



Celebration of Worship

Sunday, February 28, 2016 8:30am & 11:00am
3rd Sunday in Lent

- **Covenant Church welcomes children in worship.** There is a nursery for infants through age two in Rm 101 in the educational wing. Worship bags with quiet activities for children to use during services are available inside the cart that holds our name tags.
- **Large print bulletins, bibles and hymn books** are on the credenza in the Narthex.
- **Hearing devices** are available. Ask an usher for assistance. Also, the Sanctuary, Lounge and Fellowship Hall are wired with a **Telecoil audio loop** system for digital hearing aids.
- **Prayer request cards** are collected during Fellowship Moments.
- **Please silence your cell phone**, but feel free to join the staff in Tweeting the high points of the service: @CovenantGather, @tr_keenan, @katiekinnison, and Puppet (our friend from Sunday morning Talk with Children) @Puppet2070

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

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

11:00 Pete McGeoch, Karen Hjelm, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett

Greeters: 8:30 Jeanie Auseon, Gail Griffin, Sharon Steingass

11:00 Esther Curtis, Barry Fonarow, Jan Fonarow, Sarah Starr

Musicians: Campanile Handbell Choir; Chancel Choir

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF

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Flowers by the chancel are from Bob and Nancy Davidson in honor of the Campanile Bell Choir.

PRELUDE "My Shepherd's Amazing Grace" arr. Karissa Dennis

GREETINGS & PASSING OF THE PEACE 8:30 Jim Mehler; 11:00 Scot Braswell
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We are God's people on this Lenten journey.

PEOPLE: We gather here from the busyness of our days to be reminded and to remind one another of our identity in Christ,

LEADER: To be reminded of our call to courage,

PEOPLE: Our mandate to love,

LEADER: And our reason for being:

PEOPLE: To be filled with God's grace and peace

and to carry those into every aspect of our lives.

LEADER: Let this time of worship fill us with God's Spirit

PEOPLE: and empower us to shine the light of that Spirit in this world.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 401** "Here In This Place" GATHER US IN

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of this wilderness journey:

We carry much baggage, clinging to old notions, dragging self-indulgences with us. We are anxious over our supplies; we want to nurse grudges and feed ourselves on stale ways of looking at the world and ourselves. You call us to let go and to trust in You, O God, but we confess that we are afraid to do so. Will you really be there? Is your love strong enough to provide for all that is needed? Help us to take you at your Word, the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us. Help us to trust that your Holy Spirit is our guide on this journey, and that, although it may be rough, you will never let us go. Help us to grow into your love with every step of this journey. In Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

Katie Kinnison

Sign the fellowship pad & pass it to your neighbor. (Prayer request cards collected.)

Pastors on call for pastoral care this week:

Sun., Mon., Wed. - Tracy 614-946-2982

Tues., Fri. - Katie 614-625-1335

Thur., Sat. - Jim 614-886-3681

In Sympathy - The prayers of the Covenant congregation are extended to the family of Alice Ford who recently died.

Prayer Requests

Matt Campbell & family	Pete Hemmer	Becca McGeoch	Emily Meckstroth
Roberta Adams	Marianne Dodson	Charlotte & Elaine Bazydlo	Richard Hill
Alexa Hobbs Gregory	Rachel Timmons	Sue Park	Steve DeWitte
Matt Anutta	Mary Doersam	Maggie Broekema	John Lott
Sarah Eagleson	Linda Patterson	Weldon Adams	Donna Runyan
Dennis & Megan Brooks	Tom Wilson	Orlene Shimberg	Janna Erbaugh
Donna Simpson	Sherry Flyr	Evie Smith Keiser	Ellen Greeger
Manette Friske	Dori Odenath	Carl Herfel	Doris Evans
Lois Becker	Shelly Wyllie	Judy Gray	Kay Hantak
Kelly McDonald	Robert Spencer	Joan Spencer	Jerome Dillon
Don Rorapough	Greer Rouda	Ethel Thomas	Janet Bartels
Madison Hanosek	Larry Limes	Rev. Curtis Miller	Whitney Von Voigt
Judy Gallagher	Roberta Lenhart	Jenny	Amber
Quinn	Michael	Lori	Rachel
Nina	Amy	Anthony	Natalie
Carrie			

HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

Margaret Robertson	Stan Eriksen	Bob Bartels	Peggy Dinger
Leona Rapp	Judy Sechler	Marvin White	Harrison Gardner

Yvonne Nowels

Keep us updated on those who should be on the prayer list. Call the office, 451-6677, or email JP when you want a name added or removed. New names will stay on the list for one month. If you'd like the name to remain on the list after that, call the office.



OUR VISION - 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 - Covenant Presbyterian Church is an open, accepting community awakening to God's life-giving love together.

Sunday worship services:

Traditional: 8:30am and 11:00am, Sanctuary; Alternative Gathering: 10am, Fellowship Hall

Office Hours: Mon.-Thur. 8:30am-4:00pm; Fri. 8:30am-12:00pm



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11:00 SPECIAL MUSIC "My Song is Love Unknown" arr. Cathy Moglebust

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing
8:30 Connie Kennedy; 11:00 Martin Spencer

TALK WITH CHILDREN

Puppet & Jim

We encourage children to stay with us in worship. We try to keep the worship experience engaging and participatory for all ages. Some little ones who are too restless to remain in the Sanctuary for the full hour, with their grown-ups' permission, at this time may go to Room 112 for Wiggle Worship.

***HYMN NO. 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Tracy Keenan
Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal pg. 35. We say "debts" & "debtors.")

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9 NT pg. 76
Lay Readers: 8:30 Terry Kennedy Mancini; 11:00 Jeff DuBois

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 55:1-11 OT pg. 685

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON That Blasted Fig Tree Parable Katie Kinnison preaching

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory 8:30 "My Song is Love Unknown" arr. Cathy Moglebust
11:00 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" William C. Jaquette

*Doxology No. 606 OLD HUNDREDDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN NO. 307** "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Variation on CWM RHONDDA
After worship services Stephen Ministers will be in the Narthex to pray with anyone who desires it.

*All who can comfortably do so, please stand.

NEWS & EVENTS THAT HELP US FULFILL OUR PURPOSE

For more info visit www.covenantpcusa.org

TODAY

-The Spring 2016 Communicator is available online. Copies were mailed to those who don't have access to computers. There are a few on the Welcome Table.

-7@Supper: A simple, rotating supper club. Last day to sign up for either a Tues. or Fri. night group that meets in people's homes once a month March, April, May. Hosts provide a main dish. Others take an appetizer, side, or dessert. Sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Charlotte Sharpe, 486-1619, rcsharpe2@icloud.com. Can't come to all? Try to make at least 2 of the 3 dates: Tues., March 8, April 4, May 3. Fri., March 4, April 1, May 6.

-Blood Drive March 21: Sign up in the hallway between services. Mona Connolly, 614-886-4413.

ADULTS & CHILDREN

- 8:30am - **Worship** in the Sanctuary
- Children dismissed to Wiggle Worship
- 9:45am - **Agora**, Lounge -
- 10:00am - **Gathering**, Fellowship Hall. *Repenting Our Scarcity Mentality*, Katie Kinnison preaching
- Children dismissed to Treasure Finders
- Youth dismissed to Chapel
- 11:00am - **Worship** in the Sanctuary
- Children dismissed to Wiggle Worship
- 6:30pm - **Sunday Night Bible Study**, Lounge
Led by Colleen Davis or Lisa Wallace

YOUTH

- 4-5:30pm **Verge** Youth (grades 4-7) Lisa Coakley, lisa_coakley@att.net, Jenny Speas, speasjg@gmail.com
- 5:30pm **Youth** Group (grades 8-12) Scot Braswell
- Sign up for reminders: Text @covy to 81010
 - Like us on Facebook: Covenant Presbyterian Youth

