

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am ORDER OF WORSHIP Nov. 1, 2009
All Saints' Day / Communion / Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 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.

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 "Home" from *The Wiz*
Scott Henning, Soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN NO. 467 "How Great Thou Art" O store Gud

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you are almighty and we are not. But we still tend to think that we know best and that our way should prevail. Help us to seek and work for your will. Holy God, you are holy and we are not. But still, we like to think that we do not need forgiveness or grace, and that it is others who are wrong, annoying, selfish, and difficult. Help us to see the part we play and to be both honest and loving. Comforting God, you tell us to "be not afraid," but we tremble behind walls built to protect our fragile and useless egos. Help us to dismantle all those things we do to save face, to protect self-image, or to cater to our own comfort at the expense of others. Forgiving God, help us to place our trust in you. Where else ought we to place it? In life and in death, we belong to you. Alleluia. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

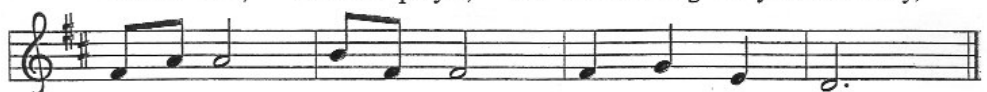
Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

*PRAYER RESPONSE "God of Love, Hear Our Prayer" John Helgen



God of love, hear our prayer, we are trust-ing in your mer - cy,



God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

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

11:00 am Service

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

We encourage children to stay with us in worship and 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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 6:1-9 OT Page 163
Lay Readers: 8:30 David Smathers; 11:00 Earl Hawkins

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 12:28-34 NT Page 49

SERMON "Home Plate" Tracy Keenan Preaching

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (See card in pew)

Music During Distribution "We Remember You" Walt Harrah
Arranged by Weldon Adams

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory 8:30 "By All Your Saints" Finnish Folk Tune
Early Birds
11:00 "O How Happy Are They" American Folk Melody
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

NECROLOGY (See insert)

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 526 "For All the Saints" Sine nomine

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" Danish

POSTLUDE "Introduction and Toccata in G Major" William Walond
(You are invited to stay and listen) Weldon Adams, Organ

ANTHEM TEXTS

By All Your Saints

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson Music: Finnish Folk Tune, Arr. by Joel Martinson

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy name, O Jesus forevermore be blessed. You rose, our king victorious, that they might wear the crown, and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne. Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song; for them and those whose witness is only known to you by walking in their footsteps we give you praise anew. Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son, and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One, 'til all the ransomed number, who stand before the throne ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

O How Happy Are They

Text: Charles Wesley Music: American Folk Melody, Arr. by Edwin Childs

O how happy are they who the Savior obey, and have laid up their treasures above.
O what tongue can express the sweet comfort and peace of a soul in its earliest love.
O what comfort was mine, when the favor divine I first found in the blood of the Lamb;
When my heart it believed, What a joy it received, what a Heaven in Jesus his name!
'Twas a heaven below my Redeemer to know, and the angels could do nothing more,
Than to fall at his feet, and the story repeat, and the Lover of sinners adore.
Jesus all the day long is my joy and my song; O that all his salvation may see!
"He has loved me," I cried, "He has suffered and died, to redeem such a rebel as I!"

HYMN NOTES

It would take the FBI to trace the history of "How Great Thou Art." Written in Sweden as a poem, it came to be sung to a Swedish melody, moved next to Germany but was translated there by an Estonian, then moved to Russia where it was published in 1927. Stuart Hine, who settled in the Western Ukraine, brought out an English translation which contains little of the nine stanza original, but his setting has become an all time favorite due to its use in the Billy Graham crusades. Evolution lives!

"For All the Saints" was written by William Walsham Howe for All Saints' Day in 1864. It is a commentary on the phrase "I believe in the communion of saints" from the Apostles' Creed. It was titled "Saints Day Hymn - Cloud of Witnesses - Hebrew 12:1" in 1864 when it was first published. The original hymn contained eleven stanzas, but most collections have edited them to six or fewer. The powerful tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams was at first derided as "jazz music," but has now become widely accepted and loved. The name "Sine nomine" means "without name," a little joke by its composer.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Terri Hayes, Mike Hayes, Carolyn Bordelon, Al Bordelon

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

Greeters: 8:30 Mike Hayes, Terri Hayes, Gail Griffin

11:00 Jeff DuBois, Jo Elin DuBois, Hazel Ginther, Karen Hjelm

Musicians: Scott Henning, Soloist; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in the Chancel are given by George Richards and Carol Bradsher in memory of loved ones.

Adults

• The Forum: "Everything Must Change" - Willem Kogeler & Katie Kinnison

• Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

Youth - "The Gospel according to Joan of Arcadia" - Karen's Office

Treasure Finders - Children three years through fifth grade gather in Room 104

Bible Study

6:30 pm, Room 120

Join us for our study of Acts. Contact Katie Kinnison.

Youth Sub Sale Begins Today

Don't forget to get your big eats for the big game! The youth will be selling 22" subs for \$10 to raise money for mission. Buy today and Sunday mornings Nov.

