

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 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

"Men May Live A Godly Life"

J.P. Sweelinck

*Call to Worship

Leader: Who is invited to worship God?

Left Side: All who seek the blessings of the Spirit.

Right Side: All who have gifts to offer for God's service.

Left Side: All who are thankful for our redemption.

Right Side: All who live in hope of God's reign on earth.

Leader: Who is invited to worship God?

All: Children of God, let us worship!

*Prayer for the Day

*Hymn of Praise # 8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love,

we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people.

**We have not loved our neighbors as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.**

Forgive us, gracious God,

and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another.

*Assurance of Pardon

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

People: That I belong to my faithful Savior 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 4)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Hearing the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading pg. 502

Psalm 24

Anthem

"Joy in the Morning"

Natalie Sleeth

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning. There'll be joy in the morning on that day, with the light of the dawn when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day. There'll be peace and contentment evermore, ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice will again rejoice, there'll be peace evermore. And the glory of the Lord, will shine, will shine upon us and the glory of the Lord will bring truth divine, There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be love, sweet love, ev'rywhere.

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Children's Moments

***Gateway to Worship*

*Hymn of Preparation # 474

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

Gospel Reading pg. 40

Mark 6:14-29

Sermon

A Terrible Tale

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

"Communion"

Alfred Hollins

*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 # 298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*Benediction

*Sending Response # 535

"Go with Us, Lord"

*Postlude

"Question and Answer"

Max Reger

(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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Andrea Sutter's birthday, and in memory of Helen Bradley's birthday (Sue's mother) by Jim & Sue Crandall.

Deadline for lunch reservations–today! Worship in the Park will be observed on **Sunday, July 19** (Rotary Park, Harris Pavilion) and followed by a catered lunch. The menu is barbecue sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert. An alternate peanut butter or grilled cheese sandwich meal can be ordered for children under 10. The cost of the meal is \$9/per person, \$30 for a family of 4. Children under 10 eat free. Please return the enclosed reservation form and payment to Tina in the office or put it in the offering plate during worship.

Come join the **Senior Travelers** for **Storytelling in Jonesborough**. We'll hear the Teller in Residence for **July 21st**, Kim Weitkamp. **Meet at Church at 1:15 p.m.**; we'll visit the ice cream shop after the program. Sign up in the Narthex. Will be fun – come on! Leaders: Bob & Betty Maletich.

Today at Covenant

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	John Cary
Organist:	Dr. David Runner
Acolytes:	Kalli Dulin & Linden Hillhouse
Chimer:	Drew Amstutz
Gateway:	Linda Dulin
Nursery:	Chris Adler Hillhouse

Church Staff:

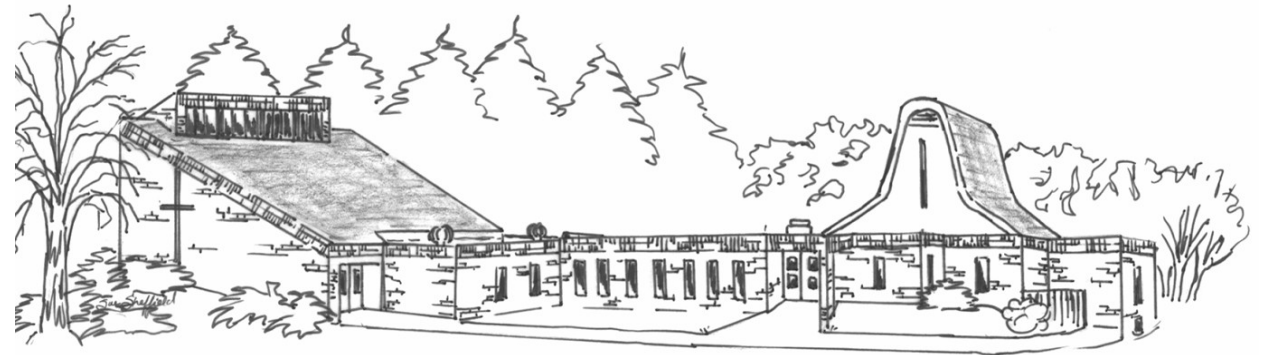
Pastor: Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz, cpcjctn_pastor@mounet.com
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Pianist: Amy Jones
Secretary: Tina Simon, cpcjctn@mounet.com
Nursery: Jeanne Gamble
Custodian: Marie Britt

People in our Prayers

Peter Block, Jean Merriss, 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), Shelly Thornton (Gwen Hunter's cousin's 4-year old granddaughter), Missionaries Les & Cindy Morgan, Barbara King, Barbara Thompson England (Phyllis Thompson's sister), Corrine Broyles, Bob Jasman (Bobbie Carroll's father), 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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