

Work of Art

Celebration of Worship
September 4, 2016 - 8:30am & 11:00am
Communion Sunday

- **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.
- **Large print bulletins, bibles, 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_keen, @katiekinnison, and Puppet (our friend from Sunday morning Talk with Children) @Puppet2070

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: 8:30 Dick Sharpe, Tim Scott, Judy Oeder, Roger Miller
11:00 Jay McLean, Rob Radcliff, Peg Zilles, Steve Zilles

Greeters: 8:30 Bob Cowman, Nancy Cowman
11:00 Lynn Gay-Roedel, Jeff Roedel, Sarah Starr

Musicians: Chancel Choir; Handbells: Jude McLean, Lynn Turney, Jenny Watson

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF

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Flowers by the chancel are from Betty and Bob Crook to the glory of God and in honor of our 67th anniversary.

Pastors on call for pastoral care this week:

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

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

Thurs. - Jim 614-886-3681

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.

Prayer Requests

Sandy Schupp	Megan Noble	Kristy Carnegie	Madeleine Connolly
Caden Stanley	Dan Rasche	Sam McCamy	Manette Friske
Jenny Flynn	Mike Van Aman	Lois Sensenbrenner	Glenn Hill
Steve White	Nicole & Justin	Rick Cosgray	Betty Raup
Charlie Friske's sister	Bekkah Friske	Marianne Dodson	Alexa Hobbs Gregory
Rachel Timmons	Mary Doersam	Maggie Broekema	John Lott
Linda Patterson	Dennis & Megan Brooks	Orlene Shimberg	Ellen Greegor
Carl Herfel	Kay Hantak	Don Rorapough	Janet Bartels
Madison Hanosek	Larry Limes	Michael	Carol
Heather	Becky	Jenny	Maureen
Jared	Lydia		

HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

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



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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PRELUDE "Come Thou Fount" (in the setting of Tchaikovsky's Concerto Op. 23)
arr. Berry

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: We gather here by faith;

People: Faith that God hears, God knows, God cares.

Leader: We gather here by faith;

People: Faith that even in the darkest of hours that God is there, and that love will prevail.

Leader: We gather here by faith;

People: Faith that we are all children of God, loved and forgiven, and are called to live that received grace into this world.

All: Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 5** "God the Sculptor of the Mountains" JENNINGS-HOUSTON

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are complicated people. We yearn for peace, but harbor resentment. We trust in You, but fear the future. We are grateful for Your unconditional love, but our own love has many conditions. Free us from our selves, we pray, and grant us the grace to grow into the children of God we were meant to be - evermore Christ-like - for it is 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

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.

READING Jeremiah 18:1-11

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *A Work of Art*

Tracy Keenan preaching

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

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 "Gather Us In"

arr. Hayes

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory 8:30 "Standing on the Promises"

arr. Hayes

11:00 "As Trees By the Water"

Jane Southwick

*Doxology No. 606

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. 821** "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING

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

POSTLUDE Reprise of *HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING*

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

Communion Sunday

Welcome New Singers in the Chancel Choir and Indie-Gospel Band: Jason T. Guthrie, Tenor: member of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus, featured soloist in many concerts, training in opera performance from Ohio U., and Bachelors Degree in Computer Information Systems. DeMeeshia Marshall, Alto: senior year at the OSU studying Vocal Performance, last year's 1st place winner for "The Voice of Columbus," singer with "Schuyler Johnson & Company" which will perform at Covenant Sat., Oct. 1, 7pm for our Covenant Concert Series.

- 8:30am - **Worship** in the Courtyard
 - Children dismissed to Wiggle Worship
- 10:00am - **Gathering**, John 14: 15-17, 25-27, *Learning to Trust that Voice Inside Us*, Katie Kinnison preaching
 - Youth dismissed to Chapel
 - Children dismissed to Treasure Finders
- 10:00am - **Treasure Finders** (3yo-5th grade), Fellow. Hall
- 11:00am - **Worship** in the Sanctuary
 - Children dismissed to Wiggle Worship
- 11:30am - **VERGE**, Baking at Ronald McDonald House
- 5:30pm - **No YG/F3 (Youth) meeting**
- 6:30pm - **No Sunday Night Bible Study**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon., Sept. 5 - Labor Day - Church Closed

