

Pastor on call for pastoral care this week: Katie 614-625-1335

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rick Cosgray	Charlie Friske's sister	Orlene Shimberg	Ellen Greigor
Kay Hantak	Madison Hanosek	Heather	Jenny Flynn
Maureen	Paul Danielson	Nate	Jessie
Elizabeth Remnant	Holden Keefer	Lanny Long	Kay Olson
4-year-old boy	Maria Felston	CPC Member & Brother	Disaster victims/responders
Chuck Winslow	Brenda Wheatcraft	Bill Carr	Joan Sanford
Thereza's baby nephew	Karen Owen	Ted Macosko	Stephanie McNally
Mary Doersam	Anne Rorapaugh	Sarah Eagleson	Amy Donohue
John	Susan Garmhausen	Brenda	May Summers
Cathy Spicer	Jutta	Renate & Craig Curtis	Anonymous Friend
Greta	Rick Buntain	Michael Racey	Jesse
Megan	Tiffany Epling	John McCarty	Manette Friske
Milissa Campbell	Lizzy, Sue, Len	Anonymous sister	Danielle Henry
Bob	Collin's family	Pat	Patty
Buck Newby	Holly Peterson	Mona Connolly	Lindsey Sosovac
Eddy Campbell	Edward VonDoesin	Adam Pellar	Alea Ramesey
Scott & Charla	Patrick	Thomas age 2	Anita & Nina
Shirley's family	Rudy Vazquez	Kay Fuller	Matt Gabel
Family who lost their baby	Cathy Morrison	Amy's brother-in-law Travis	Dave Purdy
Suzanne Green			

HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

Margaret Robertson	Judy Sechler	Harrison Gardner	Maggie Broekema
Joanne Borrer	Sara Herfel	Peggy Dinger	

Call the office, 614-451-6677, 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, please call the office.



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

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.

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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Celebration of Worship

Sunday, March 3, 2019 8:30am & 11:00am

Transfiguration of the Lord / Communion / Dave Powers, piano

- **Covenant Church welcomes children in worship.** There's a nursery for infants through age 2 in Rm 101 in the educational wing. Worship bags with quiet activities are inside the name tag cart.
- **Large print bibles and hymn books are on the credenza in the Narthex.**
- **Prayer request cards** are collected during Fellowship Moments.
- **Hearing devices** are available. Ask an usher. Also, the Sanctuary, Lounge and Fellowship Hall are wired with a system for digital hearing aids.
- **Please silence your cell phone**, but feel free to join the staff in Tweeting high points of the service: @CovenantGather, @katiekinnison
- **The 2nd Sunday of every month, you may officially join Covenant at any of our three services.** See our New Member brochure (in pews and on the welcome table) or contact Rev. Katie Kinnison.
- **Live stream 8:30 & 11:00 services:** www.youtube.com/user/Covenantpcusa/live
For past services, special music, other church videos: www.youtube.com/user/Covenantpcusa

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Andrea Eberhard, Nancy Davidson, David Smathers, Carol Smathers

11:00 Frank Croft, Mike Davis, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett

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

11:00 Esther Curtis, Karen Hjelm

Musicians: Dave Powers, piano; Brian Gray, baritone; Chancel Choir

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF

Rev. Katie Kinnison, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation - katherinekinnison@covenantpcusa.org

Erin Wise, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries - erinwise@covenantpcusa.org

Cherie Brooks, Director of Music - cheriebrooks@covenantpcusa.org

Caroline McGeoch, Director, Covenant Children's Center - childcenter@covenantpcusa.org

Katie Wynkoop, Organist/Pianist - kwynkoop29@gmail.com

Shane Spicer, Assistant for Children's Ministry - jagsniche@gmail.com

Flowers by the chancel are from Terry Kennedy Mancini in celebration of her and Joe's 20th wedding anniversary!

PRELUDE “Lift Him Up”

William Edward Funk

GREETINGS & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Erin Wise

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.¹

Leader: What has come into being in Christ Jesus is life,
and the life is the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.²

Leader: We gather here to worship, to rekindle life and light,

All: To know that God is among us, and to give clarity to our sight,

Leader: That we might carry that abundant life and warming light into this anxious world.

All: Let us open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy One.

Let us worship God.

¹ Isaiah 9:2
² John 1:3-5

***HYMN NO. 312** “Take Us As We Are, O God”

ENDLESS FEAST

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace and God of Glory, we confess that we make our protective way through a cold, dim world rife with fear. We easily slip into grim feelings of pessimism, if not helplessness and despair. But you, O God, are our strength, our rock, our redeemer. You hold out to us the joy and peace of believing, so that we may be people of hope and confidence by the power of your Holy Spirit.³ Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days. Amen.

³Romans 15:13

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.)

