



Covenant Presbyterian Church

Oct. 2, 2011 ∞ 8:30 & 11:00 am

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Communion Sunday
Peacemaking Offering**

- 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 ∞∞

“...but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 3:13b-14

ORDER OF WORSHIP

∞∞ THE GATHERING ∞∞

Arrive early to enjoy the prelude as preparation for worship.

PRELUDE

Gail Stadelman, *Violin*

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jim Mehler

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

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from the Psalms*)

Leader: We are here not because we have found God but because God our Creator has called us here,

All: Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.

Leader: But the call is also God's promise: for forgiveness of sins, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal life in that realm which has no end.

All: Blessing and honor and power be unto God.

*HYMN NO. 150

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

To reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

To celebrate God's presence,

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

**To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus,
Crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 288 “I Sing The Mighty Power of God” *ELLACOMBE*
(Please be seated.)

PRAYER REQUESTS & FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS
Sign the fellowship pad & pass it to your neighbor.

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.

COVENANT IN MISSION “Open Wide the Door” Jim Hamilton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Katie Kinnison
O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service to your law but seek to avoid its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Forgive us, we pray, of our transgressions, and help us to reorder our days.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

🌀 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD 🌀

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 OT Page 66

EPISTLE Philippians 3:4b-14 NT Page 198

SERMON “The Big Ten and the One Thing” Tracy Keenan

MUSICAL OFFERING 11:00 “Love One Another” John L. Bell
Text based on 1 John 4:7-19

🌀 RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD 🌀

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S TABLE (See inside back cover of hymnal)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem Gail Stadelman, *Violin*

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Karen Ware Jackson

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 447 “Lead On, O King Eternal” *LANCASHIRE*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: ...Know this, and go,

All: In Christ’s love and peace and power.

POSTLUDE

Gail Stadelman, *Violin*

Call to Worship: *Bread for the Journey.*

Affirmation of Faith: *Iona Abbey Worship Book.*

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LEADERS IN WORSHIP

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

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

Greeters: 8:30 Gail Griffin, Betty Rupp, Linda Van Aman

11:00 Cora Kuyvenhoven, Carmina Spencer, Benjamin Spencer, Martin Spencer

Musicians: Gail Stadelman, *Violin*; Katie Wynkoop, *Piano* and *Organ*

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the chancel are given by Moreen Gutknecht in memory of her husband, Harold.

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

Adults • The Forum: *Mental health systems in the prison and why people go to prison*, Lounge

• Adult Confirmation: *Was Jesus of Nazareth God?*

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

• Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102

Youth • *Noah: The Obedient Eccentric*, Lower Level

Treasure Finders: *Abraham* - Children 3 years-3rd grade, Fellowship Hall

“Open Wide the Doors” Free Breakfast Between Services, Sun., Oct. 2, Fellowship Hall - Special performance at 9:45 and 10:30 featuring singing, dancing and a video.

Adult Confirmation Class

Sun., Oct. 2, 9:45am, Lower Level

Theme: *Was Jesus of Nazareth God?* Do you have questions about God/Christ/The Holy Spirit? Of course you do. Let's put words to our questions and our faith so that we can talk to our children.

The Peacemaking offering will be received

Sun., Oct. 2

The local recipient this year is Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio. A rep will be in the Forum on Sun., Sept. 25 to share information and answer questions.

Youth Sub Sale for Oct. 8 Nebraska Game

Buy a giant, 18" Sub for \$10 to support youth missions. You can pick it up Friday or Saturday before the game, or grab it from us next Sunday morning!

Forum: *Mental health systems in the prison and why people go to prison* **9:45am**

Errol Bueche will speak about the the Ohio Prison System. A Q & A session will follow.

A Joyful Noise - Children’s Choir

Let’s develop our children’s “joyful noise.” Practice will be part of Treasure Finders at 10:30am. Contact Rob Rucker, Kim Halsey, Shane Spicer or Katie Kinnison.

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.

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

Lisa Wallace or Colleen Davis, 766-4871.

THIS WEEK Oct. 3-8

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Oct. 5, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Theme will be *Juicy Bible Stories: Mary and Martha*. Karen preaching.

Youth Connections Fellowship

Wed. Oct. 5, 7pm, Lounge

Wednesday Bible Study

Oct. 7, 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 them in the Living Word, we see our pain acknowledged and find a path to hope.

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Sat., Oct. 8, 2 pm, Jacquemin Farms

Inflatable toys in which to hide and bounce. Carmel apples. The corn sandbox. Pumpkins beckoning to be picked. And friends from Covenant to share in it. Enjoy an afternoon of laughter in the crisp fall air. Meet at the farm; we’re usually around the children’s play area for a while. Check the farm’s website or see Tori Vazquez, Jennifer Ludowise Smith, Karen Ware Jackson or Katie Kinnison.

Joy Gym Returns Mid-October

Fridays 9:30 to 11:00 am

When the weather gets a bit nippy, maybe too rainy or cold to play outside, we open up Fellowship Hall, cart down some toys from the nursery, and we play. We have juice boxes, gold fish crackers and fruit to fortify ourselves, but mostly, grown ups bring children and we play. We run and build and talk and laugh. All are welcome. Spread the word.

NEXT WEEK Oct. 9-15

CROP Walk is Next Sunday

Sun., Oct. 9

Just one week to CROP Walk which fights hunger around the world and here in Columbus. The walk begins at the Riverfront Amphitheater in Genoa Park (next to COSI). Walk a one- or four-mile route through new downtown parks and bridges. Go at your own pace. Refreshment and security provided. Visit the tables in the hallway.

Second Sunday Recital

Sun., Oct. 9, 5 pm

Covenant's Minister of Music Emeritus, Weldon Adams, will perform music of Bach, Massenet, Charpentier, Franck, Yon, and Litaize. Admission is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

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ProMusica Chamber Orchestra Sun., Oct. 9, 7pm, Southern Theatre
Opening Night - Featuring Stefan Jackiw, violin. For \$5 tickets, email Cora,
ckuyvenhoven@ameritech.net.

Family Game Night Sat., Oct. 15, 5-7 pm, Fellowship Hall
It's just for fun: pizza, chips and baby carrots. People bring games, and we pull out fun stuff we keep at church. And we play. You don't need kids to come. The children who do come make sure we all remember how to play, and they lead us into simple delight. RSVP to Karen or Katie by Fri., Oct. 14 so that we know how much pizza to get and tell us your favorite kind!

LOOKING AHEAD October 16+

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.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

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.

Peanut brittle making has begun! Have you smelled it? Several more cooking sessions are scheduled in October. 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.)

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.

If you would like to contribute flowers for Sunday services, there is an opening in October due to a cancellation. Call Anna Jo Beeson, 451-3613.

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

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

Open Shelter - Covenant members meet every second Friday morning at 8:30 for about an hour to fix 175 sack lunches. There is no long term commitment; come when you can. Get to know other Covenant members in a casual and fun way. Contact Carrie Mellen, 771-1396, dmellen@columbus.rr.com.

Deacons are serving breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House on the first Saturday of each month. Anyone interested, please contact your Deacon.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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	Fran Park	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.

