

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am ORDER OF WORSHIP Nov. 22, 2009
Chris The King/Reign of Christ/Thanksgiving

- 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

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

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 “Chorale Prelude on *Nun danket alle Gott*” Sigfried Karg-Elert

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN NO. 553** “For the Fruit of All Creation” East Acllam

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

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

COVENANT IN MISSION Adopt-a-Family Jay McLean

11:00 am TALK WITH CHILDREN Shane Spicer
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 “Thanks” Carroll McGruder
Ryan Cremeans, Soloist; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HEARING THE WORD

Galatians 5:1, 13-18, 22-26 (NRSV) NT Page 190
Lay Readers: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini; 11:00 David Timmons
Galatians 5:1, 13-18, 22-26 (The Message) Katie Kinnison

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

“WRESTLING WITH THE WORD”

Katie Kinnison

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy 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.

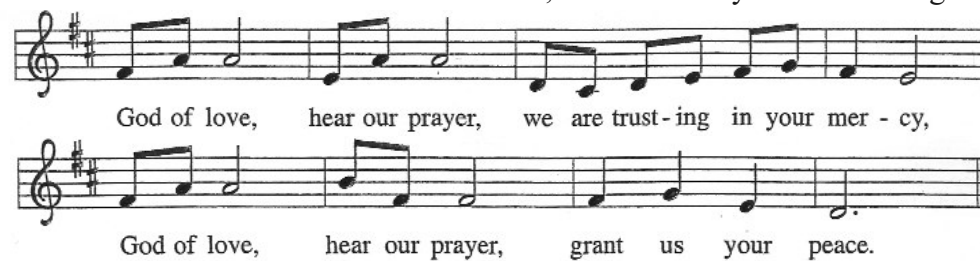
Forgive us, we pray. Help us to prune away all that prevents us from basking in your Light, from being nourished by your Spirit, and from loving with your Love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*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



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

“PLAYING IN THE WORD”

Tracy Keenan

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS & INGATHERING OF FOOD

Offertory Chorale Prelude on *Nun danket alle Gott* Robert Hobby

*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. 555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen”

Danish

POSTLUDE “Chorale Prelude on *Nun danket alle Gott*”

J.S. Bach

(You are invited to stay and listen)

ANTHEM TEXTS

“Thanks” Text and Music: Carroll McGruder

Thanks, thanks, I give You thanks for all You've done; O I am so blessed, my soul is at rest; O Lord, I give You thanks. I thank You, Lord, for the strength You give to simply carry on, Through life's toils and tests, in the worst and best, I'm not ever left alone. You are always right beside me, You hear me every time I pray. And since I first began, You've been my dearest friend, and I give You all the praise. And praising You I'll say Thanks... I give You thanks this moment, and I will continually for each day I live, Your grace You give, and I'm blessed abundantly. I can't forget that moment when in my life You made such a change. And since the Spirit came, I've not been the same. I just want to give You thanks.

HYMN NOTES

“For the Fruit of All Creation,” a “Harvest Hymn,” states several basic themes: thanks for the harvest of nature; a call to share with others and thus do God's will; and thanks for the harvests of the Spirit, goodness, truth and love. The lines beginning “For the wonders that astound us” are a poetical tour de force in terms of ideas and rhymes. Martin Rinckart (1586-1649) lived in Germany during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). This was a horrible time for everyone because a deadly disease killed over 8,000 people. In addition, the famine was so severe that people ate their domestic animals and pets. Rinckart served as a pastor in a Lutheran Church in Eilenberg during that period and personally buried as many as 5,000 people including his own wife. Yet, even with such tragedy around him, Rinckart wrote the words of “Now Thank We All Our God” and other religious poetry as well. The tune was written by Johann Crüger (1598-1692), one of Germany's finest musicians. He was a teacher, choir director and composer. Crüger's collection of tunes grew to 274.

TODAY’S MUSIC

The Prelude, Offertory and Postlude are all based on the great tune “Nun danket alle Gott” by Johann Crüger. This is, of course, the tune of our final hymn. The tune has been set by many composers, but I have chosen some of my favorite settings – Bach and Karg-Elert, both German, but one Baroque and the other Romantic. Robert Hobby is Director of Music at First English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Betty Crook, Bob Crook, Duane Sunderman, Joan Sunderman

11:00 Jim Hamilton, Suzie Shoemaker, Katy Nowels, Jeffrey Smith

Greeters: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini, Joyce Kogeler, Willem Kogeler

11:00 Esther Curtis, Linda Hoffman, Rusty Miller, Betsy Sebastian

Musicians: Ryan Cremeans, Soloist; 8:30 Early Birds; 11:00 Chancel Choir

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in the chancel are given by Liz Richmond in loving memory of Jim.

Adults

• The Forum: “The Advent Event” (No Forum today)

• Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

Youth - Youth Advent Event, Fellowship Hall

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

Youth Sub Pick-Up Today

This is the last day to pick up subs you ordered from the youth after services.

Advent Event & Devotionals

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

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. There is childcare in Room 112.

Middle School and High School Youth

6-8 pm, Lower Level

Cross-Stitch Art Exhibit

Lounge

Stop in to see the beautiful angel art lovingly stitched by Frieda A. Bennett. The show is dedicated to her late husband, Cy, who untiringly and unselfishly supported her projects throughout the past 40 years.

Communicator On Line: 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 if you need *Your Communicator* mailed to your house.

THIS WEEK

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.

Honduras Mission Trip Rescheduled: Jan. 6-13

Donations are still needed. Contact Karen.

THANKSGIVING: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs., Nov. 26 & Fri., Nov. 27

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.

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

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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 to your email address book so that our messages don't end up in your spam folder.

NEXT WEEK

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.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study Sun., Nov. 29, 9:45 am, Room 121

We'll pray, read some of the Gospel according to Luke together, and talk and listen to one another. Come to a good community Bible study where, together, we find the meaning of God's Word for our lives. Lay leaders will guide the discussion when it's helpful, but everyone in the room teaches and everyone learns.

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.

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 For info, call Dave Fecht, 451-9770. **Thurs. & Sat.**

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

Primetimer's Christmas Party Tues., Dec. 29, 6pm

Dick and Alice Ford will host the Primetimers' Christmas party at the Rittenhouse Square Party House, just south of Bethel Rd. on Reed Rd. Members are asked to bring a finger food and a gift of your choice. Call 451-1134.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Troy and Molly Allen on the birth of Drew Michael, born Mon., Nov. 16. Big sisters Mackenzie and Mallory, and Molly's grandmother Dee Adair are thrilled!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kelly Carr and Hazel Ginther at Riverside. Chuck Veverka at Dublin Methodist.

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	Claire Patterson	Marion Sanford
Jean Scherr	Judy Sechler	Richard Smathers	Robert Spencer
Phyllis Tate	Vera Tongue	Whitney Von Voigt	Jean Ware

Compiled Tues., Nov. 17. 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.

