

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Nov. 15, 2009

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 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**

Katie Kinnison

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

People: And also with you.

**PRELUDE**

“Joyful Rhythm”

Kevin McChesney  
Campanile Bell Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 368** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Spiritual

**FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS**

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

**TALK WITH CHILDREN**

Tracy Keenan

*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.*

**ANTHEM 8:30** “I Will Sing to the Lord”

Gail Leven Pollock

11:00 “Grant Us Peace”

Nylea L. Butler-Moore

Congregation and Chancel Choir

Congregational refrain

O Lord God, grant us peace, — for all that we have is your  
gift. — O Lord God, grant us peace, — for all that we  
have, — all that we have — is your gift.

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### HEARING THE WORD

Galatians 5:1, 13-18, 22-26 (NRSV)

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Lay Readers: 8:30 John Griffin; 11:00 Ginnie Swartz

Galatians 5:1, 13-18, 22-26 (The Message)

Katie Kinnison

### “WRESTLING WITH THE WORD”

Katie Kinnison

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God, we confess our distractions.**

**We allow the clamor to drown out your voice.**

**Holy God, we confess our possessions.**

**We allow the clutter to crowd out your call.**

**Holy God, we confess our distortions.**

**We allow our biases to diminish our love.**

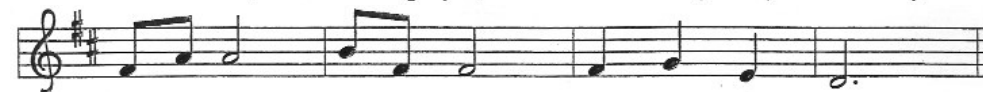
**Forgive us, we pray. Help us to prune away all that prevents us from basking in your Light, from being nourished by your Spirit, and from loving with your Love. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

### \*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



### “PLAYING IN THE WORD”

Tracy Keenan

### PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS & INGATHERING OF FOOD

Offertory

“Joyous Praise”

Cynthia Dobrinski

Campanile Bell 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

## RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

### “WALKING WITH THE WORD”

Karen Ware Jackson

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All:** “Our Father who art in heaven...” (Hymnal p. 16. We say debts and debtors.)

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 261 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

O quanta qualia

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen”

Danish

POSTLUDE “Allegro (Symphony 4, Movement 2)” Louis Vierne

(You are invited to stay and listen)

### ANTHEM TEXTS

**I Will Sing to the Lord** Text: Psalms 16 and 118 Music: Gail Leven Pollock

I will sing to the Lord! For as long as I live, I will praise the name of the Lord! I will sing of his glory; I will praise his name evermore! My heart is glad, and my soul rejoices. Let us praise the name of the Lord. There is fullness of joy; let us lift up our voices. Thou art my God. I give thanks to Thee. I will extol the name of the Lord, for he is good, and his steadfast love endures forevermore!

### Grant Us Peace

**Text: St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assisi and the composer** Music: Nylea L. Lutler-Moore

O Lord, grant us peace for all that we have is your gift. Dona nobis pacem.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Fill us with love and let hatred cease.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace, united in love for the whole human race.

### HYMN NOTES

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” is an African-American spiritual that portrays peace, joy, and love as like a river, a fountain, and an ocean. It conveys a sense of the moving, refreshing vastness of God's presence. Most directly it picks up the language of Galatians 5:22 as love, joy, and peace are cited as the first three in the list of the “fruits of the Spirit.” “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” was written by John Moment, a member of the committee to compile “The Hymnal” of 1933. Moment was educated at Princeton and Hartford Theological School. He taught at the Lawrenceville School in NJ and served several pastorates in New Jersey as well. This text, which is so well known and beloved by many, is Moment's only hymn in common use.

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

**Ushers:** 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini, Bob Turrell, Gerald Annis, Dianne Annis

11:00 Frank Croft, Mike Davis, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett

**Greeters:** 8:30 Maggie Broekema, Nancy Cowman, Bob Cowman

11:00 Lou Ann Doub, Peggy Hicks, Betty Lindstrom, Deb Marsh

**Musicians:** Gail Stadelman, Violin; Campanile Bell Choir; 8:30 Early Birds;

11:00 Chancel Choir

## TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in the chancel are given by Roberta and Weldon Adams in memory of Jim Gallagher and in honor of his great-granddaughters, Faith and Isabelle.

### 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

### Food Ingathering for SOS

People are struggling in these tough economic times and Jesus commanded us to feed the hungry. Non-perishable items will be collected for the Ingathering during today’s worship services (and throughout the day and week). Volunteers for deliveries are still needed. Contact Gerlinde Lott, 486-8607.

### Youth Sub Sale Continues Today

The youth will be selling 22” subs for \$10 to raise money for mission. Pick them up on Sat. Nov. 21 from 9-10 am for the game, or after church on Nov. 22.