8 and 15. Pick them up on Sat. Nov. 21 from 9-10 am to have them for the game, or grab them after church on Nov. 22.

Middle School and High School Youth

6-8 pm, Lower Level

A pictorial directory is available for free to each family that has its picture in it. Copies are in the hall and have household name labels on the front covers. If you did not have a picture taken and would like to purchase a directory for \$5, contact Tracy. If you DID have a picture taken or submitted and did not find a directory with your name on it, tell Tracy about that, too!

Covenant's Fall Blood Drive a Great Success!

Thirty-one units of whole blood were donated with the potential to save 93 lives! Again, we exceeded our goal of 25 units. From patients in our community and the Board of Deacons, thank you Covenant and friends for your generous and continued support of this vital ministry.

Nov. Communicator Available On Line: www.covenantpcusa.org

Your Communicator is now on line on our web site to view and print. If you don't have a computer, pick up a printed copy from the welcome table in the hall. If you want your issues mailed to you, you need to call the office and we'll put you on the mailing list. However, you are encouraged to help us save paper/postage costs by using the electronic version on line.

Read the Bible on Katie's Blog Each Thursday

Go to www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com and read my reflection on a passage from the bible. New blogs are up by Thursday mornings each week.

Mission News

Pray for our mission co-worker, John Michael, who serves in Prague, Czech Republic with his wife, Joyce. There is no word about his recent surgery.

THIS WEEK

Advent Devotional Deadline

Join us in creating this year's Advent Devotional. Share your thoughts on daily scripture passages, Christmas, Advent or family memories, traditions, recipes or anything that helps us get to know you better during this special time. Sign up sheets, scripture passages and directions are in the hall. Deadline is Nov. 8. Call Roberta Adams, 876-2376.

Wednesday School

7-8:30 pm, Lounge & 120

Class continues through Nov. 18: *The New Testament*. A 30-minute DVD by Professor Bart Ehrman, Chair of Religious Studies, The University of NC offers a way to become better at finding the Word of God in and through the words of the Bible. Charlotte Sharpe leads the discussions.

2010 Community Garden

Thurs., Nov. 5, 6:30 pm

Join the Covenant Community Garden Task Force in planning a vegetable garden for those who do not have enough to eat. Bring ideas and enthusiasm. Justice & Peace will introduce the concept, joined by Little Minyan. For info or to RSVP, contact Karen Hjelm, karen.hjelm@att.net or the church office.

Honduras Mission Trip is Nov. 24-Dec.1, But Donations Still Needed

The group is collecting donations for the wish list. Contact Karen.

Help With Peanut Brittle

Helpers are needed to make peanut brittle. Work 2-1/2 hour shifts, morning or afternoon, one day a week. Call Ruth Adams, 336-0194, for the schedule.

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Please continue to bring sugar and margarine (65% vegetable oil or more) to the kitchen. Peanut brittle (\$6); Cashew brittle (\$7.50).

The SOS Food Pantry needs canned baked beans, corn and green beans, cereal, jam, peanut butter, macaroni/cheese, tuna, main dish for one person. If you can help with deliveries, call Gerlinde Lott, 486-8607 or Lou Ann Doub, 488-3919.

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

Open Shelter needs plastic containers with lids for food for our homeless friends. Place in the Open Shelter kitchen cupboard. It's good for recycling.

NEXT WEEK

Darkness2Light Sun., Nov. 8, 12:30-3:30 pm
This three-hour class led by Karen and Katie is part of our congregation's commitment to making this place and the world safe for our children. Learn how to recognize and prevent sexual abuse. \$15 for workbooks. Lunch is provided so RSVP to the church office, Karen or Katie. Tough topic, but be brave.

Play Bridge Sun., Nov. 8, 2 pm, Lounge
Bridge players meet once a month except in December. Come as pairs or as individuals who will pair up there. Reservations not needed. Bring a snack to share and a cold drink for yourself. Hot drinks and ice provided. To pay for prizes and incidentals, \$1 per person is collected. Call Anne or Dick Rorapaugh, 740-881-9934.

"God Talk" Tues., Nov. 10, 7 pm, Old Bag of Nails, Old Hilliard, Main St.
"Worship: Is there a right or a wrong way?" How do we worship: what feels meaningful and what feels empty? Join us for honest conversation and fellowship!

Adopt-A-Family – Christmas Ministry
Form groups to adopt a family and give wrapped new toys and clothing for children, and gifts for adults. The Salvation Army will identify needy families by mid-Nov. Deacons contribute gift cards for Kroger's. Let us know if interested so we know how many families we can serve. Write checks to *Covenant* marked for Adopt-A-Family. Contact Jay McLean, 457-9177 (h), 209-7314 (c), or Ed Chung, 459-9011.

LOOKING AHEAD

Covenant Men's Breakfast Sat., Nov. 14, 8 am, First Watch
Join us for breakfast the second Sat. of each month. Call Allan Kennedy, 451-9318.

