

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2009

Ritual of Friendship and Congregational Opportunities

(Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)

Please sign the attendance pads at the end of the pew and turn off cell phones.)

Gathering in God's Name

Sounding of the Hour

Prelude

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"
In the setting of J.S. Bach's Prelude in "C"

W. Sherwin, arr.: C. Berry

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of the congregation
I will give thanks to God with all my heart.

**People: Great are the mighty works of the Lord!
God's deeds are studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: The Lord gives food to those who fear God,
always remembering the covenant.

**People: God's deeds are established forever and ever,
because they are conceived in truth and justice.**

Leader: Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord
who has commanded the covenant forever.

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
the praise of the Lord endures forever!**

*Prayer for the Day

*Hymn of Praise # 210

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Prayer of Confession

**Ruler of all,
we confess that we have sought to please ourselves instead of glorifying you.
We have set aside the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom,
and have relied upon our own strength rather than upon your Spirit.**

**Forgive our stubborn insistence on doing things our own way,
and serving you on our own terms;
teach us to seek your kingdom first, and your justice before all else,
confident that your promise to care for us is fully trustworthy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: What comfort do you receive from the good news of God's forgiveness?

**People: That I belong to my faithful saviour, Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again for my sake,
so that nothing will ever separate me from God's love.**

Leader: Hear the good news!
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

*Congregational Response # 139 (stanza 3)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

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Hearing the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading pg. 304

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Anthem

"To God Be Joyful"

Wolfgang Mozart

To God be joyful; all hearts now be joyful! Alleluia. Know the Lord, know that he is God. He hath made us, and we are his. We are his flock, he the shepherd. O enter forth with thanksgiving; come with singing. To God be joyful; all hearts now be joyful! Alleluia. Indeed, how good is the Lord; alleluia. Know the Lord, know that he is God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Children's Moments

Deborah Lewis

***Gateway to Worship*

*Hymn of Preparation (see back of insert)

"Become to Us the Living Bread"

Gospel Reading pg. 98

John 6:51-58

Sermon

What Would Dr. Atkins Say?

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

Responding Faithfully 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

"Fantasy on Holy Manna"

Columbian Harmony; arr.: J. Carter

*Doxology # 138, stanza 4

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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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*Prayer of Dedication

Going Out to Serve

*Hymn of Consecration # 340

"Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart"

*Benediction

***Sending Response # 535**

“Go with Us, Lord”

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**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Phillip Bliss; arr.: C. Berry

(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 honor of Hugh & Peggy Underwood’s 60th wedding anniversary on August 19th by the Underwood family.

The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to CB Willis in the death of his brother, John.

SPUDFEST! Please join us for **lunch** in the Fellowship Hall after worship as we help Lynnea Hunter raise support for her mission to Northern Ireland with the PC(USA)’s Young Adult Volunteer Program. Lynnea will give a short presentation on the program.

This morning we welcome Vivian Shipley Eckerson at the piano. Vivian is a student of Dr. Don Conflenti. She has a bachelor’s and a master’s in Music Education from the Florida State University.

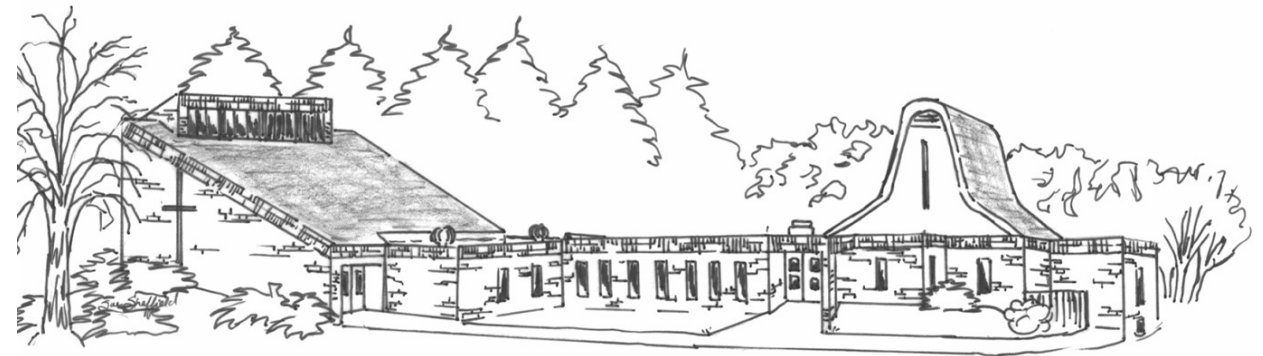
Today at Covenant

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Melissa Freeman
Organist:	Vivian Shipley Eckerson
Acolytes:	Julia Hagelberg & Carolee Mabe
Chimer:	Kalli Dulin
Gateway:	Rosemary Whitson
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“Lord, in the full assembly
I will praise you for what you have done.”
Psalm 22:25



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