TALK WITH CHILDREN

Erin Wise

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.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 3:18-4:2

NT pg. 180

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *So Beautiful*

Katie Kinnison preaching

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

All are welcome to partake. 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 8:30 “Dreamscape”

Stephen Schwartz

11:00 “Be Not Afraid”

Douglas Wagner

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory “You Are So Beautiful to Me”

Billie Preston & Bruce Fisher

*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.**

***HYMN NO. 302** “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”

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***BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

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

POSTLUDE “One More Time”

Bill Doggett

² **All who can comfortably do so, please stand.*

Today

8:30a - Worship, Sanctuary
- Children: Wiggle Worship

9:00a - Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast!

All the pancakes and sausage you can eat \$5 per person, 4 years and younger free.

9:45a - Men's Spirituality, 120

10:00a - No Gathering, Treasure Finders, or Youth Worship today. Enjoy the Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast from 9-11am

11:00a - Worship, Sanctuary
- Children: Wiggle Worship

6:30p - Bible Study, 120

Lenten Booklets - Our Spiritual Development and Adult Learning Commission has a Lenten gift for you: a booklet of Covenant offerings and opportunities, as well as all sorts of ideas for you to live into this Lenten season. Get a hard copy in the hall today or from our website.

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH

Covenant's Interim Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work looking at candidates. The committee members are Beth Askue, Kim Halsey, Linda Billman, Charlie Bergmann and Rusty Miller. It is hoped the fulltime Interim, with a likely tenure of 12-18 months, can be on the job this spring. He or she will be charged with leading worship services, guiding the Covenant staff and Session and helping Katie with weddings, funerals and hospital visits. The Interim will oversee the transitional period until a new, permanent Pastor is in place. Please pray for those working on the Interim Nominating Committee and, in time, the Pastor Nominating Committee. In the meantime, Katie Kinnison will be acting head of staff until our gap pastor, Don Hilkerbaumer, arrives March 21.

Week at a Glance

Mon., March 4

9:30a Children's Day Out, Nursery

9:30a Hearts & Hands, 120

6:30p Stephen Ministry, Lounge

7:00p Justice & Peace, 121

Tues., March 5

9:30a Children's Day Out, Nursery

1:00p Mission Sewing, 121

6:00p Bell Choir

7:00p Elizabeth Circle, 121

Wed., March 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15a Centering Prayer, Lounge

9:15a Eunice-Lydia Circle, Lounge

9:30a Children's Day Out, Nursery

10:30a Staff Meeting

4:00p Tutoring, Lounge

7:00p ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Thur., March 7

9:30a Children's Day Out, Nursery

9:30a Miriam Circle, Lounge

11:00a CATCH Court

6:00p Worship & Arts, Lounge

7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri., March 8

9:30a Children's Day Out, Nursery

9:30a Prayer Shawl Circle, Lounge

6:00p Parents' Night Out

Sat., March 9

8:00a Men's Breakfast at First Watch

9:00a CPW Lenten Breakfast, Lounge

6:00p Schooners, Lounge, Fellowship Hall

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10.

Set clocks ahead one hour.

March 4-9

No Wednesday Bible Study This Week Resumes March 13

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 8:15am, Lounge

Learn this way of being present with God and praying without words, bringing us deep peace and molding us into people who laugh easily and love well. Contact Katie Kinnison, Sandy Tullett, Cora Kuyvenhoven or Jeff Roedel.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wed., March 6, 7pm, Sanctuary

Childcare provided. Join us as we mark this special time, as we begin our Lenten journey. We will not only look our mortality in the eye, we will know ourselves to be bodies made of star dust who are filled with the very breath of God. We will name ourselves "beautiful messes", and we will begin traveling together toward new life.

Support Survivors of Human Trafficking

March 7, 11am, meet at church, (1st. Thur./Month)

Serve lunch at CATCH Court to women rebuilding their lives. Sign up at Mission & Social Concerns in the hall. Contact Katie Kinnison. **We also make toiletry kits.** 5-8 bags/month. \$15 each. Make checks out to *Covenant*, with *HT BAGS* on the memo line.

FYI: The Spring 2019 *Communicator*, filled with events, news and more Covenant goings on, is available on our website to view, download and print. Check it out!

Parents' Night Out

Fri., March 8, 6-8:30pm (2nd Fri./month)

We host and feed children so that their parents can go be grown-ups. Register by Tues., March 5 at <http://tinyurl.com/covenantpno>. Contact Erin Wise, erinwise@covenantpcusa.org.

Men's Breakfast

Sat., March 9, 8am, (2nd Sat./month)

First Watch, Kingsdale

Contact Allan Kennedy, 614-451-9318.

CPW Lenten Breakfast

Sat., March 9, 9:30am, Lounge

Speaker Covenant member Nancy Hughes will talk about her music ministry at the Marysville Women's Prison. She's a vocalist/guitarist with the 70s band, *Agent 99*. All members/guests welcome. Sign up at circle meetings or between services Sun., March 3. \$8 paid at the door.

Learn about Scams & Frauds

Sat., March 9, 6pm, Fellowship Hall, Lounge

Covenant's Schooners invite you to a free dinner and program sponsored by AARP about how to recognize and deal with scams and frauds. RSVP to the church office, 614-451-6677.

