

**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 (DRAMA)** “Feeding the 500”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 272** (red hymnal) “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** Isaiah 55:6-7

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Awesome and compassionate God,  
You have loved us with an unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not loved you.  
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,  
we repent in spirit and in truth,  
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: For our confidence and assurance,  
let us hold to the promise that Isaiah extends to us:  
that God will have mercy and will freely pardon.  
On the basis of God's promise, be at peace,  
for God has pardoned you.  
And so, may the peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576** “Gloria, Gloria”

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** pg. # 29 Matthew 25:31-45

**SERMON** “I Was Hungry” John Cary

**POETIC READING** “When Thy Joy of Love Overflowing”

**SCRIPTURE READING** pg. # 29 Matthew 25: 34-36

**SERMON** “I Was Thirsty” Andy Irvin

**\*HYMN # 469** “Morning Has Broken”

**SCRIPTURE READING** pg. # 29 Matthew 25: 34-36

**SERMON** “I Was A Stranger” Ellen Hagelberg

**POETIC READING** “Ye Have Done it Unto Me”

**SCRIPTURE READING** pg. # 29 Matthew 25: 34-36

**SERMON** “I Was Naked” Wes Wright

**POETIC READING** “Heaven is Here, Where Hymns of Gladness”

**SCRIPTURE READING** pg. # 29 Matthew 25:34-36

**SERMON** “I Was In Prison” Sean Madden

**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** “Andantino” Aram Khachaturian

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN # 434** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” KINGSFOLD

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING RESPONSE**

Leader: For whom do you wait, patient pilgrim,  
here in the evening dusk, near the side of the road?  
Your head is hung low. You seem to be grieving.

**ALL: I came here at dawn to wait for the King of Kings.  
I came with a silver trumpet, silken banners,  
and an ample and sumptuous feast.  
But look, my trumpet is gone, and so are my banners.  
Nothing—except for the bones—is left of the feast.  
I fear that if the Messiah should come,  
I will have nothing to give.**

Leader: But the Lord passed by this place only today.  
How was it that you did not see him?

**All: There was no King of Glory on this road—  
only a lonely child who reached for a song,  
an old woman in rags who yearned for silk,  
some gaunt refugees who hungered for what lay in a basket.  
How could I refuse such simple requests?**

Leader: O blessed Pilgrim, you saw the Messiah, this very day.  
You gave him your trumpet, your banners,  
your sumptuous feast.  
You gave him all of this and the best gift of all—  
a compassionate heart.  
Go in Peace.

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**\*POSTLUDE** “The Farewell” Johann Friedrich Burgmüller

\*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.

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Covenant’s youth by Steve & Melissa Hopkins.*

*Entered into the Church Triumphant: Agnes V. Plank – January 23, 2011*

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

**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!

**Collection for IJHN**

IJHN 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.)

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| 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) |

**PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS**

Ed & Marie Britt, the family of Agnes Plank, Harriette Carr, the Jones family, Hazel Rowe, 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  
Acolytes: Kalli Dulin & Grace Madden  
Chimer: Sean Madden  
Gateway: Matt Cary  
Nursery: Sally Nagel  
Coffee Fellowship: Evelyn Kemp & Charles Trifiletti

**PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE :**

(in the order of their participation)

Kristin Bass  
Cameron Hopkins  
Drew Amstutz  
Joseph Cary  
Sean Moakler  
Carolee Mabe  
Julia Hagelberg  
Linden Hillhouse  
Beth Amstutz  
John Cary  
Melissa Freeman  
Ellen Hagelberg  
Wes Wright  
Sean Madden  
Nik Hopkins

**CHURCH STAFF:**

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

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT :**

Today, January 30  
9:00a Chime Choir Practice  
Tuesday, February 1  
Noon Congregational Life Committee Meeting  
7:00p Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting  
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting  
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting  
Wednesday, February 2  
5:00p WNL!  
7:15p Choir Practice  
Thursday, February 3  
8:00a Men's Bible Study  
9:30a Women in the Bible  
Noon Al-Anon Meeting

**YOU HAVE MAIL:**

Rosemary Whitson

*Congratulations...*

to **David & Sharon Miller** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Sophia Louise**, born on January 25<sup>th</sup> to John & Jerri Miller!

*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.)

**COVENANT  
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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 30, 2011  
Sunday, eleven o'clock

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Fill our worship with grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
that every thought, word, and deed  
may be acceptable to you,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

—based on Psalm 19:14