

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*HYMN (See insert) “O God Beyond All Praising” *THAXTED*
(Please be seated.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, we admit our preoccupation with small concerns and personal problems. The circle of our caring is too often bounded on all sides by ourselves. When our compassion reaches out to others, it is usually to those we know well. The embrace of our concerns leaves out many others unlike ourselves. We find ourselves demanding much and giving little in return. Do not condemn us, O God. Forgive our distorted ways of thinking and living, that we may be freed to live in true faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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.

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 OT Page 616
SERMON “Love What You Do” Tracy Keenan

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 “O Divine Redeemer” Charles Gounod
Scott Henning, *Tenor*

*Offertory Response “Doxology” *OLD HUNDREDTH* (NO. 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “French Suite II: Gigue” J.S. Bach
Madeleine Connolly, *Piano*

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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Jack Sanders, Diana Sanders
11:00 Jim Hamilton, Suzie Shoemaker, Katy Nowels, Dana Rudmose
Greeters: 8:30 Gail Griffin, Betty Rupp, Linda Van Aman
11:00 Paul Dillon, Betsy Campbell, Dick Campbell, Jane Morton
Musicians: Scott Henning, *Tenor*; Nancy Davidson, *Organ*;
Madeleine Connolly, *Piano*

TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers on the chancel are given by the Crook family in honor of Bob and Betty’s 62nd wedding anniversary on July 11 and Lucy Alice Crook and Rob Harbert’s wedding on July 9.

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

Adults • The Forum: *How Do We Begin to Think About God?*, Lounge
• Lay Led Bible Study, *Acts*, Rm. 120
• Parents share their lives and faith, Rm. 102

Youth • Enjoy your holiday weekend.

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

The Forum: *How Do We Begin to Think About God?* 9:45am, Lounge

Is the Bible, the work of theologians, or your own experience the authority for how you think about God? Is thinking about God the point? What is happening in the Church today that may indicate shifts in how we think about, maybe experience God? Join Katie for one more deep discussion to finish our summer.

Get Real: Join a Small Group Sign up today-Sept. 11 Meet different times, weekly, Sept. 18-Oct. 29. Party, Oct. 30

Want to be truly heard when you speak, learn to listen with undivided and complete attention, and notice what God is doing in your life? First, we’ll listen for God. Then, we’ll listen to one another. Join a small group and meet once a week for an hour and a half for six weeks. Just show up, but be fully present. You’ll learn a new, yet ancient way to read scripture, and practice noticing God in your everyday life. Pick up a brochure at church, or download one on line. Read about the structure of a meeting and see options for meeting times/places. Some groups pro-

vide child care. Questions: Katie Kinnison, Steve St. Martin, Martin Spencer, Jennifer LuPiba, Sandy Tullett, Lynn Hamilton, Brad Liebling, Dorothy Roberts, or Sidney Dill. (The Spiritual Development and Adult Learning Commission.)

No Sunday Night Bible Study Today - Will resume next Sunday with the Gospel of Mark, 6:30pm, Rm. 120. Lisa Wallace or Colleen Davis, 766-4871.

THIS WEEK September 5-10

Office Closed Mon., Sept. 5, Labor Day

Mission Sewing Tuesdays, 1-3pm, Room 121
Call Diana Sanders, 847-4431.

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Sept. 7, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
The theme this week is *Juicy Bible Stories: Ordinary People*. Jim Mehler preaching. Services are family-friendly, featuring the Indie Gospel Band, snacks, interactive prayer and message.

Youth Ice Cream Outing Wed., Sept. 7, 7pm, Cuzzins Frozen Yogurt, Lane Ave.
All students grades 5 and up are invited to join us after *Gathering*.

Covenant Men’s Breakfast Sat., Sept. 10, First Watch, Kingsdale
Join us every second Saturday for breakfast. Call Allan Kennedy, 451-9318.

NEXT WEEK Sept. 11-17

RSVP for CPW Lunch, Gracehaven House (see next page) **Sun., Sept. 11**

A Joyful Noise - Children’s Choir

We’ve had wonderful music in Treasure Finders (aka Sunday School), but now we are going to develop our children’s “joyful noise” into regular practicing for Sunday mornings. Practice will be both during Christian Education Hour at 9:45 am as part of Treasure Finders, and during 11:00 am worship as part of “Wiggle Worship.” Contact Rob Rucker, Amy Rucker, Kim Halsey, Shane Spicer or Katie Kinnison.

The Forum Sun., Sept. 11, 9:45am

This forum will be presented by authors Jim and Nancy Petro discussing their recent book *False Justice: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent*. Jim Petro received the 2010 Innocence Network Champion of Justice Award, “Honoring the person who goes above and beyond in supporting and championing efforts that free the wrongfully convicted and/or reform the criminal justice system to prevent wrongful convictions.” Go to www.falsejustice.com for information.

