



# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Oct. 30, 2011    ∞    8:30 & 11:00 am

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Reformation Sunday**

- 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** ∞∞

*All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.* Matthew 23:12

∞∞ **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP** ∞∞

**Arrive early to enjoy the prelude as preparation for worship.**

PRELUDE	8:30 “Bright Size Life”	Pat Metheny
	11:00 “Cantabile”	G. Enesco

\*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30 Jim Mehler; 11:00 Karen Ware Jackson

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

**People: And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from the Psalms)*

Leader: Bless the LORD, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

**All: Majesty and praise to the One who teaches us to serve.**

Leader: Majesty and praise to the One who gives us life.

**All: Bless the LORD, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

\*HYMN NO. 260      “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”      *EIN FESTE BURG*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Trinity in heaven, we extol you.**

**One in Three, one unit of energy,**

**In divine right, one miracle, one God to be praised.**

**Our God is the God of earth and heaven,**

**Who inspires all things, gives life to all things,**

**Stands above and beneath all things,**

**Who enlightens the light of the sun,**

**Strengthens the light of the stars at night.**

**Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: inseparable. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE (see insert) “Now the Feast and Celebration” *NOW THE FEAST*  
(Please be seated.)

PRAYER REQUESTS & FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

Sign the fellowship pad & pass it to your neighbor.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, grant us the mercy you would have us grant to others. When we seek after the wealth of the world, forgive our selfish striving. When we yearn for the power that boosts our pride, forgive our selfish dreams. When we plant ourselves in muddy waters, lift us onto higher ground near fresh streams of living grace. When we embark on roads that lead to destruction and despair, guide us onto Christ's path of life. Loving God, grant us your mercy, that we may show mercy and compassion to all whom we meet. In hope and gratitude, we pray...

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!

(11:00) TALK WITH CHILDREN Katie Kinnison 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER 8:30 Katie Kinnison; 11:00 Jim Mehler All: "Our Father who art in heaven..." (Hymnal pg. 16. We say "debts" & debtors.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Psalm 43 OT Page 515 Lay Readers: 8:30 Gail Griffin; 11:00 Ginnie Swartz GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 23:1-12 NT Page 25 SERMON "What's Wrong With This Picture?" Tracy Keenan

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem 8:30 "Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone" Traditional arr. Helvey

11:00 "Give Thanks to the Lord" Mark Patterson Give thanks to the Lord with a joyful voice, all people rejoice. Great are God's blessings, rich blessings of joy. Give thanks for God's goodness; give thanks to the Lord. Great are the gifts of creation: the beauty of earth and sky and sea. great is God's splendor before us, yet greater still, God's blessings unseen. Strength from the Spirit, peace from above, grace and forgiveness, these are the blessings of God's redeeming love. Life up your voice with thanksgiving, sing praises, give thanks to the Lord.

\*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise God above you heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

\*Prayer of Dedication \*HYMN NO. 224: "Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being" Stanzas 1 & 4 RUSTINGTON

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION BENEDICTION RESPONSE Leader: Know this and go... All: In Christ's love and peace and power. We go in the power of the Spirit to love and serve God in the world!

POSTLUDE 8:30 "Lean on Me" Bill Withers 11:00 "Sonata in e Minor, mvt 1" J. S. Bach

Affirmation of Faith: A Celtic Primer, Morehouse 2002 Prayer of Confession: Abingdon Worship Annual, Abingdon 2011 UBP CCLI#187582; OL#A-720114

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Dick Sharpe, Tim Scott, Judy Oeder, Becky Miller 11:00 Rusty Miller, Rob Radcliff, Robin Schmidt, Jan Schmidt Greeters: 8:30 Linda Billman, Betty Rupp, Linda Van Aman 11:00 Jeff DuBois, Jo Elin DuBois, Hazel Ginther, Karen Hjelm Musicians: 8:30 Jim Maneri; 11:00 Katie Wynkoop; Scott Henning, Tenor; Christa Perry, Flute

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by Lois Becker in honor of family and memory of Bob. The flowers in front of the lectern are given by Jack and Betty Irwin in memory of Marjorie and Hank

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

Adults • The Forum: Tracy Keenan, An exploration of spirituality for the two halves of life, Lounge • Lay Led Bible Study, Acts, Rm. 120 • Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102 Adult Confirmation: Is believing in Jesus really the only way to get to heaven? Lower Level Treasure Finders: Rachel & Leah - Children 3 years-3rd grade, Fellowship Hall

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.



Biblical Basis Week: Open Wide the Door to the Future Pray: At 10:30 today, please join us in Tracy's office for a group prayer session asking God that the Holy Spirit and Holy Scriptures might speak to us in these days in new ways, providing stronger direction for our lives and the life of the church. Learn: Between services, check out the "Open Wide the Door to the Future." Video, and chat with one of the leaders from the Steering Committee of the campaign. Also, thanks to help from internet lists, we have hundreds and hundreds of bible verses about money (con-

TODAY AT COVENANT continued

tentment, giving and stewardship). Stop by the baskets in the lounge, and draw a few... take home the ones that are meaningful to you. May the Holy Spirit speak to you through these words of scripture!

Think Creatively: Second-mile giving is a stretch indeed! Idea for the week: Are you blessed to be investing and perhaps even have the advice of a financial advisor? Could you involve him/her in your giving planning? For example, changing tax laws might create a window of opportunity for seniors in 2011 for tax-advantaged giving. Could you ask him/her how to best give in light of your financial situation?

Pledge and Rejoice: We will be dedicating our pledge cards at the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner on Sun., Nov. 13 along with our Thank Offering gifts. (See back page for more info on the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner.)

