

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**

"The Bell Chorus"

Gustav Mahler

Adapted by Douglas E. Wagner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come from east and west, north and south.

Leader: We come from different homes, different families, different lives.

Leader: We come to gather, we come to worship.

Leader: We are the people of God, unified within our diversity,
unified in the love of God.

People: Come! Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER**HYMN OF PRAISE # 128**

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you call us to be one as the body of Christ,
but we quibble and complain, focusing on our petty differences.**

**You invite us onto common ground, sanctified by the death and resurrection of Jesus,
but we criticize and judge, sure that our own path is the righteous one.**

**You speak to us in the universal language of your love,
but we misunderstand, misread, and misspeak.**

Move through us, God.

**Blow away our self-righteousness and self-absorption
that we might reach out in love and understanding.**

Hear now the prayers of our hearts...

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

from the Iona Community

Leader: What is it that is true?

**People: Jesus Christ lived for us. He died for us. He rose for us.
He reigns in power for us. He prays for us.**

Leader: What is it that is true?

**People: If anyone believes in Jesus Christ, they are a new creation.
The old life has gone away, and a new life has begun.**

Leader: What is it that is true?

People: We are forgiven and can be at peace!

Leader: Can you believe it?

People: We believe it!

Leader: Can you receive it?

People: We receive it!

Leader: And all God's children say:

All: Amen!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 357, stanza 1**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****GOSPEL READING pg. 108**

John 14:8-17, 25-27

ANTHEM

"Come Unto Me"

Bob Burroughs

Come unto me, all ye that labor, I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart. Ye shall find rest unto your souls for my yoke is easy and my burden light.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

****Gateway to Worship**

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 119

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

The Spirit's a Moving... Do You See It?

The Rev. Dr. Richard Fifield

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***HYMN # 393**

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

SERVICE OF WELCOME

Phyllis Thompson

Unison Prayer:

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****Offertory**

"Gavotte"

Bob Burroughs

***Doxology # 592**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: We offer ourselves to you, God,

People: That our young people might grow in faith and love.

Leader: We offer our gifts to you, God,

**People: That we might send out Young Adult Volunteers
into all corners of the earth to learn, share, and grow.**

Leader: We offer our hearts to you, God,
People: That all children might know care, security, and love.
Leader: We offer all that we are to you, God,
People: That all of us might know you more! Amen! And Amen!

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 322

“Spirit of the Living God”

*BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord walks before us, that we might know the way.
**People: The Lord walks beside us, that we might not be alone.
The Lord walks behind us, that we might know to whom we belong.**
Leader: Go out now in faith, knowing that we walk with the Lord! Amen!

*SENDING RESPONSE # 535

“Go with Us, Lord”

*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.

*Please join us in the library immediately after worship
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

Today, as we receive the Pentecost Offering, we lift up children at risk, youth ministry, and Young Adult Volunteers. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the love of their families, and the support of the faith community, they may indeed sing praises to God all their lives long. We join them in joyful songs of praise!

This morning we welcome to the pulpit the **Rev. Dr. Rich Fifield.** Rich has a D.Min. from McCormick in Chicago and an M.Div. from Louisville. He served several congregations in Kentucky before coming here in 2001. He currently serves our Presbytery as Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk.

We welcome new members Ralph and Lesli Bass (their daughter, Kristin, will be a member of the confirmation class next year), **Brandy Bonnett, Jimmy & Marsha Mucha, and Josh Parsons** as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

Jennifer Palmer is attending her fiancé’s ordination at First Presbyterian this morning. In her absence, we are happy to have our former pianist, **Amy G. Jones.**

Congratulations to our Spring Graduates: Adam Sutter, Patrick Charade, Matt Slawson, and Jaime Abbott, all graduating from Science Hill High School on May 29, 2010. Also graduating are **Robert Rice** from law school (Tommy & Cheryl’s son), **Jason Beckley** (Evelyn Kemp’s older son) with an MBA from the University of NC at Charlotte, and Evelyn’s other son, **Steven Beckley,** is finishing his Anesthesiology residency at Ohio State! Look for details (including addresses) in June’s Courier.

The pastor is out on medical leave. If you have an emergency, please call the church office (282-5324) or Andrea Sutter at 773-5602 if the office is closed.

Deadline: today! Please see the **yellow insert** in your bulletin for information on special Coalition for Appalachian Ministry (CAM) collections. Donated items may be placed in the pink collection bins located in the Narthex.

Join us for Covenant’s **Days at the Lake** events for the great summer tradition of water sports and cooking out. We will be graciously hosted at the Hart’s cabin as usual, with plenty of activities for all.

Women’s Day at the Lake: Wednesday, June 9th

Youth Day at the Lake: Wednesday, June 23rd

Men’s Day at the Lake: Wednesday, June 30th

(no rain dates)

Grilled meats and beverages will be provided, but please plan on bringing something to share. Sign-up sheets for the Women’s’ and Men’s Days are posted in the Narthex. Please contact any member of the Congregational Life Committee with any questions.

** **LAST CHANCE**** – **Equal Exchange Pecans. Buy today and support small farmers in Southwest GA.**

Looking for Service Opportunities / Help Needed: The Property Committee here at Covenant has recently made a checklist of items in the church building and on the church lot needing some personal attention and care. These items entail minor cleaning and/or repairing, touch-up painting, and just your “tender loving care” in continuing the life and beauty of Covenant Presbyterian. If you are a student needing some school service time, or someone wanting to donate some time and talent toward the church, we welcome you! If you are interested and want to help, please contact committee chair, David Jones (282-8928), or any other committee member, for more information and to peruse and select from the checklist of "to do's".

Holston Presbytery Camp is getting ready for a great **Summer Camp** season for children 8-17. Hang out with friends, enjoy campfires, play games and swim at Lake Lyons! Enjoy a week of Summer fun by checking out the zipline, hiking trails, and caring staff! Register by phone or online at www.holstoncamp.org! Sign up soon to get the camp you want! (Check out the **bulletin board** in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall for **Camp Schedules/Registration forms** and other camp information!)

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr Chimer: Mark Jones
Liturgist: Jim Amstutz Gateway: Valerie Robertson
Pianist: Amy Gugliotta Jones Nursery: Sharon Benner
Acolytes: Julia Hagelberg & Grace Madden Coffee Hosts: Blake Jones & Sean Madden
Covenant Chimes

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, May 23</u> | | <u>Thursday, May 27</u> | |
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| 9:00a | Chime Rehearsal | 8:00a | Men's Bible Study |
| 12:15p | Youth Mission Trip Meeting | 9:30a | Women in the Bible |
| <u>Tuesday, May 25</u> | | Noon | Al-Anon Meeting |
| 7:30p | Al-Anon Meeting | | |
| <u>Wednesday, May 26</u> | | | |
| 7:30p | Choir Practice | | |

YOU HAVE MAIL: Karen Mabe

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Rose Willis, Sharon Amstutz, Chris Adler Hillhouse, the Hunter Family, Steve Bader, Roger Hecht, Pat Adams, Jean Freeman (Bill's mother), Helen Davis, Elva McCartt, Peter Block, Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Ed & Marie Britt, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, 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.