Tues., Sept. 6

- 1:00pm Mission Sewing, 121
- 1:30pm Staff Meeting, Tracy's office
- 6:15pm Campanile Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wed., Sept. 7

- 9:30am Children's Day Out
- 9:15am Eunice-Lydia Circle, Lounge
- 7:30pm Naomi Circle, Fellowship Hall

Thur., Sept. 8

- 9:30am Children's Day Out
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri., Sept. 9

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Circle, Lounge
- 6:00pm Parents' Night Out

Sat., Sept. 10

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ First Watch, Kingsdale

Next Sunday, Sept. 11

-Sermon, 8:30 & 11am - Genesis 2 & 3, selected verses; Psalm 14, *Back When Everything Was Good*, Tracy Keenan preaching

- Agora, 9:45am, Lounge - *The Compassion & Comfort of Scripture*. Karen Gagel will facilitate a time of reflection on how thoughts and passages from the Bible can comfort in a time of loss. Learn to connect with those in the stories as well as strengthen spiritual coping with grief. Karen has an MA in Scripture, has taught for several years. She recently joined Covenant and is excited about this new journey of faith.

- Gathering, 10am - Philippians 4:4-9, *If You Know What's Good for You*, Katie Kinnison preaching

- NEW! Verge in the A.M., 10am, Lower Level, Led by Tom Billman. This new Sunday School class for 6th-7th graders will dive into questions about how we read scripture in community, how the Spirit speaks to us through scripture, how we engage with the bible to help figure out how to live. We'll pay attention to the chronology of the bible and learn about the arch of the whole story. **Sept. 11: The Bible: A Collection of Many Kinds of Books**

- Treasure Finders, 10am - *The Lord's Prayer - Our Daily Bread*

- Verge, 4-5:30pm, Meet at Covenant

- Youth, 5:30-7:30pm, with Boulevard Presby. youth at Covenant

- Bible Study, 6:30, 120

This Week Sept. 5-10

Mon., Sept. 5 - Labor Day - Church Closed

Support Survivors of Trafficking, CATCH Court

Thur., Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, 11:15, 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.

Parents' Night Out

Fri., Sept. 9, 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., Sept. 6:** <http://tinyurl.com/covenantpno>.

Men's Breakfast (2nd Sat. each month)

Sat., Sept. 10, 8am, First Watch, Kingsdale

Contact: Alan Kennedy 614-451-9318.

Next Week SEPT. 12-17

Centering Prayer

Resumes Sept. 13: Tues., Wed., 8:15am, Lounge

Move away from anxiety and business and into peace and abundant love. Learn a way of praying that can help you stay awake to God's presence in your life. Contacts: Katie Kinnison, Sandy Tullett, Cora Kuyvenhoven or Jeff Roedel.

Tuesday Night Spiritual Formation

Tues., Sept. 13 and 20, 7:30 pm

Krista Tippett's *Becoming Wise*, a book conversation led by Katie Kinnison. This amazing book by the host of "On Being" on public radio is described by its subtitle: *an inquiry into the mystery and art of living*. Her writing is exquisite, and provides snippets of interviews with all sorts of human beings. Join us for a conversation about the wisdom into which this book guides us. **Books on the cart in the hall.**

CPW Fall Lunch - *Theology of Creating Music*

Wed., Sept. 14, 11:45am, Lounge

Speaker Tracy Keenan. Cost for Light Lunch is \$8. Those making reservations: please honor these even if unable to come, since we'll have the expense whether you come or not. RSVP: Lora Eckard, 614-279-8487, at your circle meeting, or the church office. **Dead line for RSVP: Mon., Sept. 12.**

All-Church Family Picnic

Wed., Sept. 14, 6-8pm, Fancyburg Park

School is back in session but we still have time to play! Take the night off from cooking dinner and join us in the park. We provide hot dogs. Please bring something to share.

Wednesday Bible Study: *Genesis*

begins Sept. 14, 7pm, Lounge. Katie Kinnison leads.

In these bible study conversations we seek the intersections between scripture and our lives. How do we understand the Holy One? What is our purpose in being? How do we relate to God, to others, even to ourselves? These are stories that can help us figure out how to live our own.

Women's Theology

Fri., Sept. 16, 9:30am, room 120

We'll be reading Spong's *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy*. Amazon has kindle and hard back versions (about \$19). No paperback yet.

