

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 *“I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light”* Wayne Wold

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Proverbs 3 and Matthew 5

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

**People: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

**People: Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

Leader: It will be a healing for your flesh,
and a refreshment for your body.

**People: Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**

Leader: Happy are those who find wisdom;
she is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (see insert) *“Gather Us In”* GATHER US IN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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. 4 Matthew 5:13-20

ANTHEM *“Praise the Lord”* G.F. Handel

Praise the Lord! Let songs of joy break forth.
Sing alleluia, praise His name forevermore.
Shout, sing, and dance and celebrate.
Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.
Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.
O praise His holy name forevermore.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

****Gateway to Worship**

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 166 I Corinthians 2:1-16

SERMON Fools and Sages Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** pg. 15 (Ecumenical version) The Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN # 130** *“Let Every Christian Pray”* LAUDES DOMINI

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Offering

Offertory *“Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness”* Theodore Beck
(See text at Hymn # 506)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN # 420** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** *“Vivace”* (from Organ Concerto No. 1) J.S. Bach

(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.

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

The 5-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011

The main dish at this month’s Lunch will be enchiladas (provided by the Congregational Life Committee). Please bring a side dish to go with them (refried beans, rice, salad) or a dessert to share with your church family. If your dish needs to be kept warm or even heated at the last minute, someone will be in the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. to receive your dish and your instructions. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you! If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Sutter or Lauri Zembower.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Fern Kemp (Evelyn's mother), Marie Britt, the family of Agnes Plank, Harriette Carr, Hazel Rowe, Robert Snow, 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 (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, Aneita Carr

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	Gateway:	Karen Mabe
Liturgist:	Jerry Nagel	Nursery:	Kathi Cary
Acolytes:	Julia & Philip Hagelberg	Coffee Fellowship:	The Hunter's

CHURCH STAFF:

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

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:

Today, February 6

9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
6:00p	Young Adult Gathering (at Knechtel's)

Monday, February 7

10:30a	Melting Pot
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Tuesday, February 8

1:30p	Friendship Circle
7:00p	Joy Circle
7:00p	"Ministry Into the Community" Meeting (Bill Hyers)
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, February 9

5:00p	WNL!
7:00p	Small Group Informational Meeting (Sharon)
7:15p	Choir Practice

Thursday, February 10

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Kathi Cary

Tina (the church secretary) will be out of the office next week. You may leave information for her either on her desk or in her mailbox (or via e-mail). If you have need of immediate assistance or information, please contact the pastor.

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 in the Narthex!

Young Adult Gathering - TONIGHT!

What: Super Bowl Young Adult Party. Bring your favorite tail-gate munchie food and beverage to share.

When: Super Bowl Sunday, **February 6, 6.00 p.m.** (kick-off at 6.30.) (Or feel free to come by after kick-off.)

Where: Dave & Maureen Knechtel's, 916 Katie's Way

If you have any questions contact Lynnea Hunter (828.266.1917), Dave Knechtel (412.526.7819) or Maureen Knechtel (412.759.9714).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Friendship Circle: 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Sally Nagel, Co-Hostess: Pat Willard
1919 Waters Edge Drive, J.C., 928-0853, Lesson Six

Joy Circle: 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Andrea Sutter
1702 Seward Drive, J.C., 232-1211, Lesson Six

NEW SMALL GROUP FORMING

Struggling to figure out what God wants you to be doing? Do you find it easier to talk to God than to hear what God is saying to you? Then this small group may be for you. We will use *The Way of Discernment* (in the same series as the other Companions in Christ groups we've had in the past) as our guide to help us learn the discipline and art of discernment, both in our individual lives and in our life together as the Church. This isn't a group for the faint-hearted or already over-committed! We will meet together for 2 hours each week, and each day you will have about 30 minutes of "homework". Past groups have found these times to be spiritually enriching and a wonderful time of support, encouragement and prayer. **An informational meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9 (over by choir), and the group(s) will begin two weeks later and run for 10 weeks.** Depending on interest, we can meet during the day or evening. Questions? Call Sharon.

Calling All Seniors

Our Annual Senior Brunch is being planned for Friday, Feb. 25th at 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We've dealt with snow and cold weather long enough, so come on out and help us to celebrate the coming of spring. Feel free to bring your neighbors, friends, and our special friends who are no longer driving. Even if you don't qualify as a senior, you can join us for great fellowship and some really good food. Everyone is welcome! The cost is only \$3.50 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you to let us know you are coming so we'll be sure to have enough food for seconds! If you need additional info, see Helen Davis. Hope to see YOU there!!

A note from...HOLSTON PRESBYTERY CAMP

Get ready! In a few more months, the cold weather will be a memory and it will be time for Summer Camp at Holston Camp! Get ready for more water camps, a family vacation over the 4th of July, and a new conference for Jr. Highs! If you haven't seen the schedule for 2011, be sure to check it out at www.holstoncamp.org! If you have been to Holston Camp before, let your friends know what a great time you've had and bring a friend this year! Registration is open now and it's only \$50 to hold your spot. (Information is also posted on our bulletin boards & in the Narthex.)

2011 Theologian-In-Residence

Feb. 8 – "The Presbyterian Church (USA) and Other Mainline Churches in North America in the 21st Century" with *Clifton Kirkpatrick*

Feb. 15 - "Trends Beyond the Mainline Protestants" with *Gradye Parsons*

Lunch is provided. Please make your reservations by contacting Eugenia Estes (eeses@tusculum.edu) or calling 1.800.729.0256, ext. 5310 or 423.636.7304.

(Brochures and registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.)

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2011

Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You have brought us again to new life, Almighty God,
and gathered us in the community of faith
to be your people as we work and witness in this world.
Feed us today with the presence of our risen Lord Jesus Christ,
and breathe into us your Spirit,
that we may be bold witnesses in all we say and do
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.