



Covenant Presbyterian Church

Oct. 16, 2011 ∞ 8:30 & 11:00 am

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Children's Sabbath

- 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 are collected during Fellowship Moments.
- Please silence your cell phone.

∞ ∞ SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK ∞ ∞

“These children are the kingdom's pride and joy.” - Luke 18:16, *The Message*

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus, “God with Us,” came into the world to love us.

People: Jesus calls us to himself.

Leader: Jesus taught the grown ups and healed the sick.

People: Jesus calls us to himself.

Leader: Jesus said that everyone matters and should be loved.

People: Jesus calls us to himself.

Leader: Jesus loves the little children.

People: And we are all children of God!

*HYMN NO. 367 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

*GOSPEL READING Luke 18:15-17 *The Message*

People brought babies to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. When the disciples saw it, they shooed them off. Jesus called them back. “Let these children alone. Don't get between them and me. These children are the kingdom's pride and joy. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD I

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER REQUESTS & FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

Sign the fellowship pad & pass it to your neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are sorry, God. We are sorry for being bad, for pushing and for pinching and for saying mean things. We are sorry for not cleaning our rooms. We are sorry for wanting too many things and for whining about it. We are sorry for not sharing. Thank you for loving us anyway. Please help us to be better at loving. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 354 "Guide My Feet" *GUIDE MY FEET*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM "Jesus Loves Me" *TRADITIONAL*

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD II

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Based on Isaiah 49:15; 45:8b

Can a mommy forget the baby she holds in her arms and kisses?

Can a daddy forget the child he hugs and rocks to sleep?

Even if mommies and daddies forget,

yet I will not ever, not ever, forget you, says the LORD.

I love you forever.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD III

(11:00) BAPTISM Isabelle Jean Demaree daughter of Emily & Darren Demaree

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

SONG OF THE SACRAMENT "Baptized in Water" *BUNESSAN*
arr. Jim Maneri

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that God is caring, beautiful, loving and respectful.

We are sad that people killed Jesus.

And we are so very happy that God made him alive again.

Nothing can stop God's love, not anything, ever.

God loves us, and we love God back,

and we get to bring God's love into the world.

Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD IV

OFFERING 8:30 Vacation Bible School Medley
11:00 "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Jim Maneri

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 29 "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" *GO TELL IT*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY AT COVENANT continued

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Andrea Eberhard, Jay Armstrong, Mary Lou Dover, Stan Eriksen

11:00 Jim Hamilton, Suzie Shoemaker, Rusty Miller, Jeffrey Smith

Greeters: 8:30 Maggie Broekema, Nancy Cowman

11:00 Esther Curtis, Linda Hoffman, Rusty Miller, Paul Dillon

Musicians: Hera Chung; Scott Henning, *Tenor*; Jim Maneri and

Katie Wynkoop, *Piano*

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the chancel are given by
Katy Nowels Fair in celebration of her father's life on his birthday.

9:45 am Education Hour (Sunday School for All Ages):

Adults • The Forum: *Covenant member Roger McLean shares his experience with prison ministry.* Lounge

• Adult Confirmation: *If Jesus were God why did he have to die?*

• Lay Led Bible Study, *Acts*, Rm. 120

• Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102

Youth • *Abraham and Sarah: The Ordinary Patriarchs*, Lower Level

Treasure Finders: *Isaac and Rebekah* - Children 3 years-3rd grade, Fellow. Hall

Adult "Confirmation" Faith Formation Class 9:45, Karen's Office

If Jesus were God why did he have to die? Do you have questions about God/Christ/The Holy Spirit? Let's talk about them so that we can talk to our children.

A Joyful Noise - Children's Choir

Let's develop our children's "joyful noise." Practice during Treasure Finders at 10:30am. Contact Rob Rucker, Kim Halsey, Shane Spicer or Katie Kinnison.

Question & Answer Week: Open Wide the Door to the Future

Pray: At 10:30, please join us in Tracy's office for a group prayer session asking God to give us all strength to speak out and share our worries and concerns with one another. We ask God that we might find even more strength in Covenant's Body of Christ through the sharing.

