

Pastor on call for pastoral care this week:

Tues., Wed., Sat., Sun. - Tracy 614-946-2982 Mon., Fri. - Katie 614-625-1335 Thurs. - Jim 614-886-3681

IN SYMPATHY The sympathies of the Covenant congregation are extended to the family of Nancy Keith who died on Sat., Oct. 27, and to the family of John Schleder, whose memorial service was held here yesterday.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rick Cosgray	Charlie Friske's sister	Orlene Shimberg	Ellen Greeger
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	Kay Fuller	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	Clara O'Connell
Sarah Eagleson	Amy Donohue	John	Dorothy & Warren
Wayne Weiss & family	Susan Garmhausen	Brenda	J.B.
May Summers	Janie McCoy	Cathy Spicer	Jutta
Renate & Craig Curtis	Anonymous Friend	Greta	Rick Buntain
Michael Racey	Jack & Sharon	Pete Hemmer	Bill Staley
Millie	Jesse	Megan	Tiffany Epling
Andy Pena	Carol Craven	Susan Westberg	John McCarty
Manette Friske	Delores	Pat	Eddy
Mike	Chris	Jim	Nina
Kris	Milissa Campbell	Lizzy, Sue, Len	Brad

HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

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

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

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November 4, 2018 8:30am & 11:00am
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 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, @tr_keenan, @katiekinnison, and Puppet (our friend from Sunday morning Talk with Children) @Puppet2070
- **The 2nd Sunday of every month, you may officially join Covenant at any of our three services.** For information, consult our New Member brochure (in pews and on The Welcome Table) or contact Rev. Tracy Keenan or Rev. Katie Kinnison.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Andrea Eberhard, Betty Johnston, David Smathers, Carol Smathers
11:00 Frank Croft, Mike Davis, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett

Greeters: 8:30 Jeanie Auseon, Andy Clark
11:00 Betsy Campbell, Dick Campbell

Musicians: Aisha Brooks-Lytle; Brian Gray, baritone; Chancel Choir

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan, Pastor/Head-of-Staff - tracykeenancovenantpcusa.org
- Rev. Katie Kinnison, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation - katherinekinnisoncovenantpcusa.org
- Rev. Jim Mehler, Parish Associate - jimmehlercovenantpcusa.org
- Cherie Brooks, Director of Music - cheriebrookscovenantpcusa.org
- Katie Wynkoop, Organist/Pianist - katie.wynkoop@att.net
- Caroline McGeoch, Director, Covenant Children's Center - childcentercovenantpcusa.org
- Erin Wise, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries - erinwisecovenantpcusa.org
- Shane Spicer, Assistant for Children's Ministry - jagsniche@gmail.com

Flowers by the pulpit are from Karl and Carol Craven in celebration of our church staff and members.

Flowers by the lectern are given in memory of John Schleder by his family.

PRELUDE "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Shackley

GREETINGS & PASSING OF THE PEACE Jim Mehler
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From a fragmented society, we come together.

People: From a scattered world we gather.

Leader: From voices dividing us one from another,

People: We seek the unity of lifting our voices in praise.

Leader: In times of conflict,

People: We seek you, O God,

Leader: In times of anxiety,

People: We seek you, O God

Leader: In times of disintegration,

People: We seek you, O God.

Leader: Gather us here in this place that we might be filled with your healing Spirit,

People: And empowered to live your love with courage and grace.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 377** "I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light" HOUSTON

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are tempted, O God, to be swung to polarities
with each news item that arises.**

We are tempted, O God, to demonize the other.

We are tempted, O God, to the sins of self-righteousness and condemnation.

**We are tempted, O God, to sidestep the hard work of questioning
those easy answers.**

**We need your Holy Spirit to create in us new hearts, that we might learn
to be at the same time strong in our identity *and* welcoming of others;
to be at the same time servants of others *and* those who help others to grow;
to be at the same time accepting of life's challenges
and committed to making a difference in this world.**

**In the name of the one who was at the same time both holy and human,
Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

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

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

Tracy Keenan

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.

