

**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**

**INTROIT** “God Our Maker, Give Us Peace” D. Christopherson

**PRELUDE** Pastorale on “Simple Gifts” arr. Andrew Clarke

**\*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 # 288** “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” ELLACOMBE

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*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

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. People of God, all of us together have received God’s mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*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. 3 Matthew 4:12-23

**ANTHEM** “You That Know the Lord Is Gracious” Cyril V. Taylor

You that know the Lord is gracious, you for whom a cornerstone stands, of God elect and precious, laid that you may build thereon, See that on that sure foundation you a living temple raise. Towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones by God appointed each to his allotted place, Kings and priests, by God anointed, shall you not declare his grace? You, a royal generation, tell the tidings of your birth, Tidings of a new creation to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you out of darkness into Light, Broke the fetters that enthralled you, gave you freedom, peace, and sight: Tell the tale of sins forgiven, strength renewed and hope restored, Till the earth, in tune with heaven, praise and magnify the Lord.

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**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**\*\*Gateway to Worship**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** pg. 166 1 Corinthians 10-18

**SERMON** Soul Mates Rev. Sharon Amstutz

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN** “God, You Call Us to This Place” SALZBURG (see insert)

**\*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** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” arr. David N. Johnson

**\*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 # 332** “Live Into Hope” TRURO

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING RESPONSE #** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”  
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**\*POSTLUDE** “Rigaudon” Andre Campra

*(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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**JUST A REMINDER**: **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.

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to the Jones family in the death of Melanie’s cousin, Mary Ellyn Brown.*

**AFTER CHURCH LUNCH & ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for "Breakfast for Lunch".** The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will follow our meal. Highlights of 2010 will be reviewed, the 2011 budget will be presented, and we will elect members of the church Nominating Committee as well as officers of the corporation. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you. Please plan to attend. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what’s happening at Covenant.

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**The pastor** will be out of the office next week. If you have an emergency, please contact the church office (282-5324) or Andrea Sutter (773-5602).

### PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

The Jones family, Catie Cheek, Roger Hecht, Jackie & Steve Bader, Ted Bair (Lynnea Fisher's father), the Hillhouse Family, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Jack Fletcher, Agnes Plank, Lattie Collins, Jim Crandall, Bob & Estelle Armistead, 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), Ed & Marie Britt, 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
Liturgist:	Cheryl Rice
Flautist:	Melissa Freeman
Younger Youth Choir Director:	Anne Smith
Acolytes:	Drew Amstutz & Cameron Hopkins
Chimer:	Kristin Bass
Gateway:	Linda Dulin
Nursery:	Karen Mabe

Younger Youth Choir

### 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 :

Today, January 23

9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
<b>12:30p</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Annual Meeting of Congregation</b>
5:00p	Youth Planning Meeting

Tuesday, January 25

7:00p	Joy Circle
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, January 26

5:00p	WNL!
7:30p	Choir Practice

Thursday, January 27

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
6:00p	Franklin Sq. Homeowner's Assoc. Mtg.

### YOU HAVE MAIL:

Dean & Carol Borchers	Janet Powell
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**2010 Giving Statements** can be found on the table in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick up yours.

**Stewardship envelopes for 2010** are on the table in the Narthex. Please take yours. If you do not find a box of envelopes, but wish to have one, please leave a note in the Church office or send Tina an e-mail.

### *Chime Choir*

The Chime Choir is seeking new members. If you are interested, please contact Ann Freeman (676-3244). A music background is helpful, but not required!

### *Presbyterian Women*

The (evening) Joy Circle will meet this **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. (7:00 p.m. at the home of Betsy Hagelberg, 2925 Antioch Road, J.C., 929-7940. Lessons Four and Five)

### *Collection for IHN*

IHN is in desperate need of supplies. The following is a list of the items they need most. (There are containers in the Narthex for your donations.)

13 Gallon Trash Bags	Hair Brushes
Toilet Tissue	Lip Balm
Paper Towels	Hand Sanitizer
Baby Wipes	Liquid Hand Soaps
Diapers, Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4	Lysol Disinfectant
Pull Ups, Various Sizes (Boys & Girls)	Laundry Detergent
Razors	Bleach
Shaving Cream	Pine Sol
Deodorants (Men's & Women's)	White Copy Paper
Paper Clips (Large & Small)	Color Copy Paper
Post it Notes	Hanging Folders
Folders	Pens (Black & Blue)

### *2011 Theologian-In-Residence*

**Feb. 1** – “The Changing Center of Gravity of Christianity from the Global North to the Global South” with *Clifton Kirkpatrick*

**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 (eestes@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.)*

### *Young Adult Gathering*

**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).

### *Flowers for the Sanctuary*

The **2011 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board in the hall outside the sanctuary. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary to honor or remember someone or a special occasion. (Ordering instructions are posted next to the calendar.)

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2011

Sunday, eleven o'clock

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God,  
you have called us to be members of one body.  
Join us with those  
who in all times and places have praised your name,  
that, with one heart and mind,  
we may show the unity of your church,  
and bring honor to our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.