

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 108:1-4

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

**People: We will sing and make melody!
We will awaken the dawn!**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 276**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of peace and judgment,
you sent Jesus to be our pioneer,
to blaze for us the path that leads to life and blessing.
But we are afraid to follow his way of the cross;
we are more eager to avoid suffering
than to embrace the joy of his rewards.**

**Forgive us for heeding our fears,
rather than Christ’s call.
Enable us by your Spirit to set aside
the weights that hold us back;
strengthen us to persevere in following Jesus,
trusting our destiny into your good hands,
whether in life or in death.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576**

“Gloria, Gloria”

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 226

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

ANTHEM

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

H.T. Burleigh

(text can be found in Hymn # 315)

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Hymn of Promise”

GOSPEL READING pg. 75

Luke 12:49-56

SERMON

Peace?

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (pg. 14 – traditional version)

The Apostles’ Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

***Doxology # 592**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 285**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE # 507** (Stanza 5)

“I Come with Joy”

***POSTLUDE**

(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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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 after worship
for a time of fellowship and summer refreshments.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Nik Hopkins’ birthday by Steve & Melissa Hopkins.*

Holston Presbytery Youth Rally 2010 – TODAY

Come to the **2010 Holston Presbytery Youth Rally THIS AFTERNOON at 2:30** at **First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville** for a fun time with games, fellowship and worship to kick off a new year of youth ministry! **“Chasing After the Wind”** will feature keynote speaker Craig Bell from Holston Camp. Recreation will be led by Russ Pearson (First, Kingsport), worship by Alan Kobs (First, Greeneville) and music by Shane Smith and the youth of Colonial Heights.

Youth-Led Sunday Service – August 29, 2010

The Youth Group is currently planning the worship service for Sunday, August 29th. The service will be Youth-led and will focus on their first-hand experiences of mission work, as well as personal reflections on how those experiences shaped and molded attitudes and mindsets toward Mission. Please join us on August 29th for worship, pictures of our trip, and individual testimonials. See you there!

2010 Fall Retreat

This year’s church retreat at Holston Camp will be held **September 10th-12th** and will led by our very own Andy Irvin with a focus on pursuing peace and mutual upbuilding. **Green Registration Forms** with additional information are in your bulletin and the **sign-up sheet** is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **The final deadline for sign-ups is September 5th**. Please contact any member of the Congregational Life Committee if you have any questions.

Church Directory Update – Deadline September 7, 2010

We are in the process of updating Covenant’s Church Directory and we could use your help. Please confirm your address and phone number either via e-mail or by filling out a form in the Narthex and dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday or leaving it on Tina’s desk in the office by September 7th.

If your child is attending college, please include his or her college mailing address.

We have had requests for e-mail addresses to be listed in the directory. Please indicate whether or not you would like us to include your e-mail address. If we don’t hear from you, it **will NOT** be listed.

Thanks for your help!

Tina

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Max Wilson, Helen Davis, Pat Adams, the family of Helene Herbert, Bob Sobol, Vi Block & her family, Bob & Estelle Armistead, Rose Willis, Roger Hecht, Elva McCart, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Dana Cheek (the Carr's' niece), Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Ed & Marie Britt, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, Aneita Carr, Agnes Plank
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: Kathi Cary
Soloist: Jim Fisher
Acolytes: Philip Hagelberg & Grace Madden
Chimer: Cameron Hopkins
Gateway: Cornelia Shelnut
Nursery: Melissa Hopkins
Summer Refreshment Hosts:

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Director of Youth Ministry: Andy Irvin
Choir Director: Randy Adams
Pianist: Jennifer Palmer
Secretary: Tina Simon
Financial Secretary: Anne Webb
Custodian: Marie Britt

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT :

Today, August 15

COURIER DEADLINE

9:45a Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast
1:00p Session Retreat
6:00p Youth Mtg.

Tuesday, August 17

7:00p Christian Ed. Comm. Meeting
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, August 18

6:00p Youth Mtg.

Thursday, August 19

8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women in the Bible
Noon Al-Anon Meeting
7:00p Habitat Board Meeting

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Bob Hart

Special Camps at Holston Camp & Retreat Center

A **Backpacking Trip** will be **October 1-3** for ages 12 & up. This is a perfect father-son, mother-daughter (or anyone experience) to spend quality time together. Sign up today! You can do it on-line, by mail or call the camp at **828-898-6611**.

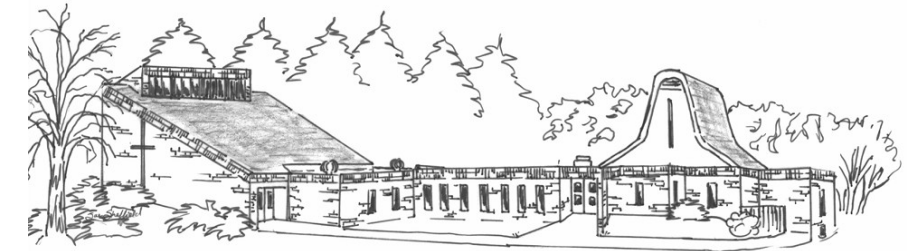
Presbyterian Women

If you plan to attend the **Presbyterian Women's Day at Sunset Gap Community Center** on **October 7** at 10 a.m., please RSVP *by September 15* by calling 423-623-4313. You may contact Karen Hekel (info@sunsetgap.org) to register on-line. Lunch will be provided for \$7 and they need to know how many are coming.

Covenant's "To Do" List

The Property Committee has posted **on the wall** in the Narthex hallway a listing of interior church property jobs – some small, some larger – for anyone interested in helping the committee make a dent in the job list. Once the job task has been completed, please mark on the list when it was completed and by whom. Thank you for the voluntary assistance!

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 15, 2010
Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dear God,
silence all voices within our minds but your own.
Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.
May our prayers be joined
with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,
that together we may glorify your name
and enjoy your fellowship forever.
In Jesus' name, Amen.