



April 2, 2017 - 8:30am & 11:00am
5th Sunday in Lent / Communion

- **Covenant Church welcomes children in worship.** There is a nursery for infants through age 2 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.
- **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.
- **Large print bibles and hymn books are on the credenza in the Narthex.**
- **Please silence your cell phone**, but feel free to join the staff in Tweeting high points of the service: @CovenantGather, @tr_keenan, @katiekin-nison, and Puppet (our friend from Sunday morning Talk with Children) @Puppet2070
- **Prayer request cards** are collected during Fellowship Moments.

**Flowers by the chancel are from Nan Davidson
in honor of the Campanile Handbell Choir members**

PRELUDE “The God of Abraham Praise” arr. Hayes

GREETINGS & PASSING OF THE PEACE 8:30 Katie Kinnison; 11:00 Shea Watts
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, fellow travellers on this Lenten journey:
Lent is a season of practice.

We practice being intentional, being brave, being open.
We practice living, practice dying, practice resurrection.

All: Are we willing to walk through this wilderness?

Leader : The living Christ knows the wilderness way
and accompanies us through each twist in the road,
each steep bank, each dark valley.

All that is asked of us is to be willing.

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All : Are we willing to walk through the wilderness?

Leader : The Holy Spirit's promise is to offer the strength and courage we need, the peace that holds us, and even prayers when we cannot offer our own.

All : Are we willing to walk through the wilderness?

Leader : Do not be afraid. God calls us each by name.
Let the Holy One who has brought you this far bring you home.

All : Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 695** "Change My Heart, O God"

CHANGE MY HEART

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are reluctant to venture into new territory,
even when the familiar one is painful.

You call us to newness of life,
but our old lives are the ones we know best.

Help us, O God, to take the first steps,
to reach out and take your hand,
to be willing to be willing.

Free us of the rubbish that hinders our living,
and give us the courage to walk through the wilderness,
to the cross and beyond,
to the life it opens for us.

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!

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn No. 177, *I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)* Verse 4 & Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!

(refrain) Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

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

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

Tracy Keenan

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Martin Spencer

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:24-30

NT pg. 42

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Willing To Change*

Tracy Keenan preaching

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE (See inside back cover of hymnal)

If you need a gluten-free wafer, there's a cup in the center of the tray. We use juice, not wine.

Music During Distribution "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory 8:30 "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

arr. Moses Hogan

11:00 "Coming Home"

Joseph Martin

*Doxology No. 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. 100** "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (Canticle of the Turning)" *STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN*

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING

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

POSTLUDE Reprise of *STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN*

After worship services Stephen Ministers will be in up front on the bells side to pray with anyone who desires it.

Today

- 8:30a** - **Worship** in the Sanctuary
- **Children:** Joyful Noise/Wiggle Worship
- 9:30a** - **Men's Spirituality**, Rm. 120
- 9:45a** - **Confirmation Class**, Grades 8-10,
Co-teachers: Tracy Keenan, Ed Chung
- 10:00a** - **Gathering**, Katie Kinnison preaching
- **Children** (age 3-5th grade): Joyful Noise then Treasure Finders
- **Spiritual Verge** (grades 6-8)
- 11:00a** - **Worship** in the Sanctuary
- **Children:** Joyful Noise/Wiggle Worship
- 2:00p** - ***Interfaith March for Peace**
- 4:00p** - **NO Verge**
- 5:30p** - **Youth**
- 6:30p** - **Bible Study**, Rm. 120. Lenten study: *Kairos Palestine Easter Alert*. Copies on the welcome table. All welcome. Contact Lisa Wallace.

***Interfaith March for Peace - Genoa Park**
All people should be free to practice their faith without fear and to coexist peacefully. Join neighbors to build community and demand justice for all.

Joyful Noise Kids

April 9, 8:30 and 11am services

Treasure Finders (ages 3 - 5th grade) practice each week at 10:10am after they leave *Gathering*. Contact Katie Wynkoop.

11am Worship Services Streamed Live at YOUTUBE.COM. *covenantpresbyterianoh*. Previous worship services, music and special events are also available there. Also, listen to previous sermons on our web site.