### Thanksgiving All-Church Potluck

**5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Join the Thanksgiving All-Church Potluck with Tracy Keenan and Dave Powers providing “Music in Worship from the National PW Gathering.” \$4 per person, \$12 per family. Turkey, gravy and rolls provided. The rest of the meal is thankfully received

by everyone’s bringing a dish to share. The Thank Offering, quilt drawing and Fair Trade sale will be taking place. Primetimers are invited to sit together.

### Middle School and High School Youth

**6-8 pm, Lower Level**

### Communicator On Line: [www.covenantpcusa.org](http://www.covenantpcusa.org)

You are encouraged to view and print issues from our web site or pick up a printed copy at the church. To access past and current Communicators from our web page, click on “Publications and Form” which will take you to another page where you can click and view any issue. Please call the church office or email [ingridbrooker@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:ingridbrooker@covenantpcusa.org) if you need *Your Communicator* mailed to your house.

### Read the Bible on Katie’s Blog Each Thursday

Go to [www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com](http://www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com) and read my reflection on a passage from the bible. New blogs are up by Thursday mornings each week.

**If you ordered a 2010 Mission Yearbook, pick it up today in the hall.**

## THIS WEEK

### Spiritual Cinema: “Young at Heart” Mon., Nov. 16, 6:30 pm, Lounge

This is a charming documentary about an older adult chorus that performs contemporary and classic rock and pop songs. A discussion led by Susan Imel will follow. Contact Beth Askue, [askue.1@osu.edu](mailto:askue.1@osu.edu) or Susan Imel, [susanimel1@gmail.com](mailto:susanimel1@gmail.com) or 262-7444.

**Please Note: No Wednesday School Nov. 18**

### Honduras Mission Trip is Nov. 24-Dec.1; Donations Still Needed

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

### Support COMPASS through the United Way

COMPASS is an approved agency for the United Way of Central Ohio’s donor Choice Program for the ‘09 campaign. Those choosing to designate COMPASS on the UW pledge card need to write in COMPASS, 760 E. Broad St., 43205, 221-6552, and use “99” as the agency code.

### Peanut Brittle (\$6) and Cashew Brittle (\$7.50) for Sale...from Covenant

Presbyterian Women. Buy now before it is gone. Call Ruth Adams, 336-0194 or the church office.

**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.

**If you wish to receive updates about Covenant happenings add [covenant@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:covenant@covenantpcusa.org) to your email address book so that our messages don’t end up in your spam folder.**

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## NEXT WEEK

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### **Advent Event & Devotionals Sun., Nov. 22, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall**

Our whole church family and anyone you can think of to include is hereby invited to our annual Advent Event: a joyful morning of crafts, food and fellowship to eagerly anticipate our remembrance of God coming to earth in the person of a baby born in the province of Galilee some 2,000 years ago. Begin your holidays with a true center – the eager expectation of God doing amazing things! And don't forget to pick up your copy of Covenant's annual Advent Devotional, a collection of scripture readings and reflections by our Covenant brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Annual Meeting of the Congregational Corporation Sun., Nov. 22, 12 pm**

The Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church, in accordance with the By Laws of the Congregation, calls the congregation to a meeting in the Sanctuary for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

The slate of officers to be presented for: Elder, Class of 2012 (3 year term): Tom Billman; Betsy Hayes; Morgan Hughes; Terry Kennedy Mancini; Cathy Levy; Peter McGeoch; Rusty Miller and Tori Vazquez; Deacon, Class of 2012 (3 year term):

Carol Carr; David Connolly; Gail Griffin; Terri Hayes; Jay McLean; Katy Nowels and Carol Petro; for Youth Deacon, Class of 2010 (1 year term): Madeleine Connolly and Abby Kinnison; for Church Nominating Committee, Class of 2011 (2 year term): Kim Halsey; David Koeneman; Charlotte Sharpe; Dave Timmons and Linda VanAman. A display with photographs and biographical information about nominees is in the main hall. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Those persons so nominated, must have been contacted in advance about their willingness to serve if elected. Childcare will be available in Room 112.

### **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.

**Habitat for Humanity** Call Dave Fecht, 451-9770. **Thurs. & Sat.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### **Spirituality Center Sunday Mornings**

**Begins Sun., Nov. 29, 8am-1pm, Chapel**

A Spirituality Center will be open during the season of Advent. We'll offer different opportunities for prayer and reflection. Listen for God in new ways. 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 beginning the evening with pizza and hot, mulled cider. 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.

### **New Members Classes Sundays, Dec. 6 & 13, 9:45 am, Chapel**

If you are interested in membership or simply curious to learn more about Covenant Presbyterian Church, there will be two consecutive classes held during the Education Hour. Contact Tracy, [tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org).



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Chuck Boyer	Katherine Davis	Charlene Evans	Susan Fromkes
Mildred Furney	Mary Jane Greegor	Pauline Grehl	Blake Haxton
Jane Jackson	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., Nov. 10. 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

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Tracy Keenan, Senior Pastor

Karen Ware Jackson, Associate Pastor

Weldon Adams, Minister of Music

Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education

Jim Mehler, Parish Associate

### **Covenant Presbyterian Church**

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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.