



Covenant Presbyterian Church

Oct. 9, 2011 ✧ 8:30 & 11:00 am

28th 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.
- Prayer request cards are collected during Fellowship Moments.
- Please silence your cell phone.

✧✧ SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK ✧✧

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.” - Philippians 4:4-5

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✧✧ THE GATHERING ✧✧

Arrive early to enjoy the prelude as preparation for worship.

PRELUDE “Fantasy on a Traditional Song” Rudy Vazquez, *Flute*

*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30 Jim Mehler; 11:00 Katie Kinnison

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. 417 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” *REGENT SQUARE*

*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. 104 “Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen!” HYMN TO JOY
(Please be seated.)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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!

(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 Tracy Keenan
All: “Our Father who art in heaven...” (Hymnal pg. 16. We say “debts” & debtors.”)

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:30 “Allegro” by Hasse Rudy Vazquez, *Flute*
11:00 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. M. L. Thompson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 32:1-14 OT Page 78
Lay Readers: 8:30 Steve St. Martin; 11:00 Linda Hoffman

EPISTLE Philippians 4:1-9 NT Page 198

SERMON “God’s Stiff-necked People” Karen Ware Jackson

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem 8:30 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
arr. M. L. Thompson
11:00 “You Are Holy” arr. John Helgen

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:30) PRESBYTERY WORK TRIP COMMISSION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 343 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” *BEECHER*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Variations on a Mozart Aria” by Mercadante Rudy Vazquez, *Flute*

Call to Worship: *Bread for the Journey.*

Affirmation of Faith: *Iona Abbey Worship Book.*

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LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Mark Owen, Betsy Owen, Betty Johnston, Carrie Mellen

11:00 Dana Rudmose, Tom Hoover, Robert Gross, Pete McGeoch

Greeters: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini, Joan Sanford, Marion Sanford

11:00 Gail Brown, Betsy Campbell, Dick Campbell, Deb Marsh

Musicians: The Campanile Bell Choir; The Sanctuary Choir;

Rudy Vazquez, *flute*; Jim Maneri, *Piano*

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the chancel are given by
Dorothy Grossman in loving memory of her husband, Don.

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

Adults • The Forum: Lounge

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

• Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102

Youth • *Was Jesus of Nazareth God?*, Lower Level

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

A Joyful Noise - Children's Choir

Let's develop our children's “joyful noise.” Practice during Wiggle Worship at 11:15am. Contact Rob Rucker, Kim Halsey, Shane Spicer or Katie Kinnison.

Open Wide the Door to the Future



Pray: Please join us at 10:30, today, in Tracy's office, for a group prayer session asking God for wisdom, strength, and guidance for Covenant as a whole and for each of us personally. We come to God humbly, asking for strength and guidance to place our personal and collective resources according to God's will, as only God can see the future and our church's potentially fantastic role in God's plans.

Learn: Between services, starting from the Lobby, members of the Steering Committee will take small groups for tours of various places within the church where you might not have been lately and improvements are planned. Also, stop by the TV monitor in the Lobby where we'll be re-showing the video on “Open Wide the Door to the Future.” One of the leaders from the Steering Committee for this campaign will be on hand to chat about the possibilities for where God might be opening doors for us.

Think Creatively: Second-mile giving is a stretch indeed! Idea for the week: Are you a regular pop/coffee/alcohol drinker? If an alternative drink is cheaper, add up the savings and donate the difference to OWTD.

Pledge and Rejoice: 100% of the Steering Committee for this campaign (11 members of our church) have made their pledge early, as a sign of their commitment to opening wide Covenant's doors to the future God has planned for us. Praise God!

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

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

CROP Walk Today

It's not too late to walk or support those who walk. The annual 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. Friends, family, neighbors and pets are welcome. Refreshment and security provided. Visit the tables in the hallway.

Weldon Adams Recital

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.

ProMusica Chamber Orchestra

7pm, Southern Theatre

Opening Night - Featuring Stefan Jackiw, violin. For \$5 tickets, email Cora, ckuyvenhoven@ameritech.net.

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 at 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. 10-15

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Oct. 12, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Theme will be *Juicy Bible Stories: The Parable of the Dishonest Manager*. Katie preaching.

Wednesday Bible Study

Oct. 12, 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.

Joy Gym Returns Mid-October

Fridays 9:30-11:00 am

When the weather gets a bit nippy, maybe too rainy or cold to play outside,

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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. 16-22

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!

Celebrate Children's Sabbath Sun., Oct. 16

Our children will be leading worship at a very special and a little shorter (45 minutes) service. Come and listen for how God might be speaking to you through these young disciples.

Adult "Confirmation" Faith Formation 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.

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Oct. 19, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
Theme: *Speaking Bible: What is the Kingdom of God?* Karen preaching.

Primetimers Luncheon Meeting Fri., Oct. 21, 12pm, Lounge
Bring a dish to share. A UA police officer will talk about identity theft and fraud.

LOOKING AHEAD October 23+

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

Garage Sale Success - Covenant Presbyterian Women are very grateful to all who contributed items to the annual garage sale, who baked for the bake sale, who brought lunch, and who worked so hard to make this a special week. Thank you, Covenant!

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.

Peanut brittle making has begun! Have you caught the aroma? 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.

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.

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

Mary Jean Clouse 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
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.

