

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION Lynnea Hunter

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “May Jesus Christ be Praised” arr.: Bob Krogstad

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
People: for his steadfast love endures forever
Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so—
People: he has redeemed us from trouble and gathered us from east and west, from north and from south.
Leader: Hungry and thirsty, our souls fainted within us,
People: we cried out to the Lord in our trouble, and he delivered us from our distress.
Leader: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love.
People: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 489** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful God,
We confess our faithlessness.
Our hearts are fickle,
and our eyes wander,
and we trick ourselves into serving false gods.
We speak lies,
and accept lies,
and live lies,
destroying ourselves along the way.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive our waywardness
and lead us back to you.
May your faithfulness embolden our trust in you,
and may your truth settle in our souls.
Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Leader: Hear the good news:
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576** “Gloria, Gloria”

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 204 Col. 3:1-11

ANTHEM “Lord, Make Me Thine Instrument” David Stanley York
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow Love. Where there is doubt, Faith. Where there is despair, Hope. Where there is darkness, Light. Where there is sadness, let me sow Joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning, that we are pardon’d; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS
**Gateway to Worship

GOSPEL READING pg. 74 Luke 12:13-21

SERMON Me, Myself and I Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Our World Belongs to God, st. 5-6

Leader: God holds this world in sovereign love.
He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.
He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news
that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
can live and breathe and move again
as members of the family of God.
**People: We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**
Leader: As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in his world.
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
**People: And we are confident
that the light that shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

***COMMUNION HYMN # 372** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Offering
Offertory “Morning Has Broken” arr.: Marilyn Ham
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

***COMMITMENT HYMN # 422** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE # 555 (stanza 1)** “Now Thank We All Our God”

***POSTLUDE** “Blessed Assurance” arr.: Joel Raney

(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 following worship for a time of fellowship and summer refreshments .

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 9th wedding anniversary by Jim & Sue Crandall .

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.

After Church Lunch – Sunday, August 8th, 12:30 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday for After Church Lunch. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert that you would like to share with the congregation. If your dish needs to be kept warm or even heated at the last minute, someone will be in the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. to receive your dish and your instructions. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you! If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Sutter or Lauri Zembower.

Revised August Calendar

Please note the following changes to the August calendar:

Sunday, August 8: 12:30p After Church Lunch
1:30p Session Meeting
Sunday School will begin again on August 22.
Sunday, August 15: 9:30a Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast
12:30p Session Retreat

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgist: Lauri Zembower
Soloist: Leonard Robertson
Gateway: Valerie Robertson
Summer Refreshment Hosts: Hal, Gwen & Lynnea Hunter
Acolytes: Julia Hagelberg & Linden Hillhouse
Chimer: Drew Amstutz
Nursery: Linda Dulin

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

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Charlotte Croft (the Rice's granddaughter) Max Wilson, Helen Davis, the family of Helene Herbert, Bob Sobol, Vi Block & her family, Bob & Estelle Armistead, Pat Willard, the Breeden family, Rose Willis, Roger Hecht, Pat Adams, Elva McCartt, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Dana Cheek (the Carr's' niece), Laura Larkey Boy and Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey and Jim Wheeler (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Steve Bader, 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.

2010 Pledges

Summer is vacation time and our pledge's always fall short of budget. This year we are going into summer with a \$10,000.00 deficit and reserves are reducing as a result. Please remember your pledge or tithe, as we move through this "Dry" summer.

Thanks from Stewardship Committee chairs; Shirley Hines & Hal Hunter

"A Service of Hymns"

Copies of last week's **Service of Hymns** (and the accompanying booklet) are available on the table in the Narthex for those who were unable to attend and those who would like extra copies. Enjoy!

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!

Thank You

Dear Friends:

All your phone calls, cards, food, and prayers were greatly appreciated during the unbearable month of June when Peter was in the hospital, then skilled nursing, then hospice here at home. It was comforting to know that helping hands were just a phone call away if needed. Thank you all so much. And thank you also to the ladies involved in the lovely refreshments for the visitation. Everything was delicious. You are all wonderful.

Gratefully,
Vi Block and family

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!

College Students?

As we prepare to send students to college for the fall semester, the **Youth & Young Adult Ministry Committee** (and those working with the **Campus Ministry**) has **requested two things from everyone in the churches of the presbytery:**

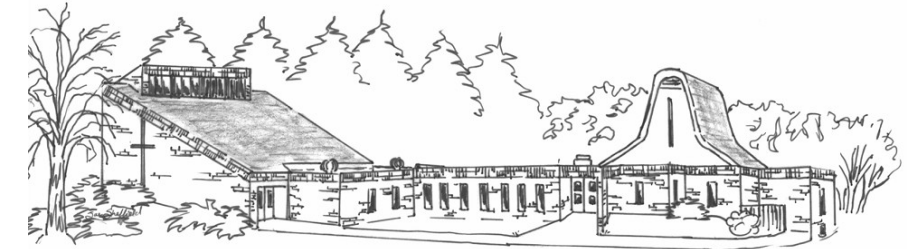
- Names, address, emails, etc. of students **attending college this fall at ETSU** so they can welcome them and get them connected!
- Names, addresses, emails, etc. of students connected with Holston churches **attending college ANYWHERE !**

Please contact Tina in the church office with your information.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Monday, August 2
10:30a Melting Pot
Tuesday, August 3
7:00p Congregational Life Comm. Meeting
7:00p Mission & Outreach Comm. Meeting
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting
7:30p AI-Anon Meeting
Wednesday, August 4
7:30p Choir Practice
Thursday, August 5
8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women in the Bible
Noon AI-Anon Meeting

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1, 2010
Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.