



# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sept. 25, 2011 ☞ 8:30 & 11:00 am

26th 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 ☞☞

*Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself...*

Philippians 2:5b-7a

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### ☞☞ THE GATHERING ☞☞

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

PRELUDE 8:30 “Quartet in C Major op. 59 No. 3 Allegro vivace” Beethoven  
11:00 “Quartet in e minor, Allegro” Verdi

\*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. 482 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” *LOBE DEN HERREN*

\*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. 161 PSALM 5 “As Morning Dawns” WAREHAM  
(Please be seated.)

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

COVENANT IN MISSION “CROP Walk” Gail Griffin  
“Peacemaking Offering” Karen Hjelm

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 Tracy Keenan  
*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 Karen Ware Jackson  
All: “Our Father who art in heaven...” (Hymnal p. 16. We say “debts” & “debtors.”)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Psalm 78:1-4 OT Page 537  
Proverbs 11:2 OT Page 593  
Lay Readers: 8:30 Frank Croft, 11:00 Janet Gross

EPISTLE Philippians 2:1-13 NT Page 197

SERMON “Hard To Be Humble” Tracy Keenan

HYMN OF RESPONSE “What Grace Is Mine” LONDONDERRY AIR  
What grace is mine that God who dwells in endless light  
Called through the night to find my distant soul  
And from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me  
That I might live and in his name be known

*Chorus:*  
So I will go wherever God is calling me  
I lose my life to find my life in God  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies  
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow God

What grace is mine to know God breath alive in me  
Beneath God's wings my wakened soul may soar  
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome  
My Saviour lives and reigns forevermore

*Chorus*

### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem 8:30 “Quartet in C Major op. 59 No. 3 Menuetto/Trio” Beethoven  
11:00 Quartet in e minor, Andantino Verdi

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

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

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: ...Know this, and go,  
**All: In Christ's love and peace and power.**

POSTLUDE 8:30 “Quartet in e minor, Prestissimo” Verdi  
11:00 “Quartet in C Major op. 59 No. 3 Allegro molto” Beethoven

Call to Worship: *Bread for the Journey.*  
Affirmation of Faith: *Iona Abbey Worship Book.*  
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### LEADERS IN WORSHIP

**Ushers:** 8:30 Dick Sharpe, Tim Scott, Judy Oeder, Becky Miller  
11:00 Cheryl Buchanan, Jim Buchanan, Jay McLean, Peggy Hicks

**Greeters:** 8:30 Linda Billman, Terri Hayes  
11:00 Jeff DuBois, Jo Elin Dubois, Hazel Ginther, Karen Hjelm

**Musicians:** QUBE: David Edge & Harvey Thurmer, *violins*; Steve Wedell, *viola*; Cora Kuyvenhoven, *cello*. Jim Maneri, *Piano* (8:30); Katie Wynkoop, *Piano* and *Organ* (11:00).

### TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given by Diana and Jack Sanders in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The flowers in front of the lectern are given by Lynn and Jim Hamilton in celebration of their parents' life on their birthday.

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

**Adults** • The Forum: *Peacemaking: Big Brother, Big Sister*, Lounge  
• Lay Led Bible Study, *Acts*, Rm. 120  
• Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102

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

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

**The Forum:** *Peacemaking: Big Brother, Big Sister* 9:45am  
Ida Williams will speak on the Big Brother, Big Sister organization, the local chapter will receive the Peacemaking Gift from Covenant.

### A Joyful Noise - Children's Choir

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

**Youth Confirmation: Faith Journey Labyrinth** 12:30pm

**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.

**QUBE, the string quartet at Otterbein University (cellist, Cora Kuyvenhoven), Fri., Sept. 30, 8pm, Kenyan College** (free)

### THIS WEEK Sept. 26-Oct. 1

**The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Sept. 28, 6pm, Fellowship Hall**  
Theme will be *Juicy Bible Stories: Accountant Hell*. Jim preaching.

**Youth Connections Fellowship Wed. Sept. 28, 7pm, Lounge**

**QUBE, Otterbein U. string quartet (cellist, Cora Kuyvenhoven)**  
Wed., Sept. 28, 8pm, Riley Auditorium, Battelle Music Bldg., Otterbein U (free); Fri., Sept. 30, 8pm, Kenyon.

**Justice & Peace: The Peacemaking Offering Collection Sun., Oct. 2.**

### NEXT WEEK Oct. 2-8

**“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.

**Wednesday Bible Study Resumes 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.

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**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.

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**LOOKING AHEAD October 9+**

**CROP Walk - Just 2 Weeks Away** **Sun., Oct. 9**  
Deacons will be in the hall after services for those who wish to support this worthy cause, 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.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**Joy Gym Returns Mid-October** **Fridays 9:30 to 11:00 am**  
This turned out to be a great idea. 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.

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**OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS**

**Peanut brittle making has begun!** Several 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. (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, tracykeen@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.

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**IN SYMPATHY**

The sympathies of the Covenant congregation go to Mark Owen and his family on the death of his mother Sheila Owen on Mon., Sept. 12.

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**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.

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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

**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.