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tues., March 1

- 8:15am Centering Prayer, Lounge
- 1:00pm Mission Sewing, room 121
- 1:30pm Staff Meeting, Tracy's office
- 6:15pm Bell Choir
- 7:00pm Permanent Funds Ministry, TK office
- 7:30pm Tuesday Night Lenten Bible Study, Lounge

Wed., March 2

- 8:15am Centering Prayer, Lounge
- 9:15am Eunice-Lydia Circle, Lounge
- 1:00pm CPW Coordinating Team, Lounge
- 1:00pm Bible Study, Room 120
- 4:00pm Tutoring
- 7:00pm Naomi Circle, FV
- 7:00pm Preacher from the Pew, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Theology Pub, El Vaquero

Thurs., March 3

- 9:30am Miriam Circle, Lounge
- 7:00pm Elizabeth Circle, 120
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Music room

Fri., March 4

- 9:30am Joy Gym, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30am Women's Theology, 120
- 12:00pm Breakfast prep, kitchen

Sat. March 5

- 9:00am CPW Lenten Breakfast, Lounge

This Week Feb. 29-March 5

Mission Sewing - Every Tuesday, 1pm, room 121

Centering Prayer - Contact Katie Kinnison
Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:15am, Lounge

Tuesday Night Lenten Bible Study
Be Not Afraid: Open Your Bibles

Tuesdays through March 22, 7:30-9pm, Lounge
Some use sacred texts to justify horrible things. We have much to repent and learn. Learn how to read the bible according to the Rule of Love and in communion with other people. This can change your life...and the world.

Wed. Bible Study - Every Wed., 1pm, Rm. 120

Theology Pub for Young Adults Starts!

Wed., March 2, 7:30pm, El Vaquero, Riverside Dr.
Young adult group get together for dinner and discussion. If interested, call Tim Augsback, 859-322-2398.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

March 20 - Palm Sun., 8:30 & 11am, Worship Services. 10am *Gathering*

March 24 - Maundy Thurs., 7pm, Taize Worship Service, Tenebrae Candle Light/Communion

March 25 - Good Friday, 10am, TGIGF, children; 7pm, Worship Service, The 7 Last Words & Powerful Music

March 26 - Easter Vigil, 8pm, From fire to font to feast, a service of expectation

March 27 - Easter Sunday, 8:30 & 11am, Worship Services. 10am *Gathering*

April 3 - More Easter Celebration & Children's Egg Hunt, 9:45am

Preacher from the Pew

Wednesdays through March 16, 7pm, Sanctuary
Members will present their journeys of faith. Distinguished lay preachers are: Feb. 17, Tim Scott; Feb. 24, Sharon Steingass; March 2, Cherie Brooks; March 9, Charlie Vazquez; March 16, Cary Hanosek. Join us!

Women's Theology Group - Begins March 4 1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:30-11:30, Rm. 120

Read and discuss a new book, *Encountering God in Tyrannical Texts: Reflections on Paul, Women, and the Authority of Scripture* by Frances Taylor Gench. Discussion will begin with the intro and first chapter.

Prayer Shawl Circle - See Louise Davidson
2nd & 4th Fri., 9:30am, Lounge

All Church Lenten Breakfast

Sat., March 5, 9:30am, Lounge
Lamar Graham from 1st Community Church's Heart to Heart Pantry will speak on hunger and the work done by the Pantry. \$5.00 payable at the door. bring 2 cans of food for the Heart to Heart Pantry and Covenant's SOS Pantry.

Next Sunday, March 6



Covenant Concert Series
Classics to Contemporary:
A Broadway Review
Sun., March 6, 3pm

Jill Cameron, soprano; Katie Wynkoop, piano.

A free will offering will be donated entirely to Covenant's SOS food bank.

- SOS Food Pantry Sunday - Bring non-perishable foods to be distributed to families in need.