FIRST READING Hebrews 12:1-3 NT pg. 226

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6a NT pg. 259

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Ancestors: Celebration of All Saints* Tracy Keenan preaching

NECROLOGY (see insert)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE Tracy Keenan & Katie Kinnison

(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 8:30 "Prayer" Ricky Ian Gordon

11:00 "As We Gather at Your Table" K. Lee Scott

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory "Wisdom Whisper" Aisha Brooks-Lytle

*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. 326** "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

***BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

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

POSTLUDE Reprise of SINE NOMINE

Today

Communion

• **All Saints Day:** Remembering brothers and sisters who joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses.

• **Special Music - Aisha Brooks-Lytle**

Aisha Brooks-Lytle is the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and a gifted singer-songwriter. She will join us to sing one of her original pieces.

• **The After Party: *The Lost Gospel of Q: The Original Sayings of Jesus* (continues Nov. 11 & 18)** Led by David Connolly. This series is an exploration of a book by Marcus Borg. His friend John Dominic Crossan said of it, "Read carefully this manifesto of the kingdom of God." This collection of sayings was unearthed by scholarship rather than archeology. Over the course of some 150 years, bible scholars surmised the existence of a book of Jesus' quotes that they believe was used to compose the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Borg calls it "a guidebook to the land of the soul. It provides simple advice on getting along in the world. There are instructions on the everyday and the eternal."

8:30a - Worship, Sanctuary

- Children: Wiggle Worship

10:00a - Gathering, *Teaching Us How to Say*

Goodbye, Song of Songs 8:6, Fellowship Hall

- Treasure Finders

- Children's Sabbath Rehearsal

- No Youth Worship Today

10:30a - Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

11:00a - Worship, Sanctuary

- Children: Wiggle Worship

6:30p - Bible Study, 120

Week at a Glance

Mon., Nov. 5

9:30a Children's Day Out

9:30a Hearts & Hands, 120

1:00p *The Artist's Way*, Lounge

6:30p Stephen Ministry, Lounge

7:00p Justice & Peace, 121

Tues., Nov. 6 - Election Day

9:30a Children's Day Out

1:00p Mission Sewing, 121

6:30p Bell Choir, Sanctuary

7:00p Elizabeth Circle, 121

Wed., Nov. 7

9:15a Eunice-Lydia Circle, Lounge

9:30a Children's Day Out

10:30a Staff Meeting, Tracy's office

1:00p Wed. Bible Study, 120

7:00p Death Cafe, Lounge

7:30p Naomi Circle, Friendship Village

Thurs., Nov. 8

9:30a Children's Day Out

7:00p Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri., Nov. 9

9:30a Children's Day Out

8:15a Centering Prayer, Lounge

9:30a Prayer Shawl Circle, Lounge

6:00p Parents' Night Out

Advent Devotional

Help give our Covenant family a wonderful gift this Christmas season, and write an entry for our Advent Devotional. Pick up scripture inspirations and instructions from the table in the hall where you can sign up. **Entries due Sunday, Nov. 25.** Questions? See Katie Kinnison.

Nov. 4-10

The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron

Mon., Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, 1pm, Lounge

Continue to open up to new possibilities. Use morning pages, artist dates, exercises, the deep satisfaction of creating. Books are on the book carts for \$12. RSVP Katie Kinnison for a schedule of meetings.

Mission Sewing

Tuesdays, 1pm, 121

Crochet, knit, sew and quilt to support mission endeavors. No skill required. Come, learn.

Wed. Bible Study

1pm, rm. 120

Join us for 1 Samuel, chapter 3 to discuss what this has to do with our life in the Living God.

Death Café

Wed., Nov. 7, 7pm, Lounge

Some tea and treats and conversation. We dare to speak our stories, our questions, our hopes and fears about death. Let's see where this takes us.

Centering Prayer

Fridays, 8:15am, Lounge

Learn this way of being present with God and praying without words, a practice that bears profound fruit in everyday lives, 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.

Women's Theology

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

Discuss *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, intro and ch. 1 and 2. For info, contact Louise Davidson or Susan Imel.

Parents' Night Out

Fri., Nov. 9, 6-8:30pm (2nd Fri./month)

We host and feed children so that parents can go be grown-ups and play. Register by Tues., Nov. 6 at <http://tinyurl.com/covenantpno>. Contact Erin Wise, erinwise@covenantpcusa.org.

