

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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Jerry Nagel

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Donald Hustad

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 62

Leader: For God alone our souls wait in silence;
from God comes our salvation

People: God alone is our fortress; we shall never be shaken.

***INVOCATION # 198 (st. 1)**

“O God, You Are My God”

TRENTHAM

O God, You are my God;
I seek You eagerly;
My soul and body thirst for You
In barren lands and dry.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: God of exodus and wilderness,
God of refuge and help,
hear us now as we make our confession to you.

**People: In times of temptation
we forget what you have done for us.
You give us everything we need,
yet we often remain unsatisfied;
you trust us to care for creation,
yet we often abuse that trust
and spoil what we have been given.
You show us the way we are to follow,
yet we often continue on the path
of self-indulgence and self-centeredness.
Forgive us, we pray.**

[Silence]

Leader: We ask for your direction, your patience, your love,

**People: in the name of Jesus Christ,
who, in spite of his temptations,
was faithful to your saving Word. Amen.**

***KYRIE**

“Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord”

PTOMEY

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

based on Psalm 91:14-15

***OUR RESPONSE OF JOY: AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,
and the world came into being.**

**The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness,
matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of God came to us.
Even though of one being with the Creator, Jesus our Christ,
taking on human form, was born, lived, and walked among us,
speaking the words of life.**

He was crucified, died, and was buried.

He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.

He is the one who saves us from ourselves.

**In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
whispers the Word,
and calls us back to the Creator,
back to the Christ,
back to the wholeness of everlasting life
in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

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***HYMN OF PRAISE # 148**

“At the Name of Jesus”

KING’S WESTON

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS pg. 573

Psalm 130

ANTHEM

“O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head”

arr. David N. Johnson

O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
With thorns was pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my head
That I may think for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
With nails were pierced for me;
O shed thy blessing on my hands,
That they may work for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
With nails were pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my feet
That they may follow thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
With spear was pierced for me:
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
That I may live for thee. Amen.

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

SECOND READING pg. 127

Acts 9:1-19

SERMON

Stories from Ghana

Barb & Doug Edema and Wes Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN # 403**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“O Sorrow Deep”

Johannes Brahms

***Doxology**

“All Glory to Our Lord and God”

DEO GRACIAS

All Glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forever more.

***Prayer of Dedication**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN # 393**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

BOURBON

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE # 535**

“Go with Us, Lord”

TALLIS CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

Text 1990 Mary Jackson Cathey

***POSTLUDE**

“Allegro Moderato”

Leon Boëllmann

(For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going back out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing can help those who listen by holding their joyful greeting of others until they reach the narthex.)

*For those who are able, please stand.

****Gateway to Worship** is our worship program for 4-year olds through first graders. The Gateway leader will take the children to their classroom in the Fellowship Hall after the Children’s Moments.

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Hearing devices and large-print Hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary; and a limited number of large-print bulletins are on the table in the Narthex. (Please let us know if more large-print bulletins are needed for future services.)

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join with us in service to Christ.

SpudFest – Today!!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for Salads, Spuds, and Desserts! The Youth of Covenant are hosting this church luncheon fundraiser for their summer Youth Conference at Montreat. Thanks for your support!

Good Samaritan

Next Sunday, April 17th, the Good Samaritan Offering will be received. This month they need: dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, cleanser, deodorant, bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo.

PLEASE REMEMBER that all donations (grocery items **AND** monetary gifts) given **before** the end of April will receive a proportional match grant from the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation. Please make a special effort to contribute this month!

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary for Easter, please complete the enclosed order form and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plate. Note "Easter Lily" on your check made to *Covenant Presbyterian Church*. Easter lilies are \$12/each. **The deadline for orders is April 17th.**

Presbyterian Women - Tuesday, April 12th

Friendship Circle: 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Helen Davis, 7 Okeechobee Dr., J.C., 929-2085. Lesson Eight

Joy Circle: 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Anne Smith, 239 N. Gilmer Park, J.C., 929-1604. Lesson Eight

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday, April 17, 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.

Easter:

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Pot-luck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m.

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Throughout Lent **cutwork banners** depicting the themes or biblical stories of Lent and the Passion of Christ will be hung in the windows of the sanctuary, leaving the sanctuary in increasing darkness. Our thanks to Sue Sheffield for designing and creating these beautiful pieces.

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Have you noticed a change in the **order of worship?** The placement of the prayer of confession at the very beginning of the service is a reminder of the tasks of self-examination and penitence during Lent. Once we are reminded of God's great mercy and love, we respond in praise and gratitude through music and proclamation of our faith. For many of us who are creatures of habit, this change will be its own form of discomfort and "wilderness experience," but we hope it will also make us more attentive to and intentional in our encounter with the living God.

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Bulletin Cover Artwork – You've probably noticed that our bulletin covers look different. Normally, the artwork will be related to one of the scripture readings from the lectionary. Like music, it is another way of interpreting scripture and inspiring God's people. This Lent we are straying a bit from the lectionary to take a look at some of the "famous" journeys in scripture and seeking to understand how God touches our lives during the difficult times, but we will continue to use the lectionary-based covers which show the scripture readings they relate to. We hope you will take a moment to look them up and reflect on God's word to you in them.

People in our Prayers

Barbara & Jerry Ladich, Bob Maletich, Julia Trifiletti, the Family of Alice Collins (friend of the Trifiletti's), Fern Kemp (Evelyn's mother), the family of Robert Snow, Roger Hecht, Jack Fletcher, Marie Britt, Hazel Rowe, Jim Crandall, Catie Cheek, Ted Bair (Lynnea Fisher's father), Chris Adler Hillhouse, Clint Simon (Tina's nephew), Arlene Wilkinson, Lattie Collins, Rose Willis, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), John Brumit (Betsy Moakler's brother), Max Wilson, Pat Adams, Vi Block, Elva McCartt, Patsy Young (Butch Carr's cousin), Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Joyce Ford; Tim Jones; Bill Gose, and Dr. Joe Walton (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Corrine Broyles

If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share with others please complete a prayer card with your requests.

Today at Covenant:

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Rev. Sharon Amstutz
Acolytes:	Kalli Dulin & Grace Madden
Chimer:	Sean Madden
Gateway:	Eileen Madden
Nursery:	Erma Hyers

This Week at Covenant:

<u>Today, April 10</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
12:30p	SpudFest
1:30p	Session Meeting
<u>Monday, April 11</u>	
6:00p	Way of Discernment Small Group Study
<u>Tuesday, April 12</u>	
Noon	Congregational Life Committee Meeting
1:30p	Friendship Circle
4:00p	Human Resources Committee Meeting
7:00p	Joy Circle
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, April 13</u>	
5:00p	WNL!
7:00p	Lenten Evening Prayer Service
(following service)	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, April 14</u>	
COURIER DEADLINE	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting

Church Staff:

Pastor:	Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Director of Youth Ministry:	Andy Irvin
Music Director:	Larry Brandenburg
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5th Sunday in Lent - April 10, 2011

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death.

Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.