-Sermon, 8:30 & 11am - Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, *The Temptation to Remain*, Scot Braswell preaching

- Men's Spirituality Group, 9:30am, 120 - Discuss Richard Rohr's book, *From Wild Man to Wise Man*. Contact Bob Tannehill

- Agora, 9:45, Lounge

-Gathering, 10am - Amos 5:8-14, *Repenting Our Boundless Hunger*, Katie Kinnison preaching

-Verge, 4pm -Youth, 5:30pm

Next Week March 7-12

Covenant Children's Center Open House

Thur., March 10, 6-7pm

Visit the classrooms, meet our staff, talk with parents and students, and enjoy family friendly activities.

Support Survivors of Trafficking!

Covenant is going downtown to CATCH Court one Thursday a month to serve lunch to some of our heroes - brave women rebuilding their lives. See sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the pastors' offices, or contact Katie Kinnison for info. March 10, April 14, May 19, June 16.

Parents' Night Out

Fri., March 11, 6-8:30pm (2nd Fri. of each month)
Parents go out while their children eat, play, watch movies. Donations accepted. Questions: Erin Wise, erinwise3@yahoo.com. **Register by Tues., March 8: <http://tinyurl.com/mxm9b9d>.**

Looking Ahead March 13+

Primetimers

Fri., March 18, 12pm, Lounge

"Getting to Know Our Vice Presidents - and Their Second Ladies Too" by Jeri Diehl-Cusack. Bring a dish to share and your own service. RSVP Dorothy Grossman, 614-488-2820.

Men's Spirituality Group

Sun., March 20, April 10, 24, 9:30am, 120

Discuss Richard Rohr's book, *From Wild Man to Wise Man*. Contact Bob Tannehill



American Red Cross

Blood Mobile - Save the Date

March 21, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall

Calling all donors or interested volunteers. Covenant will host a bloodmobile for the American Red Cross. Did you know that giving blood could save a life? Ask questions or sign up in the hallway between services. Contact Mona Connolly, 614-886-4413.

Spiritual Cinema: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*

Mon., March 21, 6:30pm, Lounge

Set during World War II, the 8-year-old son of the commandant at a concentration camp befriends a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence with unexpected consequences. Contact Beth Askue, 614-284-1767

TGIGF (Thank God It's Good Friday)

Fri., March 25, 9:30-11:30am

Wonder why this sad day is called *good*? We'll talk about that, about how amazing and wonderful it is that nothing can ever stop God's love. We'll learn about this Holy Week and the story of Jesus, loving and loving. We'll make things, play games, eat hot cross buns and other snacks and have a wonderful time. Cost is \$5. Registration begins in March.

Other News & Opportunities

Jay Armstrong Endowment for Youth Ministry



Covenant youth or friends of Covenant can apply for all or part of this \$2000 grant for service/mission projects or for expenses or capital purchases for a youth activity, trip or project. Application is on our web site. **Deadline is Sun., March 27.** Donate to *Covenant* and note *Jay Fund*.

The Jean A. Mortland Memorial Scholarship was established because of her appreciation for excellent music and advocacy for higher education. Recipient is selected by the Worship and Arts Commission. Applicant should be pursuing a college or graduate degree in music or theology, a member of Covenant or associated closely, demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their vocation. Also considered are overall GPA, financial need, written recommendations. Must be enrolled in the institution to which the gift will be directed. **Deadline is March 30.** Contact Ingrid Brooker.

Covenant Children's Center & Children's Day Out are accepting applications from church members and current students for the 2016-17 school year.

CDO, Preschool, Kindergarten Enrichment, and After School applications are available on the church website. Registration for the general public begins March 1.

Partnership with Hoge on W. Broad in the Hilltop

We've joined Hoge Memorial Church in its community ministry. Every third Sat., 4-7pm, we prepare, take, serve a meal for 50+ people at Hoge. Contact Tracy for March 19, April 16, or May 21.

Vacation Bible School, July 18-22



Join us at the *Surf Shack* as we *Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love*. Registration starts soon. We're planning to bring the sunny surf to Covenant and we need your help: teachers, assistants, craft helpers, snack preppers, game leaders, baby snugglers, decorators, general helpers. If interested in being a part of this crazy fun ministry, let Erin know.