

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 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 *"How Great Thou Art"* arr. by Janet Vogt

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come into my house and worship, says our God.

People: Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.

Leader: Come into my presence and be at peace, says our God.

People: Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.

Leader: Come and let your life be joined to mine, says our God.

People: Happy are those who abide in God's love.

Leader: Come and be God's honored guest, for all are welcome in God's house.

People: Happy are we, the dearly loved of a faithful God.

*Prayer for the Day

***Hymn of Praise # 489** *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

*Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Holy One of God.

**Even as we confess you are Lord,
we admit that we struggle to follow you.**

**Your teachings demand commitment,
but we lack energy and imagination.**

Sometimes we wish we could just go away from you.

But to whom would we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Risen Christ, have mercy on us.

Choose us yet again.

Send your Spirit to empower our witness and work.

*Assurance of Pardon

***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. 311 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43

Anthem *"How Lovely are the Messengers"* F. Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

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Children's Moments

***Gateway to Worship*

***Hymn of Preparation # 340** *"Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart"*

Gospel Reading pg. 98 John 6: 56-69

Sermon No Offense Rev. Sharon Amstutz

Responding Faithfully to God's Word

Commissioning of Mission Worker

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"The Church's One Foundation"* Samuel S. Wesley

***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 # 315** *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

*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** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* arr. by Janet Vogt

(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.

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 for cake and punch in the library immediately following worship in honor of all the August wedding anniversaries.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gene & Margaret Sullenger's anniversary by Margaret Sullenger.

Join us **tonight at 6:00 p.m.** for our next **ConneX** worship experience. The service will be followed by a light dinner. (Childcare will be provided.)

Senior Traveler's Trip: This month's trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 26th**. We will travel to the Unicoi County Heritage Museum and the Erwin Fish Hatchery. A catered lunch (sandwich, fruit, chips, and ice tea/water) will be served at the museum before the tour. Cost of \$10.00 covers museum admission fee and lunch. Meet at Covenant at 11:11 a.m. **Sign up sheet located in the narthex -- sign up by August 23rd (today)!!**

Today at Covenant

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Christian Zembower
Acolytes:	Kalli Dulin & Linden Hillhouse
Chimer:	Blake Jones
Gateway:	Linda Dulin
Nursery:	Matt Cary
Coffee Hosts:	Christian Education Committee

Church Staff:

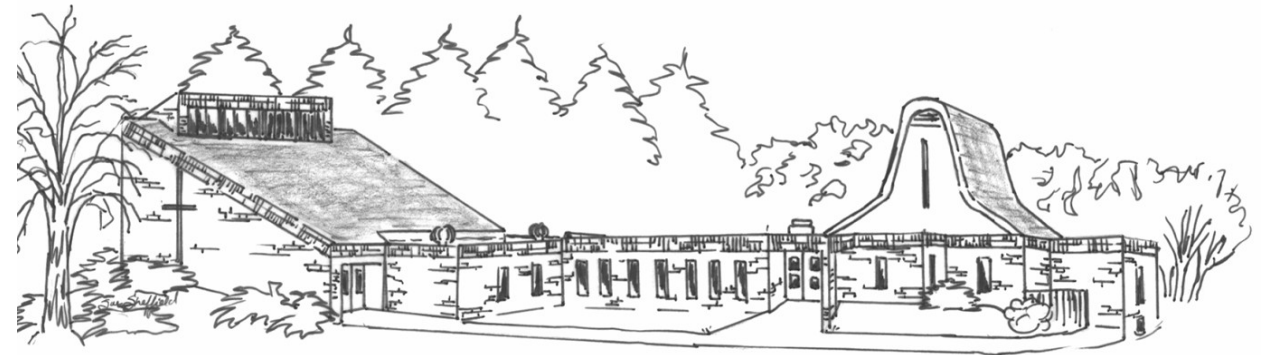
Pastor: Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz, cpcjctn_pastor@mounet.com
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Secretary: Tina Simon, cpcjctn@mounet.com
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Custodian: Marie Britt

People in our Prayers

The CB Willis family, Jean Merriss, Peter Block, Bob Hunter (Hal's brother), Anna Welker (friend of the Sutter's), George Gardner (the Willis' brother-in-law), Lane Johnson (CB Willis' cousin), Bob Thompson (Phyllis Thompson's father), Harriette Carr, the Slawson Family, Ed & Marie Britt, Pat Adams, Karen Kornweibel & Daniel Newcomer (friends of Phyllis Thompson), Bill Bader (Steve's brother), Joan Vick (Carson Vick's mother), Stephanie Muncie (friend of Hines family), Barbara King, Shelly Thornton (Gwen Hunter's cousin's 4-year old granddaughter), Missionaries Les & Cindy Morgan, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, Jarrod Cox (grandson of Sam Cox), Aneita Carr, Agnes Plank, Helene Herbert

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.

"Lord, in the full assembly
I will praise you for what you have done."
Psalm 22:25



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