Learn: Between, before, and after services, in the Lobby area, a few Steering Committee members want to hear questions that you might have about the campaign and how opening wide our doors to the future might make a difference in our ability to work toward God's call for us. The video will also be replayed on a TV in the lobby.

Think Creatively: Second-mile giving is a stretch indeed! Idea for the week: On average, how many lunches/dinners do you eat out a week? On average, how much do they cost? Could you eat some of those lunches/dinners at home or pack those lunches/dinners? About how much savings would that mean? Side Benefit: Perhaps more healthy menu. Donate the weekly savings to OWTD!

Pledge and Rejoice: Our leadership continues to line up in support: 100% of our steering committee has already pledged support. Everyone else is invited to bring pledge cards to the All-church Thanksgiving Dinner on Sun., Nov. 13. Pledge cards will be sent to households on Oct. 31.

To view the *Open Wide the Door to the Future* video:

<http://vimeo.com/29679281> Enter the password: church

Celebrate Children's Sabbath

Our children will be leading worship. Listen for how God might be speaking to you through these young disciples.

Adult "Confirmation" Class Sun., Oct. 16, 9:45, Karen's Office

If Jesus were God why did he have to die? Do you have questions about God/Christ/The Holy Spirit? Let's talk about them so that we can talk to our children.

Youth Dinner and Bible Study 6-7:30pm, Fellow. Hall & Lower Level

Join us for a weekly dinner and Bible study focused on the *Jesus Creed - Love God, Love Others*. This low-key event is geared towards an older student, but if a middle school student is interested, talk to Karen. This activity is expected of students who feel called to serve at Montana de Luz (Honduras) for the high school mission trip next summer.

Youth Connections (middle school) Fellowship 6-7:30pm

Join us for dinner and then we'll break off into our own group for a time of faith and fun.

Sunday Night Bible Study - The Gospel of Mark 6:30pm, Rm. 120

Lisa Wallace or Colleen Davis, 766-4871.

THIS WEEK Oct. 17-22

Help Make Peanut Brittle Mon., Tues., Wed., Oct. 17, 18, 19, 8:30am

Call Ruth Adams if you can help, 336-0194. Thanks for the sugar and margarine donations; Keep them coming to the kitchen. (Kroger or Giant Eagle brands are good.)

Spiritual Cinema Mon., Oct. 17., 6:30pm, Lounge

As It Is In Heaven - A successful international conductor suddenly interrupts his career and returns alone to his childhood village in the far north of Sweden. It doesn't take long before he is asked to come listen to the tiny church choir...and from that moment on, nothing in the village is the same again.

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Oct. 19, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Theme will be *Speaking Bible: What is the Kingdom of God?* Karen preaching.

Wednesday Bible Study Oct. 19, 7-8pm, Lounge

Why Did Jeremiah Lament and What Does It Have to Do with Us? Does it feel sometimes as though the world around us is crumbling and that no one is doing anything about it? Jeremiah felt this centuries ago. When we read about him in the Living Word, we see our pain acknowledged and find a path to hope.

Time Change: Primetimers Luncheon Fri., Oct. 21, 1pm, Lounge

Bring a dish to share. A UA police officer will talk about identity theft and fraud.

PW in the Presbytery Fall Gathering Sat., Oct. 22, 9:30-2:30, Hilliard P.C.

The theme for the day is "Support the Mission of the Church Worldwide." Several from Covenant are going and we will join in the Mini-Bazaar with our peanut brittle, scrubbies, pot holders, etc. to sell in support of our PW mission. Let Jane Morton know by this Fri., Oct. 21 if interested. Reservation forms are on the Covenant PW Bulletin Board. The registration cost is \$9.00.

Special Event: Gail Messick, Peace Corp Speaker Sat., Oct. 22, 11am, Sanct.
Gail Messick, serving in the Peace Corps in Swaziland, Africa, will speak. Michelle McCubbin, co-founder of the Pasture Valley Children's Home, where Gail and Mike Messick are serving, will answer questions. A slide show will be presented. Peter McCubbin, co-founder of Pasture Valley, and Mike Messick will remain there to care for the 28 orphans (many with HIV).