To view the Open Wide the Door to the Future video: http://vimeo.com/29679281 Enter the password: church

Forum Today & Next Sunday Tracy Keenan will be leading us through an exploration of spirituality for the two halves of life. Richard Rohr works through these ideas in Falling Upward: "In the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity - climbing, achieving, and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zones. Eventually, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way." Join us for the discussion.

Advent Devotional For the season of Advent each year, members of Covenant compose individual devotions (responses to scripture, prayers, holiday traditions) that we put together into a booklet to share with one another. If you are able to give us this gift, please take an envelope from the display in the hall. Instructions are inside each envelope, and submissions must be returned by Nov. 6. Questions or need info? Contact Katie. Devotionals will be available Nov. 20 in Fellowship Hall.

Youth: Night of the Living Youth 6-7:30pm Join us for some spooky fun and faith!

Sunday Night Bible Study - The Gospel of Mark 6:30pm, Rm. 120 Lisa Wallace or Colleen Davis, 766-4871.

THIS WEEK (Oct. 31-Nov. 5)

PiYO Resumes Mon., Oct. 31, 1:30pm, Lounge

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Nov. 2, 6pm, Fellowship Hall Theme will be Speaking Bible: What is the Image of God? Katie preaching.

Wednesday Bible Study Nov. 2, 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.

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

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**Gracie's First Birthday "Open-House" Sat. Nov. 5, 2:30-4pm, New Cal. Pres.**  
Celebrate one year of love, laughter, and life with Gracie Jackson. We'll be at New California Pres. (off hwy 33 towards Marysville). Stop by for cake, and say 'hello' to the birthday girl and her parents. No gifts please.

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**NEXT WEEK (Nov. 6-12)**

**Flautango Columbus Concert Sun., Nov. 6, 3pm, Hilliard Presby. Church**  
*From Baroque to Flautango.* Rodolfo Vázquez, flute; Sean Ferguson, guitar.  
Free admission. Donations accepted.

**Montana de Luz Meeting Sun., Nov. 6, 6-7:30**  
Any youth (8th grade and up) and adults who are interested in traveling to Honduras with Covenant June 20-27 come meet with a representative from Montana de luz, a home for children with HIV/AIDS in Honduras, and hear about the trip.

**The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Nov. 9, 6pm, Fellowship Hall**  
Theme: *Speaking Bible: A Christian View of Work.* Jim preaching.

**Covenant Men's Breakfast Sat., Nov. 12, 8am, First Watch, Kingsdale**  
Join Covenant men every second Sat. for breakfast. Call Allan Kennedy, 451-9318.

**Fair Trade Sale will be open on Sat., Nov. 12, 9am-6pm; Sun., Nov. 13, 12-8pm**  
This sale is a mission project of Covenant Presbyterian Women featuring items from around the world. Represented will be Ten Thousand Villages, Andino Fibers, Palcraft Aid, and jewelry from Swaziland. Mission sewing will be selling peanut brittle, scrubbies and other Covenant-made goods. All proceeds go to mission. Bring a friend and do some early Christmas shopping.

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**LOOKING AHEAD (Nov. 13+)**

**New Member Class Sun., Nov. 13, 9:45-10:45, Chapel**  
**Reception of New Members 11:00 worship service**  
Thinking about making Covenant your church home? Come to the new members' class and meet the staff and other church leaders. Share your story, hear about the Presbyterian Church and Covenant in particular, learn how you can find a place here to grow, deepen your faith, and make a difference in the world.

**All Church Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck featuring a Storyteller, Fair Trade Sale, and more! Sun., Nov. 13, 5:30pm**  
Sally Crandall, a local story teller, will provide the program. Each family is asked to bring a dish that serves eight. Turkey will be furnished by event sponsors Covenant Presbyterian Women. \$3 per person; \$12 per family (four or more). Following the meal, the Thank Offering will be received, Open Wide the Door Capital Campaign pledges will be dedicated, and the winner of the quilt will be drawn. Sally will then tell stories.

**Advent Event Sun., Nov. 20, 9:30-11am, Fellowship Hall**  
It's a foretaste of the Christmas joy to come. Get ready for the Church's season of waiting and preparing for the marvelous birth of Jesus with a time of crafts and celebration. Eat good food, make ornaments and other wonders, and write cards for people who need our remembrance and Christmas care. Bring your friends. If you have an idea for a craft or another way to make this event more wonderful, contact Tori Vazquez, Jennifer Ludowise Smith or Katie Kinnison.

**Spiritual Cinema Mon., Nov. 21, 6:30 pm, Lounge**  
*Of Gods and Men* - Under threat of fundamentalist terrorists, a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community must decide whether to leave or stay.

**Open Shelter: Last Date to Prepare Lunches Mon., Nov. 28**  
If you would like to work on the dinner or make cookies or brownies contact Carol Petro, 485-0994, [jpetrobball@aol.com](mailto:jpetrobball@aol.com).

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**OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS**

**Peanut Brittle & Cashew Brittle Now Available** - Both peanut brittle (\$6) and cashew brittle (\$7.50) are for sale. The church office has a supply if you want to stop by. Also, we still need sugar and margarine to continue cooking next week. Call Ruth Adams, 336-0194, to volunteer or buy.

**Covenant Variety Show-** The Yo Show? "Auditions" (aka, "You're in!") will be Nov. 19 and Dec. 3. Sign up in the lobby now. All ages welcome.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Al Arndt	Marijo Bayer	Bob Bartels	Dan Belville
Marie Bernays	Mary Jean Clouse	Skip Collins	Harriet Damant
Myrna Dupler	Marian Elek	Kitty Ewing	Marianne Ewing
Phyllis Flaig	Manette Friske	Mildred Furney	Pauline Grehl
Lucy Herrmann	Maria Huntley	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	Carl Pogalies	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.

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**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

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**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.