Week at a Glance

Mon., April 3

9:30a Children's Day Out

Tues., April 4

8:15a Centering Prayer, Lounge

9:30a Children's Day Out

1:00p Mission Sewing, 121

1:30p Staff Meeting, Tracy's office

6:15p Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00p Tuesday Lent, Lounge

Wed., April 5

9:30a Children's Day Out

1:00p Bible Study, 120

4:00p Tutoring, Lounge

6:00p Soup & Bible Study, Lounge

7:00p Preacher from the Pew, Sanc.

Thurs., April 6

9:30a Children's Day Out

7:00p Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm.

Fri., April 7

9:30a Women's Theology, 120

Sat., April 8

8:00a Men's Breakfast, First Watch

Flower Dedication. Commemorate a special day or loved one with Sunday flowers. Only \$36. See Anna Jo Bees

April 3-8

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays, 8:15am, Lounge

A way of praying that can help you stay awake to God's presence in your life. Katie Kinnison, Sandy Tullett, Cora Kuyvenhoven, Jeff Roedel.

Tues. Night Spiritual Formation

Tues., April 4, 7pm. *The Practice of Presence: Listening & Friendship* (Katie Kinnison).

Wed. Bible Studies - Katie Kinnison teaching
Wed., April 5, 1pm, Rm. 120
6pm, Lounge. Soup & Bible.

NOTE: Through April 5, 7pm bible study will meet from 6-7pm before Preacher from the Pew. Regular Wednesday schedule resumes April 12 with Genesis.

Preacher from the Pew

Wed., April 5, 7pm - Todd Cameron

Come hear your brother share his spiritual walk during this Lenten season.

Support Survivors of Human Trafficking! **- Thurs., April 6, 11am, meet at church**

Serve lunch to women rebuilding their lives. Sign up on the Mission & Social Concerns board in the hall or contact Katie Kinnison.
- We make toiletry kits for women released from jail with nothing. 5-8 bags needed each month. Cost is \$15 each. Our middle school youth assemble the bags and write notes of encouragement. Checks should be made out to *Covenant*, with *HT BAGS* on the memo line.

Women's Theology

1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:30am, Rm. 120

Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most by Marcus Borg, available from Amazon, \$10.

Men's Breakfast

Sat., April 8, 8am, First Watch, Kingsdale

Contact Allan Kennedy, 614-451-9318.

April 9-15

Tues. Night Spiritual Formation

Tues., April 11, 7pm. *Knowing Enough: Mindful Eating, Stewardship & Sabbath.* (Katie Kinnison). Lean into Lent.

Thank God It's Good Friday!

Fri., April 14, 9:30-11:30am

Children aren't the only ones who wonder why this sad day is called good. We'll talk about that, about how amazing and wonderful it is that nothing ever can 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 fun. Cost is \$5. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/tgigf2017>

No April Parents' Night Out due to Good Friday.

Open Shelter Lunch Prep

2nd Fri./month, 8:30, kitchen

Help assemble lunches for 175 people. Lunches delivered to Open Shelter. Come when you can. Mona Connolly, 614-886-4413; Carrie Mellen, dmellen@columbus.rr.com, 614-771-1396.

Covenant Easter Season

April 9 - Palm Sunday Worship Services

8:30 & 11am Artist-in-Residence Organist, Jason Keefer, Brass Ensembles; 10am Gathering

April 13 - Maundy Thursday Worship Service

7pm Taizé, Tenebrae, Communion, Taizé sung by our Chancel Choir & congregation.

April 14 - Good Friday (see page 4)

10am TGIGF, children. 7pm Worship Service. Artist-in-Residence Organist, Jason Keefer

April 15 - Easter Vigil, 8pm, begins in the courtyard. *On the Cusp of the New.*

April 16 - Easter Worship Services

8:30 & 11am Artist-in-Residence Organist, Jason Keefer; Brass Ensembles; 10am Gathering

April 23, 10am - *Children's Egg Hunt & More Easter Celebration

Partners with Hoge Presby. Church

Every 3rd Sat., 4-7pm, W. Broad, Hilltop

Help prepare, deliver, serve meals for 50+ people. Menus and recipes are available.