No Second Sunday Recital Sept. 11.

Ohio Interfaith Prayer Service Sun., Sept. 11, 4pm, Atrium, Statehouse
Communities of diverse faiths will gather for the 10th anniversary of 9/11 to pray for all affected, honor the creative human responses, promote peace and interfaith harmony, foster unity among people of Ohio. Go to: iaco@iaco.org.

Youth Conference - Better Together: The Path to Peace Sun, Sept 11, 5:15-8pm
Join this multigenerational conference sponsored by the Interfaith Action Movement for Youth. Meet at church at 5:15pm to go to Congregation Tifereth Israel together where we will reflect on the 9/11 tragedy, community spirit, recognize community leaders in the interfaith movement, and enjoy music and po-

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etry by youth. This event is a confirmation class activity but is open to all.

PIYO Starts Mon., Sept. 12, 1:30, Lounge

Every Monday. This is a blend of Pilates and Yoga movement for a gentle, relaxing exercise to calm the spirit and body.

CPW Luncheon Features Gracehaven House Wed., Sept. 14, 11:45am

Following the luncheon, Cathy Treyens will present a program about Gracehaven House, a safe home for female minors who are victims of domestic sex trafficking. Luncheon is \$8. RSVP by signing up at September Circle meetings, calling the church office, 451-6677, or contacting Rayma Ridgway, 451-9809 or Clara O'Connell, 459-2276. **Deadline for reservations: Sun., Sept. 11.**

The Gathering Worship Service Wed., Sept. 14, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Theme will be *Juicy Bible Stories: Rachel and Household Gods*. Katie preaching.

LOOKING AHEAD September 18+

Adult Confirmation 1st Class Sept. 18, 9:45-10:45am, Lower Level

Is the Bible True? Are you comfortable articulating your Christian faith? 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.

Peanut Brittle Time Starts Mon., Sept. 19.

Cans are washed and we'll be cooking in preparation for the garage sale. You'll be smelling the sweet aroma soon. Please continue to bring sugar and margarine to the kitchen. Call Ruth Adams, 336-0194, to volunteer. We always have a good time.

Musikgarten Classes Starts Mon., Sept. 19

Experience the joy of musicmaking with your little one. Music and movement are important in the early years; They pave the way for all learning and set the stage for a lifetime of musical enjoyment. For times, dates, descriptions, costs: Amy Rucker amysmusikgartenofua@gmail.com, or a brochure on the welcome table.

Spiritual Cinema 3rd Mon., 6:30 pm, Lounge

Dogma (Sept. 19) - The film follows two renegade angels on a quest to return to heaven/destroy humanity. Rated R for profanity, violence and sexual content.

CPW Annual Garage Sale Is Early This Year Sept. 23-24

Drop things off in Fellowship Hall beginning Mon., Sept. 19. Call Louise by Sept. 15 to arrange a pick-up. We'll need help pricing toys and clothing, set up and sales. We will be in the hallway with sign-up sheets in September. You can also contribute to the Friday bake sale. If any of your items are of special value, let us know this when you leave them at church. All proceeds to go to support mission. Questions? Call Louise Davidson, 792-1289.

QUBE, Otterbein U. string quartet (cellist, Cora Kuyvenhoven)

Sun., Sept. 25, 8:30 and 11am services, CPC; Wed., Sept. 28, 8pm, Riley Auditorium, Battelle Music Bldg., Otterbein U (free); Fri., Sept. 30, 8pm, Kenyan.

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes Oct., 7-8pm, Lounge, with...Why Did Jeremiah Lament and What Does It Have to Do with Us? Have you ever felt your soul wail? Does it feel sometimes like the world around us is crumbling and that no one is doing anything about it? Jeremiah felt these things centuries ago, and when we read about them in the Living Word, we see our pain acknowledged and find a path to hope. Join us.

The Peacemaking offering will be received on Sun., Oct. 2.

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

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

Seeds of Hope Community Garden invites anyone interested in harvesting and planting fall crops to join us in the garden Sundays, 4pm. No experience necessary.

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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Al Arndt	Marijo Bayer	Bob Bartels	Dan Belville
Marie Bernays	Ken Chapman	Mary Jean Clouse	Skip Collins
Myrna Dupler	Marian Elek	Marianne Ewing	Phyllis Flaig
Manette Friske	Mildred Furney	Pauline Grehl	Lucy Herrmann
Elizabeth Remnant	Samuel Kakos	Louise Knox	Ed Lazear
Becky Liebling	Jenny Limes	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart
John Lott	Pat Lyon	Bill Marsh	Sandy McCloud
John McLean	Dan Morton	Bob Murchake	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.

