

**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: Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before God our Maker.

**People: We come in humility,  
opening ourselves to God’s wisdom and strength.**

Leader: We are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.

**People: We come with expectation,  
that in God’s presence we may know peace and comfort,  
and find our place in God’s kingdom.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 264** *“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You have a vision of all people as your beloved children, imaginative God,  
but we see folks whose language, dress, and skin make them different.  
You have a vision of a universe filled with goodness and beauty, and we  
damage it with litter, with violence, with poor choices.  
You have a vision of a Table where we can feast together on your grace  
and hope, but we are satisfied with eating the fruit of sin and greed all  
alone.**

**Forgive us, merciful God, as we confess that we are not "insiders" but  
immigrants searching for our true home.**

**You love us enough to want us to be with you forever, so may we take the  
hand of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who leads us into your  
kingdom.**

*Silence is kept*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: There is nothing to fear.  
God's hope is more tenacious than our despair;  
God's joy is more resilient than our grief;  
God's love is more compelling than our hate.

**People: By grace, we are gathered to God.  
By faith, we rest in God's promises  
of forgiveness and restoration.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576**

*“Gloria, Gloria”*

**\*SENDING RESPONSE # 432**

*“Song of Hope”*

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that’s new,  
faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** pg. 225 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**ANTHEM**

*“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”*

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe, Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel the mighty power of His  
grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the  
presence of the Lord is in this place. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place:  
I can feel the mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels wings, I  
see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me--King of my heart; Christ  
within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**\*\*Gateway to Worship**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 275**

*“God of Our Life”*

**GOSPEL READING** pg. 75

Luke 12:32-40

**SERMON**

Faith and Fear

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**

*“Oh, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells”*

Traditional Spiritual, Arranged by Howard Helvey (ASCAP)

Oh, Peter go ring dem bells, Peter go ring dem bells, I heard from Heaven today. I  
wonder where my mother is gone, I heard from heaven today. I wonder where Moses  
is gone, I wonder where brother Daniel is gone, dey's gone where Elijah’s gone. I  
heard from Heaven today, I thank God and I thank you too, I heard from Heaven  
today.

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 15**

*“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*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.

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
and in memory/honor of his father, Angelo Trifiletti’s birthday  
on August 11<sup>th</sup> by Charles Trifiletti.*

**After Church Lunch – TODAY, 12:30 p.m.**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for After Church  
Lunch. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

**Good Samaritan Offering**

**Next Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Confirmand Informational Meeting Reminder**

The Confirmand Informational Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 p.m.** in Sharon’s office.

**Holston Presbytery Youth Rally 2010 – NEXT Sunday**

Come to the **2010 Holston Presbytery Youth Rally** on **Sunday, August 15** 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.

### 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), 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:	John Merriss
Soloist:	Pat Adams
Acolytes:	Carolee Mabe & Sean Madden
Chimer:	Philip Hagelberg
Gateway:	Rosemary Whitson
Nursery:	Chris Adler Hillhouse

### 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 :

<u>Today, August 8</u>	
12:30p	After Church Lunch
1:30p	Session Meeting
<u>Monday, August 9</u>	
9:30a	Staff Meeting
<u>Tuesday, August 10</u>	
7:00p	Nominating Comm. Meeting
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, August 11</u>	
6:30p	Confirmand Info Meeting
7:30p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, August 12</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting

### Revised August Calendar

Please note the following changes to the August calendar:

<b>Sunday, August 8:</b>	<b>Sunday, August 15:</b>
12:30p After Church Lunch	9:30a Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast
1:30p Session Meeting	12:30p Session Retreat

Sunday School will begin again on August 22.

### YOU HAVE MAIL:

Butch Carr

### Youth-Led Sunday Service – August 29, 2010

The Youth Group is currently planning the worship service for Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup> for worship, pictures of our trip, and individual testimonials. See you there!

### 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.

### 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.

### Thank You

To my Covenant friends,  
Please accept my appreciation for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers you have been kind enough to send my way. Add to what I have already mentioned a big thank you to those of you who have driven me to the doctor's appointments and grocery while I have been unable to drive. The care and love you have shown to me have certainly helped me to realize even more than I did how fortunate I am to be a part of such a wonderful group of friends. May God richly bless you.

*Helen Davis*

### 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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19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2010

Sunday, eleven o'clock

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Loving God,  
you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone,  
but by every word that proceeds from your mouth.  
Give us a hunger for your Word,  
and in that food satisfy our daily need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*