Thanksgiving All-Church Potluck Sun., Nov., 15, 5:30 pm
Mark your calendars for the Thanksgiving All-Church Potluck with Tracy Keenan and Dave Powers providing "Music in Worship from the National PW Gathering." They will do old songs and new, serious and silly, meditative and rambunctious to celebrate God and encourage God's people. Cost is \$4 per person, \$12 per family. Turkey, gravy and rolls provided. The rest of the meal is thankfully received by everyone bringing a dish to share. The Thank Offering, quilt drawing, and Fair Trade sale will be taking place. Also, Primetimers are invited to sit together.

Spiritual Cinema: "Young at Heart" Mon., Nov. 16, 6:30 pm, Lounge
This documentary about an older adult chorus that performs contemporary and classic rock and pop songs holds many lessons about positive aging. A discussion led by Susan Imel will follow. Contact Beth Askue, askue.1@osu.edu or Susan Imel, susanimel1@gmail.com or 262-7444.

Good Book in November Sun., Nov. 22, 12:30 pm, Lounge
Sarah Vowell's The Wordy Shipmates is about the Puritans and their journey to America. Copies are in the hall. RSVP to Katie by Fri., Nov. 20 if you want lunch.

Spirituality Center Begins Sun., Nov. 29, 8am-1pm, Chapel
A Spirituality Center will be open Sunday mornings during the season of Advent. Each week we'll offer different opportunities for prayer and reflection. Listen for God in ways you might not have thought of before. Let this season of waiting for Christ to come be a season of learning to welcome him when he does.

Hanging of the Greens Sun., Nov. 29, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall
We will be decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. There will be bows to tie, wreaths to hang, crèche scenes to set up, garlands to hang, trees to assemble, and tasks for many hands. Join us as we prepare the way of the Lord.

Children's Acting Workshop Fri., Dec. 5, 1 pm, Fellowship Hall
Bring your children ages 4-16 to a free acting workshop where OSU students will perform The Disenchanted Frog. Punch and cookies will be served.

Variety Show 2010 Feb. 20
The fabulous CPW Variety Show is scheduled for February 20, with the theme "New Orleans." Many acts are already scheduled, but if interested in being a part of the show, contact Tracy.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Tom & Linda Billman are the proud grandparents of a new grandson, Cameron Andrew Billman, born Oct. 18. Parents are Andy & Cara Billman of CT.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Chuck Boyer	Katherine Davis	Charlene Evans	Susan Fromkes
Mildred Furney	Mary Jane Gregor	Pauline Grehl	Blake Haxton
Jane Jackson	Cora Kuyvenhoven	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart
Mary Marshall	Sandy McCloud	Lauren Mitchell	Marion Sanford
Jean Scherr	Judy Sechler	Richard Smathers	Robert Spencer
Phyllis Tate	Vera Tongue	Whitney Von Voigt	

Compiled Tues., Oct. 27. 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:

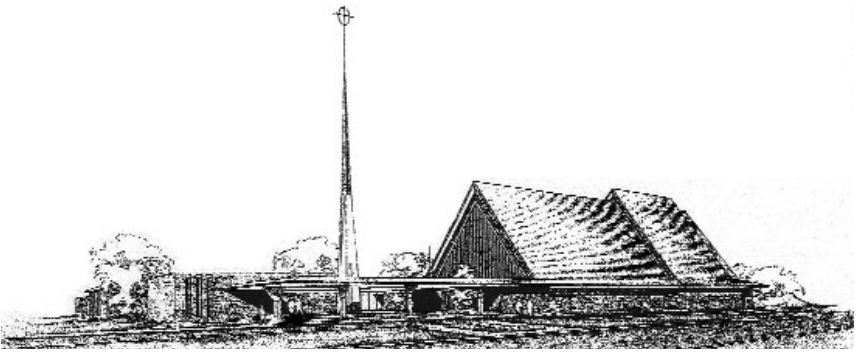
- worship that inspires,
- nurture that embraces,
- education that challenges,
- fellowship that energizes,
- ministry that responds.



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.





**Members of Covenant Presbyterian Church
who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year:**

Doris Anderson
Susan Benton
Peter Bernays
Dorothy "Dody" Brown
Roger Davis
Julia Glass
Charles Grehl
Betty Herron
Alex Lemmon
Joan Lemmon
Marilyn Matheny
James O'Rourke
Phyllis Papai
Pauline Pausch
Florence Schofield
Virginia Sturgeon
Marjorie Tullett
Fran Veverka
Doris Wallar
Dean Wise

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

More at Covenant

The flowers in front of the lectern are given by The Fromkes family as ‘thank you’ to the congregation for all the prayers and well wishes.

Many thanks for all your prayers and cards after the death of my father. I appreciate your support. - Ingrid Brooker

Support COMPASS through the United Way

COMPASS is an approved agency for the United Way of Central Ohio's Donor Choice Program for the 2009 campaign year. Those choosing to designate COMPASS on the United Way pledge card will need to write in COMPASS, 760 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205, 614-221-6552, and use “99” as the agency code.

The Jean A. Mortland Memorial Scholarship

Details and application information will be forthcoming. Applicant should be pursuing a college or graduate degree in music or theology, a member of Covenant or associated closely in some manner, and demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their vocation.