John Griffin, johnmgriffin3685@gmail.com.

April 16+

Additional Book Discussion: *The Soul of Money*

Tues., April 18, 7pm

Discuss issues involved in money decisions which stem from more than just dollars and senses. We impact the world in important ways. Books available on The Welcome Table. Led by Katie Kinnison

Neighborhood Shred Day

Sat., April 22, 9am-12pm

Personal and/or sensitive documents are shredded on site, so you can be sure your information is secure. Folders, direct mail, paper clips and staples are ok. Please remove binder clips and plastic covers. \$1/box is requested to defray the cost.

*Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration!

Sun., April 23, 10am

Good news! Easter is a season, not just one day. We'll be outside if the weather is good or in the education wing if it is not. Bring empty baskets and get ready to join in the fun.

Breakfast on the Beach with Jesus

Sun., April 30

Treasure Finder special event! Children will have a special gathering together during our Treasure Finders time when we will explore one of our favorite stories. It's fish sticks and donuts for breakfast. Don't miss it!

End Poverty and Hunger

Justice & Peace is introducing Sustainable Development Goals to CPC.

- Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
- Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition, promote sustainable agriculture.

See www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment.

Sun., April 30, we'll write letters to our Congressional representatives asking them to support efforts to end hunger.

Other News & Opps

Your Kroger Plus Card Can Earn Rewards for Covenant: Register your Kroger Plus card online. Then you'll earn rewards for Covenant every time you shop. Instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/hc-syqle>. Contact Ingrid Brooker.

The Jean A. Mortland Memorial Scholarship was established in 2007 in memory of Jean A. Mortland because of her appreciation for excellent music and advocacy for higher education. Jean was a 40+ year member of Covenant and taught at Capital U. Law School. Her faith was service oriented and socially active. Her leadership at Covenant was a gift of intellect, passion, and strength. She left a substantial bequest to us which was supplemented by donations made in her memory to reflect her love of music, higher education and the Christian faith. The 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 in some manner, and demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their vocation. Also considered are overall GPA, financial need, and written recommendations. The candidate must be enrolled in the institution of higher learning to which the gift will be directed. Deadline is May 1. For info and application form, contact Ingrid.

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LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Mark Owen, Betsy Owen, Betty Johnston, Terry Kennedy Mancini

11:00 Frank Croft, Dick Lewis, Jay McLean, John Emrick

Greeters: 8:30 Carol Craven, Karl Craven, Gail Griffin

11:00 Bill Balderaz, Barbara Marshall, Steve Zilles

Musicians: Jim Eder, Bass; Chancel Choir

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF

Tracy Keenan, Pastor/Head-of-Staff - tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org

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Pastors on call for pastoral care this week:

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doug & Nancy	Sandy Schupp	Megan Noble	Caden Stanley
Dan Rasche	Sam McCamy	Manette Friske	Mike Van Aman
Rick Cosgray	Betty Raup	Charlie Friske's sister	Bekkah Friske
Marianne Dodson	Alexa Hobbs Gregory	Rachel Timmons	Mary Doersam
Orlene Shimberg	Ellen Greegor	Kay Hantak	Don Rorapaugh
Madison Hanosek	Larry Limes	Carol	Heather
Becky	Jenny	Maureen	Jared
Lydia	Karen Gagel	Steve & Melinda	Mary Jane Bogart
Kay Moore	David White	DeRoberts family	Linda Patterson
Leroy Bundy	Eric Schaefer	Neva	Mimi Billman
Riley	Steve DeWitt	Betty	Phil
Allison	Al Odemath	Katrina's brother	Sherrie's fiance
Pam's best friend	Paul Danielson	Will Hughes	Fallon, Gavin, Maddox, Nora
Dave Ulry	Ann & Ronny Ferguson		

HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

Margaret Robertson	Stan Eriksen	Bob Bartels	Peggy Dinger
Judy Sechler	Harrison Gardner	Maggie Broekema	Betty Lindstrom

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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