NEXT WEEK Oct. 23-29

Forum Topic Sun., Oct. 23, 9:45am, Lounge
Gary Mohr, Director, Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction, will speak on his administrative plans and legislative proposals for reorganizing Ohio's prison system. His presentation will conclude our series of five Forums on Ohio prisons.

College Care Packages Sun, Oct. 23
We're sending care packages boxes to about 25 college students and we need goodies! Suggested items include: granola bars, microwave popcorn, pop tarts, 'easy mac,' gum, highlighters, pens, pencils, post-its, Halloween stickers or toys. **Get Karen your student's current contact info by Wed, Oct. 19**, even if they have received a box in the past.

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Oct. 26, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
Theme: *Speaking Bible: Why am I Here?* Jim preaching.

Bloodmobile Drive Mon., Oct. 24, 1-6pm
Sign up between church services during October, call Jay McLean, 209-7314, or email Becky Miller, ramdvm4511@yahoo.com. Help us meet our goal.

LOOKING AHEAD October 30+

Joy Gym Returns Nov. 4 Fridays 9:30-11:00 am
When the weather gets nippy, maybe too rainy or cold to play outside, we open up Fellowship Hall, cart down toys from the nursery, and we play. We have juice boxes, goldfish crackers and fruit but, mostly, grown ups bring children and we play, run, build, talk and laugh. All are welcome. Spread the word.

Flautango Columbus Concert Sun., Nov. 6, 3pm, Hilliard Presby. Church
From Baroque to Flautango: A musical journey through the different periods of classical music. Rodolfo Vázquez, flute; Sean Ferguson, guitar. Free admission. Donations accepted.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

SOS Food Pantry needs peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, soup and baked beans. We are grateful for all past and present support.

Covenant's Got Talent?...Yo! - "Auditions" for Covenant's 2012 Variety Show will be held in November for our dinner theater in February. Prepare your hair piece, uh-hem, show piece, and see where you fit into this year's fun and entertainment. Stayed tuned for more details.

Are you a baker? Set a beautiful table? Adept at smoothing, slicing, ladling? We would like to establish a Hospitality Committee to provide welcoming treats for special occasions. Contact Tracy, tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org.

Volunteer tutors and student, contact Carol Petro 485-0994, jpetroball@aol.com. →

If you need prayers or would like to lift up prayers when others are in need, please contact the office staff, Carol Carr or Terri Hayes.

IN SYMPATHY

The sympathies of the covenant congregation are extended to Janet Morgan whose step-daughter, Alicia Morgan Castleberry, died Sat., Oct. 8.

CONGRATULATIONS...

to Ruth Adams on the birth of her new great-granddaughter, Allison Ruth Bahe, born Mon., Oct. 10.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Jean Clouse and Harriet Damant are at Riverside.

Al Arndt	Marijo Bayer	Bob Bartels	Dan Belville
Marie Bernays	Mary Jean Clouse	Skip Collins	Myrna Dupler
Marian Elek	Kitty Ewing	Marianne Ewing	Phyllis Flaig
Manette Friske	Mildred Furney	Pauline Grehl	Lucy Herrmann
Elizabeth Remnant	Samuel Kakos	Louise Knox	Becky Liebling
Jenny Limes	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart	John Lott
Pat Lyon	MaryAnna MacQueen	Bill Marsh	Sandy McCloud
Dan Morton	Bob Murchake	Yvonne Nowels	Fran Park
Carl Pogalies	Phyllis Rucker	Jean Scherr	Charlie Schuler
Judy Sechler	Ruth Stoyak	Sally Tate	Whitney Von Voigt
Marvin White	Paula White	Steve White	Maggie Woodcock

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
Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Ed.
Rob Rucker, Music Director
Jim Mehler, Parish Associate

Worship Services:

Sunday mornings: 8:30am and 11:00am
Wednesday evenings *Gathering*: 6:00pm

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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.