PRIMETIMERS Potluck

Fri., Sept. 16, 12 pm, Lounge

Come for a potluck (bring your own service and a dish to share) and enjoy Linda Gabel's, "Traveling Through Patalonia." Questions: Dorothy Grossman, 614-488-2820.

When Helping Hurts, Part 2 of 2-part series

NOTE DATE CORRECTION: Sat., Sept. 17,

9am-1pm, Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

(Attend even if you missed Part 1.) This is a workshop on learning about cultural differences between those with advantages and those who struggle against poverty led by social worker Jacqui Buschor who has lived and worked on the West Side for over 10 years. Her work is focused on neighborhood redevelopment and brings together resources and strategic partnerships to build projects that support the strength, wellness, and vitality of challenged communities. She is passionate about educating groups on the systemic causes of poverty and inequality and how to right economic injustices in ways that honor people of all backgrounds and life experiences. **RSVP: tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org.**

Men Connecting With God - Men's Breakfast

Sat., Sept. 17, 8am, Lounge (ordinarily 4th Sat. of month)

We provide pancakes, gruel and coffee. You may bring something to share. Join a video series by Marcus Borg, "Embracing An Adult Faith - What It Means To Be A Christian" about understanding issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology: *Who Was Jesus? Who Is God? What Is Salvation? How Do We Practice Our Faith? How Do We Live In Community?* Contact Jim Mehler.

Looking Ahead Sept. 18+

Confirmation Classes Begin

Sun., Sept. 18 - Grades 8-10, 9:45-10:45am, Tracy's Office. Co-teachers: Tracy Keenan and Ed Chung.

Spiritual Cinema: *Searching for Sugar Man*

Mon., Sept. 19, 6:30pm, Lounge

The incredible, true story of Rodriguez, the greatest '70s rock icon who never was. Contact Beth Askue, 614-284-1767, or Susan Imel, 614-262-7444

Dave Powers, Amano's Pizza & Sports Bar

Thurs., Sept. 22, 6-9pm, The Shoppes, Worthington Place, 7227 N. High St., Worthington

Join Covenant friends to listen to Dave Powers. Questions? Jean Scott, scott.961@osu.edu, 614-572-5343.

CPW's 2016 Super Garage Sale

Fri. & Sat., Sept. 23-24. Set-up starts Mon., Sept. 19

Set aside items to contribute but please do not leave them in the church prior to that Mon. since there is no storage space. Help is needed throughout the week. Sign up in the hall or drop in 8:30am-4:30pm, Mon-Thurs. Donation forms available. All kinds of clean used items accepted. Need items picked up or have questions, contact Nancy Cowman, 614-486-3525, bnccowman@sbcglobal.net.

Other News & Opportunities

YG/F3 (youth) (Grades 8-12) have a new joint venture with Boulevard Presby. Church with events twice a month, one with Boulevard, one with just our group. If no planned event, volunteer with Verge and stay for fellowship, friends, food. Events confirmed by text each week.

Thank you to Covenant for supporting another successful Block Party: to all the volunteers, the members, the chefs, the activity leaders! Gratitude to all!

Interested in Joining Young Adult Events?

Text Tim Augsback, 859-322-2398 or Meghan Rondenfels, 614-668-5165.

Partners w/Hoge Presby. Church

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

Help prepare, take, serve a meal for 50+ people for this community ministry. School-aged children can help, too. Great mission experience for families. Contact John Griffin, johnmgriffin3685@gmail.com.

Peanut Brittle Cooking.

Needed: 1# coffee cans only, Kroger or Giant Eagle 80% margarine, white sugar, kitchen help. Nancy Davidson, 614-876-5262, ndavidson7@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Gulf states flooding. *Give. Act. Pray.* Details: pcusa.org/pda.

Help Wanted: Sunday Morning Nursery Staff

Sundays, 8:15am-12:30pm. Paid position.

Care for, read to, snuggle, nurture the smallest members of our church family. Pass along this info to friends or family who might be perfect for the job. Contact Katie or Erin.

- **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED...**
- to work occasionally for preschool (8:40-11:40am);
- Kindergarten Enrichment Lunch/RecessTime (10:45am-12:15pm); and After School (2:30 or 3-5:30pm). Your
- own children ages 4 and up may join the class while you
- work. Paid positions. Contact Caroline, 614-451-6677
- x23_childcenter@covenantpcusa.org for info or to apply.