpful workshops led by nationally known Presbyterians. Special guest leaders include Claudio Carvalhaes, Margaret Ahymers, Rodger Nishioka, Graham Standish, David Crittenden, Ray Jones, Diane Hymans and Hunter Farrell. The workshops will address worship, evangelism, spirituality, education, stewardship and mission. \$25 per person with lunch. Registration forms are on the welcome table.

Covenant Men's Breakfast Sat., March 13, Kingsdale First Watch, 8 am
 Call Allan Kennedy, 451-9318 for information.

Covenant Café 2010 Sat., March 13, 6-9 pm
 Hey, pardner! Join us for a dinner and auction to support youth mission trip! Adults \$15. Children under 12 \$5. Childcare provided. To buy tickets and donate items for the Silent Auction contact Karen Jackson or Jay Armstrong.

Next WEEK March 14-20

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sun., March 14
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Easter Ham Sale starts March 14 Last day to order is Mon., March 29

Buy a Honeybaked Ham for Easter from the Covenant youth to support our summer mission trips! We will have a table after worship services on March 14, 21, and 28. Pick up is Sat., April 3 from 9-11am.

Play Bridge Sun., March 14, 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.

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

Since it was canceled because of the snow storm, *Zulu* is rescheduled to be the March movie. It 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 susanimel@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" presented by artist/art teacher Marilyn Stocker. She will discuss her art subject, the cross. A number of examples will be on display. Cost is \$8. Contact Gail Brown, 457-3470, gbrown32@columbus.rr.com, or call the church office, 451-6677, by March 14 for a reservation.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD March 21+**Mission Interpretation Meeting Tues., March. 23, 1:30 pm****No Strings Attached Chamber Music Sun., March 21, 3pm, Sanctuary**

The No Strings Attached Chamber Music Society and GCAC Franklin Co. Neighborhood Arts Program present *A Little Blue Music*, the jazz music of Claude Bolling with Rodolfo Vázquez, flute, Mary Fahrenbruck, piano, Sean Ferguson, guitar, and James Faulkner, Bass.

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. Continuing our series on stress is "Stress from Work." Work can be satisfying, but stressful. How we handle these stresses directly affects other areas of our lives. See posters in the hall or contact Jim Mehler, jimmehler@covenantpcusa.org.

Churchwide Cleanup (Weather permitting) Sat., March 27

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*.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS**Did You Know?**

For more than 25 years, men and women of Covenant have helped build houses for Habitat for Humanity in the Columbus area. - *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.

2010 Per Capita - \$33.31 per member

We invite you to pay your share of the per capita. Need an envelope? Pick one up from the welcome table or church pews. Question? Contact Ingrid Brooker.

Remember and honor your loved ones or a special occasion by donating flowers for Sunday worship services. Please sign the chart in the hall, then call Anna Jo Beeson, 451-3613, with your dedication.

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 Greeger	Pauline Grehl
Blake Haxton	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart	Mary Marshall
Sandy McCloud	Anne Rorapaugh	Dick Rorapaugh	Judy Sechler
Richard Smathers	Betsy Tannehill	Phyllis Tate	Whitney Von Voigt
Jean Ware	Ann White	Marvin White	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.

