

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**

Leader: Are any among us suffering?

People: We will pray.

Leader: Are any cheerful?

People: We will sing songs of praises.

Leader: Are any among us sick?

People: We will call to the name of the Lord.

**All: We come to worship
in the name of God our Creator,
Jesus our Savior,
And the Holy Spirit who sustains us. Amen.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Holy Is The Lord” Chris Tomlin/Louie Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It’s rising up all around
It’s the anthem of the Lord’s renown

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Dear Heavenly Father,

People: We come here this morning because we realize that every day we seem to make more and more time for ourselves. We plan more activities, do more work, and focus more on us. We plan a whole life to fit our schedule, to fit our personality, and what we must do. But it seems the more we plan and the more active we try to be, the more we cut ourselves off from God. We become more us and less him, when in fact we should be striving for just the opposite. We should be planning more time to be active with God. Please God, help us to build our lives more around you.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news from God’s Word. Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray. Every one of us has turned to our own way. The Lord has cleaned the iniquity of all. By faith in Christ’s atoning death we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

***HYMN** “How Great Is Our God” Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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SCRIPTURE READING pg. 6 Matthew 6:1-6, 19-21

SERMON Less Here / More There

SCRIPTURE READING pg. 107 John 13:1-17

SERMON Less Ego / More Love

SCRIPTURE READING pg. 16 Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON More Courage / Less Fear

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (pg. 14 – traditional version) The Apostles’ Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Amazing Grace”

***Doxology # 592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 280** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***POSTLUDE** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

(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 their 55th wedding anniversary by Bob & Betty Maletich.*

Communion

The **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

The Newsletter

The **September Courier** can be found on the table in the narthex. **Help us save postage!** Be sure to pick up your copy!

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Bob Sobol, Max Wilson, Helen Davis, Roger Hecht, Pat Adams, the family of Helene Herbert, Vi Block & her family, Bob & Estelle Armistead, Rose Willis, Elva McCartt, 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
Gateway:	Linda Dulin
Nursery:	Joel Hillhouse
Summer Refreshment Hosts:	The Hopkins Family

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE : (in the order of their participation)

Drew Amstutz
Blake Jones
Mark Jones
Melissa Freeman
Ellen Hagelberg
John Cary
Beth Amstutz
Sean Madden
Joseph Cary
Linden Hillhouse
Carolee Mabe
Nik Hopkins
Cameron Hopkins
Julia Hagelberg

CHURCH STAFF:

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

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT :

<u>Tuesday, August 31</u>	<u>Thursday, September 2</u>
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting	8:00a Men's Bible Study
<u>Wednesday, September 1</u>	9:30a Women in the Bible
7:30p Choir Practice	Noon Al-Anon Meeting

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Sharon Benner and Karen Mabe

2010 Fall Retreat –SIGN-UP DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 5TH!

This year's church retreat at Holston Camp will be held **September 10th-12th** and will be led by our very own Andy Irvin with a focus on pursuing peace and mutual upbuilding. ***Green Registrati on 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.

Reception for Randy & Pat Adams – September 19th

Most of you are aware of the resignation of Randy Adams as our Choir Director and Director of Music. We will greatly miss his leadership, churchmanship, and the inspiring music we have been privileged to enjoy these past years. We have, indeed, been blessed by his musicianship and love for us, and Pat's beautiful voice in our choir. Please join us for a reception after worship on Sunday, September 19th where we will be able to say farewell and express our appreciation to Randy and Pat in person. We are asking each family to bring a finger-food type dish to share for this send-off celebration. (If you would like to contribute to a monetary gift for the Adams', please write your check to Covenant and note "Adams" in the memo line.)

Presbyterian Student Fellowship – ETSU

Sunday, August 29th, 6-8 p.m., Open House.

Tuesday, August 31st, 7-9 pm, First Night. We have a meal and a welcome to start the semester.

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!

Computer Class for Veterans

ETSU in Kingsport is offering a beginning computer class for military veterans beginning **September 7** for ten weeks. No computer experience is required and classes will meet on Tuesdays from 9am-11am. This is not a college credit course and there is no cost. A discharge form (DD 214) is required. Please call 392-8034 or 360-2097 to sign up.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 14th! As most of you know, this year we are adding an afternoon meeting. All women in the congregation are welcome to participate. Please see the September Courier for details.

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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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2010

Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.*

*Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.*

*By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.*