March 10-16

The After Party Returns - How Are We to Live: The Rule of St. Benedict

March 10, 17, 24, 12:15pm, Lounge

Led by Katie Kinnison. Come learn about how a text from the 6th Century can teach us how to live deeper, richer lives. We'll look at the quality of our relationships with others, what it is to have a listening heart, and the practice of Lectio Divina.

The 2019 COVENANT VARIETY SHOW! The Greatest Church on Earth: Cirque du Covenant!
Sat., April 6

Go to our website under *Get Involved, Adults, Variety Show*, for all the information and to enter your act. Rehearsal will be that morning 10am-12pm. Performance at 6:30pm. **Buy tickets:** \$8 (10 & under \$4) on Sun., March 17, 24, 31 between services or call Betsy Sebastian 614-457-4383

This is going to be a night to remember!

Preacher from the Pew Series

Wednesdays, March 13–April 10

Supper 6-6:50pm, Lounge;

Service 7pm Sanctuary

You are invited to our annual series where members will enlighten our Lenten season by presenting their journeys of faith. Meals will be soup, salad and bread. If you're able to bring soup or bread, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the hall or email Katie Kinnison.

Our 2019 Preachers from the Pew are:

March 13	Alan Yaretts
March 20	Linda Billman
March 27	Jeff DuBois
April 3	Stephanie Pierce
April 10	Emma Vazquez

Please see our display in the hallway.

Primetimers

Fri., March 15, 12 pm, Lounge

Gail Messick will present a program on her work in Africa. Please bring a dish to share and your table service. Contact: Jude McLean 614-457-9177.

Women's Theology

1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:30-11:30am, rm 120

Discuss *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian* by Brian D. McLaren. Contact Louise Davidson or Susan Imel.

March 17+

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Mon., March 18, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall

Save lives! Give blood. Mona Connolly, 614-886-4413, and Tiffany Epling, 518-431-9280, can make an appointment for you. Or register online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Spiritual Cinema

3rd Mon./month, 6:30-9pm, Lounge

March 18 - *Glory Road* is based on a true story surrounding the events leading up to the 1966 NCAA University Division Basketball Championship (the historic name for what is now known as the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament) with an all-black starting lineup, a first in NCAA history. Subtitled so no dialogue is missed. Contact Beth Askue, 614-284-1767, or Susan Imel, 614-262-7444.

Parenting Together

Thur., March 21, 28, April 4, 5:30-7pm

Dinner and childcare provided. Led by Katie Kinnison and Erin Wise. Join us for important conversations and shared laughter.

March 21 - *Already Worthy of Love & in the Process of Our Becoming*. How do we help our kids know that in this moment, without changing one thing about them, they are completely worthy of love and correct and guide them into becoming whole, responsible and loving grown ups.

TGIGF (Thank God It's Good Friday)

Fri., April 19, 9:30-11:30am

Children are not 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 and loving. We'll make things, play games, eat hot cross buns and some other snacks and have a wonderful time. The cost is \$5. **Register Today:** <http://tinyurl.com/tgigf2019>



agement. We can't wait to come back and share our stories and experiences with our church family.

Pave The Way Update

The youth would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the Pave the Way fundraiser. We are thrilled to announce we have reached our fundraising goal due to your generosity. We are looking forward to our trip this summer and the opportunity to learn and grow together. We will continue to gladly accept donations as we will be saving for future trips. Thank you so much for believing in our youth, for supporting them financially and through prayer. We are so grateful to each and every one of you for your love, support, and encouragement.

COVENANT'S FABULOUS PRESCHOOL IS ENROLLING NOW FOR 2 PROGRAMS.

- **SUMMER PRESCHOOL** is June 3-21, MWF, 9:30am-12:30pm. Children ages 3-5 years old who have not yet attended kindergarten are invited to explore fun topics and spend as much time as possible playing outside. Past topics have included outer space, construction, dinosaurs, messy science, and camping and can depend upon the interests of the children. Teachers lead a food preparation activity each week, as well as arts and crafts projects. If you also enroll in VBS (June 24-28), your preschooler is all set for a month of fun learning experiences.
- **2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR PRESCHOOL**, Sept. 3 through May 15, 2020, 9-11:30am, and children ages 3 - 5 may enroll 2, 3 or 5 mornings a week. Our play-based program nurtures children's love of learning and includes plenty of opportunities for children to practice and learn academic and social skills they will need to be successful in kindergarten in a fun, developmentally appropriate, low stress environment.

Both programs have low student/teacher ratios better than most other programs in the area (6:1), and large spacious classrooms. Our teachers are loving, patient, and creative with many years of experience and up-to-date training in safety, health, and child development. Find applications and information on the church website, www.covenantpcusa.org, or contact Caroline at childcenter@covenantpcusa.org, 614-451-6677 x23. Our small classes fill up quickly, so apply soon to save your spot.

CHILDREN'S DAY OUT REGISTRATION

has begun for current families and church members. Our website, www.covenantpcusa.org, has information and forms under *Children, Families & Children's Center*.