

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

**SOUNDING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** “Through Adam’s Fall” Gottfried Homilius

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 34

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
People: **happy are those who take refuge in God.**

**\*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** based on Hebrews 4:15-16

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Inspired by a prayer from Riverside Church*

God, our comforter and guide,  
we confess what comes between us and you.  
We have been blind to the faults in ourselves  
that we so readily detect in others:  
prizing appearance and credentials,  
and failing to see the heart;  
rushing headlong into temptation,  
without thought for what is right;  
keeping secret what would shame us, if it were known;  
denying truths voiced by people we disdain.

God of light, expose to us our sin,  
that we may confess it and turn from it,  
and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love.

**\*KYRIE** “Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord” PTOMEY



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

**\*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 #83** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” DEO GRACIAS

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READING FROM THE PSALMS** pg. 501 Psalm 23

**ANTHEM** “Here’s One” arr.: Mark Hayes

Talk about a child who do love Jesus, Here’s one, here’s one.  
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin’ up the road to glory.  
Talk about a child who do love Jesus, Here’s one.  
Talk about a child who’s been forgiven, here’s one, here’s one.  
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin’ up the road to glory.  
Talk about a child who’s been forgiven, here’s one.  
Talk about a child who’s been converted, here’s one, here’s one!  
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin’ up the road to glory.  
Talk about a child who’s been converted, here’s one.

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**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

\*\*Gateway to Worship

**SECOND READING** pg. 34 Mark 1:9-13

**SERMON** Jesus’ Journey: Rev. Sharon Amstutz  
*the kind of retreat no one signs up for*

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** pg. 15 (Ecumenical version) The Nicene Creed

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER** pg. 16 (Traditional version)

**\*HYMN # 399** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” DUNLAP’S CREEK

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
Offering  
Offertory “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Paul Manz  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest.**

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Words of Institution  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN # 261** “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” O QUANTA QUALIA

**\*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.

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**\*POSTLUDE** “Andante” John Stanley

*(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.)**

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**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.

*Please join us in the library immediately following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Julia Trifiletti’s 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday by her son, Charles.*

**5 Cents a Meal Offering**

The 5-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

**Spring Clean-Up Day - Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Church Spring Clean Up Day will **begin at 7:00 a.m.** and go until everyone gets tired. Some cleaning materials will be available, but you’re encouraged to bring supplies and materials, such as cloths/buckets/brooms/step ladders, etc. Work tasks will be split into groups (windows, floors, landscape, etc.) If you have any questions, please contact a Property Committee member. It will be great to have the church building and grounds looking their best before the Easter Sunday service, so please find the time and volunteer for this important church activity!



**SpudFest - April 10**



**Next Sunday immediately after the worship service**, the Youth of Covenant will host an after church luncheon fundraiser for their summer Youth Conference at Montreat. Please join us for Salads, Spuds, and Desserts. Thanks for your support!

**Young Adult Monthly Gathering**

The Covenant Young Adults are meeting on **Friday evening, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00** for pizza and fun at **Machiavelli’s on Fifth St. in downtown Bristol, TN.** If you’re a young adult (anyone between the approximate ages of 25 and 40-ish) then come join us! Please let Lynnea Hunter know if you plan to come, so she can let the restaurant know. Call 828-266-1917 or email her at [lynneahunter@hotmail.com](mailto:lynneahunter@hotmail.com).

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - April 3, 2011



### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Everlasting God,  
 in whom we live and move and have our being,  
 you have made us for yourself,  
 so that our hearts are restless  
 until they rest in you.  
 Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
 that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,  
 no weakness keep us from doing it;  
 that in your light we may see light clearly,  
 and in your service find perfect freedom;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever. Amen.

### People in our Prayers

Barbara & Jerry Ladich, the Family of Alice Collins (friend of the Trifiletti's), Bob Maletich, Fern Kemp (Evelyn's mother), Julia Trifiletti, the family of Robert Snow, Marie Britt, the family of Agnes Plank, Hazel Rowe, Catie Cheek, Roger Hecht, Ted Bair (Lynnea Fisher's father), Chris Adler Hillhouse, Clint Simon (Tina's nephew), Arlene Wilkinson, Jack Fletcher, Lattie Collins, Jim Crandall, 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 McCart, 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:	David Miller
Acolytes:	Drew Amstutz & Cameron Hopkins
Chimer:	Kristin Bass
Gateway:	Kathi Cary
Nursery:	Andrea Sutter
Coffee Hosts:	The Hunter Family

### Church Staff:

Pastor:	Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Director of Youth Ministry:	Andy Irvin
Music Director:	Larry Brandenburg
Secretary:	Tina Simon
Financial Secretary:	Anne Webb
Custodian:	Marie Britt

### This Week at Covenant:

<u>Today, April 3</u>	Chime Choir Practice
9:00a	WNL Outreach Committee Meeting
12:30p	
<u>Monday, April 4</u>	Melting Pot
10:30a	Way of Discernment Small Group Study
6:00p	
<u>Tuesday, April 5</u>	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p	Worship Committee Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
7:30p	
<u>Wednesday, April 6</u>	WNL!
5:00p	Lenten Evening Prayer Service
7:00p	Choir Practice
(following service)	
<u>Thursday, April 7</u>	Men's Bible Study
8:00a	Women in the Bible
9:30a	Al-Anon Meeting
Noon	
<u>Friday, April 8</u>	Young Adults Gathering at Machiavelli's
7:00p	
<u>Saturday, April 9</u>	Church Spring Clean-Up Day
7:00a	

### Lent at Covenant

Sundays-11:00 a.m. service  
 Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.-Evening Prayer

### 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.  
 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.



### 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Presbyterian Women - Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

#### 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

### Corrections to the April Courier (sorry!!):

1. PW Circles will meet on **APRIL 12**, (not March 12)
2. Incorrect date on the calendar: it's Monday, April **11**, (not 14)
3. ??? More? Could be – haven't found 'em yet!!

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