

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 *“Toccata in A Minor”* Cesar Franck

CHORAL INTROIT *“Glorify Thy Name”* Donna Adkins

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O LORD, our LORD,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**People: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet.**

**All: O LORD, our LORD,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 138** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light,
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING pg. 590 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

ANTHEM *“We Would Offer Thee This Day”* Jane M. Marshall

We would offer thee this day, O God, with sobered minds what we are: that to the enrichment of our life, and of all life, thou mayest make of it what thou wilt. Grant us to be weary at last of our own too safe and cautious lives, and from thy certain Presence here to bring back into this defeated world some liberating sense of that inheritance which has always been ours, except for our poor dealing with it. So fulfill in us what thou didst intend when thy hands shaped us, and of thy grace fit us for thy service. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

****Gateway to Worship**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION # 126** *“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”*

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 155 Romans 5:1-5

SERMON Hope does not disappoint us?!?! Mark Plemmons

RESPONDING 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 *“Adagio”* Cesar Franck

***Doxology # 592** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***Prayer of Dedication**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 323** *“Loving Spirit”*

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE # 535** *“Go with Us, Lord”*

***POSTLUDE** *“Hornpipe”* G.F. Handel

(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.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

This morning we welcome to the pulpit Mark Plemmons. Mark and his family (Kim, Hannah and Grace) are members at First Presbyterian in Kingsport where Mark is currently serving on Session. He was first commissioned as lay pastor in Holston Presbytery in 1995. Over the last 15 years, he has filled pulpits across Holston Presbytery as well as some Scioto Valley Presbytery in Ohio, but this is his first visit to Covenant.

We welcome Dr. David Runner, a Professor at Milligan College and Accompanist for Civic Chorale, at the organ this morning.

The **June Courier** can be found on the table in the narthex. **Help us save postage! Be sure to pick up your copy!**

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, May 31st,** for the Memorial Day holiday.

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

Last week we received the **Pentecost Offering.** Our offering supports: General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults, Advocacy at the denominational level on behalf of children at risk, and Young Adult Volunteer opportunities. 40% of this offering will be given to our local Interfaith Hospitality Network to support their work with homeless families here in Johnson City. **There is still time to contribute. Thank you for your generosity.**

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Rose Willis, Sharon Amstutz, Gary Smith, 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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgist: Jim Amstutz
Organist: Dr. David Runner
Youth Ensemble Director: Anne Smith
Acolytes: Drew Amstutz & Cameron Hopkins
Chimer: Carolee Mabe
Gateway: Rosemary Whitson
Nursery: Chris Adler Hillhouse
Coffee Hosts: Drew Amstutz, Julia Hagelberg, Linden Hillhouse
The Youth Ensemble

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

Today, May 30
9:00a Chime Rehearsal
Monday, May 31
Office Closed – Memorial Day Holiday
Tuesday, June 1
4:00p Human Resources Comm. Mtg.
7:00p Outreach Comm. Mtg.
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting
Wednesday, June 2
9:00a Jeter's Garden Club
7:00p Christian Education Comm. Mtg.(?)
7:30p Choir Practice
Thursday, June 3
8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women in the Bible
Noon Al-Anon Meeting
Saturday, June 5
8:00a Presbytery Meeting

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Dot Carpenter (on Tina's desk in the office)
Gil Derouen
Karen Mabe

Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to our Spring Graduates: Adam Sutter, Patrick Charade, and Jaime Abbott, all graduated yesterday from Science Hill High School. Also, **Robert Rice** (Tommy & Cheryl's son) from law school, **Jason Beckley** (Evelyn Kemp's older son) from the University of NC at Charlotte, and Evelyn's other son, **Steven Beckley**, is finishing his Anesthesiology residency at Ohio State! **Matthew Sweeney**, our former Director of Youth Ministry, is graduating from Emmanuel. Look for details (including addresses) in June's Courier.

(on a related note...)

You're Invited!

The Sutter family has extended an invitation to you, their church family, to join them for an **Open House** celebration of Adam's graduation from Science Hill High School! It will be **this afternoon from 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.** at their home.

Lake Days

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.

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".

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Trinity Sunday
May 30, 2010
Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful comfort.

Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.