

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 Prelude on BELLEVUE (“How Firm a Foundation”) L.H. Bristol

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 95:6-7; 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

Come, let us all worship and bow down together,
**People: let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

*OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 285** “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”
AUSTRIAN HYMN

***CALL TO CONFESSION** based on Matthew 22:37-40

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation.
We have failed in our calling to be your holy people,
a people set apart for your divine purpose.
We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope.
We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.
We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.
We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories,
without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace.
Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.
By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, revive us,
and reshape us in your image. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** based on 1 Peter 2:9-10

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 355** (verse 1 and refrain)
“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING pg. 6 Matthew 6:24-34

ANTHEM “How Can I Keep From Singing” arr.: Jeffrey Honoré

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing?

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 168 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

SERMON The Ins and Outs of Judging Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN # 335** “Though I May Speak” O WALY WALY

***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 “All Glory Be to God on High” Zachau/Vetter

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN # 172** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” RESIGNATION

*BENEDICTION

***SENDING RESPONSE** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

***POSTLUDE** “Paeon” John Marsh

(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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Hearing devices and large-print Hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary; and a limited number of large-print bulletins are on the table in the Narthex. (Please let us know if more large-print bulletins are needed for future services.)

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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 following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Communion

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

The Newsletter

The **March Courier** can be found on the table in the narthex. **Help us save postage!** Be sure to pick up your copy! **NOTICE:** In order to continue our attempt to cut operational costs, mass printing of the Courier will be phased out over the next couple of months for those with electronic access (e-mail). **If you have e-mail but still prefer a printed newsletter (and we know some of you do!!!), PLEASE let Tina know,** either by e-mail (office@covenantpresjc.org) or by phone (282-5324). The monthly newsletter, as well as bulletins, sermons, the calendar and other information, is available on the church website: www.covenantpresjc.org. Be sure to check it out!

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Bob Maletich, Jerry Ladich, the family of Robert Snow, Fern Kemp (Evelyn's mother), Marie Britt, the family of Agnes Plank, Hazel Rowe, the Jones family, Catie Cheek, Roger Hecht, Jackie & Steve Bader, Ted Bair (Lynnea Fisher's father), Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Jack Fletcher, Lattie Collins, Jim Crandall, Rose Willis, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), John Brumit (Betsy Moakler's brother), Max Wilson, Pat Adams, Vi Block, Elva McCartt, Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Joyce Ford; Tim Jones; Bill Gose, and Dr. Joe Walton (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti

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.

Lenten Resources

Looking for a new Lenten devotional? Sharon will have a display of resources in the Narthex.

Who Loves Babies???

Over the past several years, our list of willing and able Nursery volunteers has diminished for various reasons, until now we are down to only a handful of helpers. While it is true that we haven't had many families with young infants who need the nursery, we are hoping that that will soon change and our Nursery will once again be bustling with activity! Regardless, we MUST have someone there every Sunday to take care of infants/toddlers during the church service (and possibly, if the need arises in the future, during the Sunday School hour as well). We could really use **8-10 more volunteers**; if we have that many on our list, each person would only need to cover a shift in the Nursery *once every three months*! Please consider volunteering for this meaningful and rewarding service opportunity. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex you can use if you are willing to help baby-sit in the Nursery, and you can also call Linda Dulin at 913-0202 to volunteer. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!

After Church Coffee Fellowship

We have had multiple requests that instead of groups being assigned on a monthly basis to host After Church Coffee Fellowship, we ask individuals. So...here it is...Congregational Life NEEDS you – call Andrea at 773-5602, e-mail amsutter765@juno.org, or Facebook if you can host Coffee Fellowship. **Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex!**

Young Adult Gathering

There will be NO official Young Adult Gathering in March, since a significant number of us will be out of town. However, if you're young and an adult and you want to get together, by all means go for it! Our next meeting – really – will be the second Friday (good Lord willin') on April 8th. See you then!

A note from...Holston Presbytery Camp

Young & Old: From the oldest to the youngest, there is a great camp for you at HPC! Our older campers (14-17 year olds) can choose between high adventure camps that go rafting on whitewater rivers, climbing at Eagle's Nest and backpacking on the AT or camps that offer a more relaxed pace like R&R. Our youngest campers (8-9 year olds) can enjoy main camp activities including paddling on Wildcat Lake or going down the zipline on Lake Lyons and Rock Hoppers get a special visit to Grandfather Mountain! This year, even adults can enjoy camp during the summer – check out our July Vacation – plan your 4th of July vacation at HPC! Check out www.holstoncamp.org to see the complete schedule of camps for 8-17 year olds in the cool, windy mountains of Banner Elk, NC!

TODAY AT COVENANT :

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Andy Irvin
Acolytes:	Drew Amstutz & Cameron Hopkins
Chimer:	Linden Hillhouse
Gateway:	Kathi Cary
Nursery:	Andrea Sutter
Coffee Fellowship Hostesses:	Helen Davis & Margaret Sullenger

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:	Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Director of Youth Ministry:	Andy Irvin
Music Director:	Larry Brandenburg
Secretary:	Tina Simon
Financial Secretary:	Anne Webb
Custodian:	Marie Britt

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT :

<u>Today, February 27</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
4:00p	Choir Workshop
<u>Monday, February 28</u>	
6:00p	Way of Discernment Small Group Study
7:00p	WNL Outreach Mtg.
<u>Tuesday, March 1</u>	
Noon	Congregational Life Committee Meeting
7:00p	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p	Worship Committee Meeting
7:30p	AI-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, March 2</u>	
5:00p	WNL!
7:15p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, March 3</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	AI-Anon Meeting
<u>Saturday, March 5</u>	
8:00a	Presbytery Meeting

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Rich & Betsy Moakler
Cornelia Shelnett

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 2011
Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of life,
thank you for calling us to belong to something
so much bigger than ourselves.
Thank you for your church in all times and places.
We pray that all who come to worship today
may sense that the gospel of Christ
is so much bigger than this congregation.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

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