Men's Breakfast

Sat., Nov. 10, 8am, (2nd Sat./month)

First Watch, Kingsdale

Contact Allan Kennedy, 614-451-9318.

Nov. 11-17

Children's Sabbath

Sun., Nov. 11, 8:30am & 11am

Our children write and lead our 8:30 and 11 am worship services. We prepare during the 10am hour at Joyful Noise and Treasure Finders. Our children are what make this service special and all are encouraged to attend.

CPW Thanksgiving All-Church Potluck

Sun., Nov. 11, 5:30pm

Turkey, gravy, potatoes, rolls, butter, drinks provided. Bring a dish for the potluck table. Cost: \$5/person; \$20/family of four+. **Buy tickets between services Nov. 4 and 11** or call the church office, 614-451-6677, or Gail Griffin, 614-457-2346. **RSVP by Nov. 6.** After

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Nov. 4, pay at the door. After dinner, Bol Aweng, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, will tell his story. Forced to flee his homeland at the age of six, Bol wandered with thousands of other children until taken into various refugee camps. An OSU graduate with a degree in fine art, Bol has written a children's book about his journey. The book and Bol's art will be available. The PW Thank Offering will be collected and a drawing held for the quilt made by CPW's Mission Sewing Circle. Child care available.

Nov. 18+

Annual Election Congregational Meeting **Sun., Nov. 18, 12pm, Sanctuary**

The Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church, in accordance with the by-laws of the Congregation, calls the congregation of Covenant Presbyterian to its annual church officer election meeting on the last Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 18, 2018, at 12 noon, in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee.

Spiritual Cinema

Mon., Nov. 19, 6:30pm

Denial: a 2016 British-American historical film that dramatizes the Irving v Penguin Books Ltd case, in which Lipstadt, a Holocaust scholar, was sued by Holocaust denier David Irving for libel.

Walking in the Dark

Tuesdays, Nov. 20, 27, 7pm, Lounge

Led by Tracy Keenan. This is loosely based on Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Learning to*

Walk in the Dark, about learning to navigate even when we don't have the answers, which is actually much of the time. "Darkness" is such a loaded word, but God's presence is sometimes described as being a kind of luminous darkness as experienced by the Israelites at the giving of the commandments, and by many of our ancestors who have gone before us through the valleys of the shadow.

Connecting With God Men's Breakfast **Sat., Nov. 24, 8am, Lounge**

Delicious breakfast. Engaging conversation. Watch the video series "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God" with Dom Crossan and Marcus Borg. Contact Jim Mehler: jim-mehler@covenantpcusa.org.

Sermon Talk-Back

Sun., Nov. 25, 12:15pm, Lounge

Led by Tracy Keenan. Here's your chance to chew on what you've just heard preached, a time for conversation on particularly "hot topics." We all come to these issues with strong values and the best of intentions, even when we don't agree on solutions.



Be part of Special Music Sunday Dec. 16...a wonderful holiday music opportunity to work with Craig Courtney, our featured composer and arranger for our Christmas Music Sunday, who will work with us and direct both services. We focus on his music Thursdays 7:45-8:30pm.

Ongoing & Other News

Children's Day Out has one opening on Fridays. Our website has details.

Peanut Brittle cooking has begun. We need coffee cans, Kroger or Giant Eagle 80% margarine, white sugar, cooks and others to help. Call Nan Davidson, 614-893-8824.

Presbyterian Disaster Relief is responding to disasters worldwide. You can help. Please donate at www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/.



Honor or remember someone for years to come with the gift of a labyrinth brick this Christmas for the entrance to our neighborhood prayerful wandering space.

The labyrinth is a walking meditation where we can step out of the busyness of life, the chatter of our inner world, to be still and focus on what we find within. This can be a profound experience of Divine Presence and is always a walk with the Holy One. And our outdoor labyrinth is another way we can offer our community support and nurturing. Please consider purchasing a paver brick with your etched message for \$100 or a plain brick for \$80. Order forms and sample bricks are in the hall or you may also submit a form and pay with PayPal on our web site.

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5. **Auto Debit** from your bank account. Authorization Forms are on our website & welcome table.
6. **Credit and debit card** payments on our website.

Instructions are on the welcome table and our website www.covenantpcusa.org