

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 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 Can I Keep From Singing"

arr.: Janet Vogt

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are the community of faith
that has been created by the love of God.

**People: We are the people who have been set free
by the word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We have come not to parade our own goodness
but to praise the holiness of God.

**People: We have come not to boast of what we have done
but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.**

**All: With all our being, let us praise God
and tell of all God's kindness toward us. Amen.**

*Prayer for the Day

*Hymn of Praise # 399

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, through your grace we are blessed.

We try to live in obedience to your commandments,
but we cling to our goods, and want even more.

When called upon to give sacrificially,
we go away grieving,

for we have many possessions.

We are afraid to give them up.

Are we cast out of your kingdom?

O God, forgive our selfish fears.

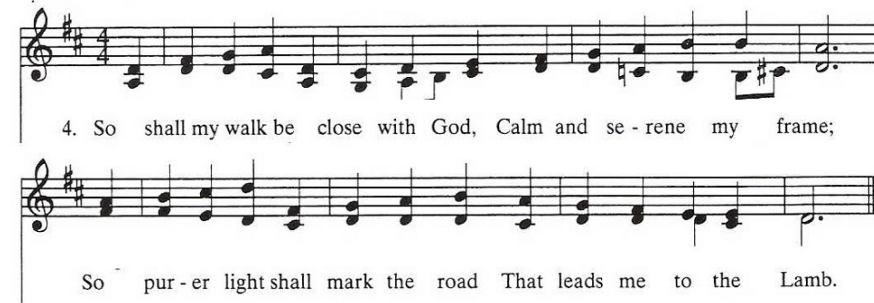
Nothing is impossible for you!

Turn our stinginess into generosity,
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response # 396 (stanza 4)

"O for a Closer Walk with God"



4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;
So pur-er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

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Hearing the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading pg. 471

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Anthem

"Behold Now, Praise the Lord"

Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of God. Lift you your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord. Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, praise the Lord.

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Children's Moments

***Gateway to Worship*

*Hymn of Preparation # 301

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Gospel Reading pg. 46

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon

Well okay, but....

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

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

John B. Dykes

*Doxology # 375, stanza 1

"Lord of All Good"

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You; use them Your holy purpose to fulfill; tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to Your will.

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*Prayer of Dedication

Going Out to Serve

***Hymn of Consecration** # 389

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***Benediction**

***Sending Response** # 371 (refrain only)

“Lift High the Cross”

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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***Postlude**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr.: 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.

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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 refreshments.

Last Sunday the **Peacemaking Offering** was received. Covenant will use 25 percent of the Offering and divide it equally between Range School in Carter County and the Magill Memorial Presbyterian Church Youth Program. The other 75 percent will help our partners in the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly as they work on behalf of God’s peacemaking throughout the world. There is still time to contribute. Thank you for your generosity.

The pastor will be out of the office until October 26th. If you have an emergency, please call the church office at 282-5324.

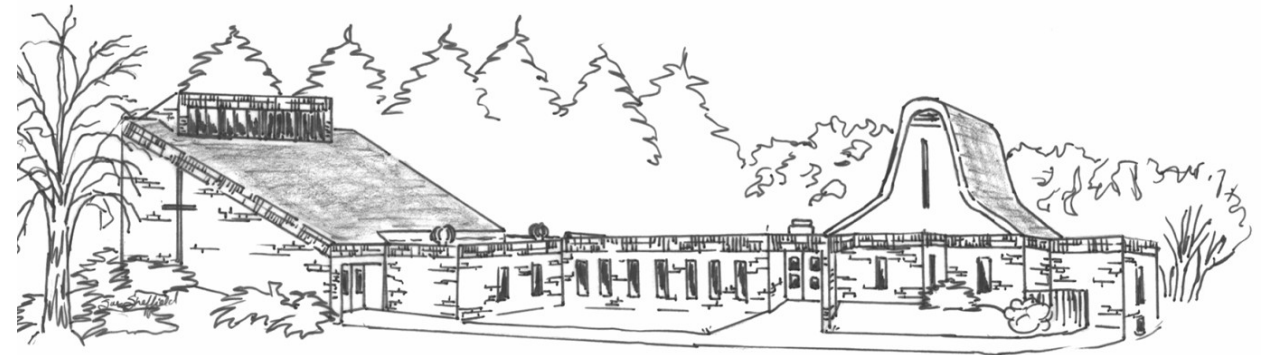
Today at Covenant

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Jerry Nagel
Acolytes:	Philip Hagelberg & Mark Jones
Chimer:	Carolee Mabe
Gateway:	Rosemary Whitson
Nursery:	Erma Hyers
Coffee Hosts:	Men’s Bible Study

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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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