

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION Deborah Lewis

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: At the baptism of Jesus, God said:
People: “You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”
Leader: When we hear God’s call to prayer, God is summoning us:
People: “You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”
Leader: When we hear God’s call to service God is inviting us:
People: “You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”
Leader: When we hear God’s call to repentance, God is welcoming us:
People: “You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”
Leader: When we feel God’s absence, God is still supporting us:
People: “You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”
Leader: Let us worship the God of our baptism,
the God who blesses us still.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 411** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ,
promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life.
But we fail to live as forgiven people.
We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.
We allow our past to hold us hostage
and are reluctant to welcome newness.
In your loving-kindness
have mercy on us and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism
so that we may live as your people,
claimed in the waters of promise. 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. 3 Matthew 3:13-17

ANTHEM “Baptized in Water” arr.: Dale Grotenhuis

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 129 Acts 10:34-43

SERMON The Conversion of Peter Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN # 440** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles’ Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day
he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the
right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

***Doxology # 68** (verse 4) “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

***Prayer of Dedication**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN # 495** “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE# 411** (verse 4) “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.

***POSTLUDE**

(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 large-print bulletins are on the table in the Narthex.

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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.

This morning we welcome our new Music Director, Larry Brandenburg.

REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2010 Committee Reports for the Annual Report need to be e-mailed to Tina before **January 10th, 2011**. Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Friendship (Afternoon) Circle:

1:30 p.m. at the home of Dot Carpenter (12 Sterling Circle, J.C., 283-9213).
Lesson Five

Joy (Evening) Circle:

7:00 p.m. at the home of Betsy Hagelberg (2925 Antioch Road, J.C., 929-7940)
Lessons Four and Five

RECEPTION FOR JENNIFER PALMER – JANUARY 16TH

Please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday, January 16th where we will be able to say farewell and express our appreciation to our pianist, Jennifer Palmer. We are asking each family to bring a finger-food type dish to share for this send-off celebration. (If you would like to contribute to a monetary gift for Jennifer, please write your check to Covenant and note “Jennifer” in the memo line.)

GOOD SAMARITAN

Next Sunday, January 16th, the Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received. This month they need: small (single-serving size) canned vegetables, fruits, meats and soups with pop-top lids, packs of pudding and Jell-o cups, small jars of instant coffee, creamer and sugar packets, crackers, small jars of peanut butter and jelly, and packs of raisins.

2011 STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Your **2011 offering envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex. Please take yours. If you do not find a box of envelopes with your name, but wish to have one, please call Tina (282-5324) or send an e-mail to the office (office@covenantpresjc.org).

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The **2011 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board in the hall outside of the sanctuary. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary to honor or remember someone or to mark a special occasion. Ordering instructions (if you wish to order from AnnaMarie’s Florist) are posted next to the chart.

CHIME CHOIR

The Chime Choir is seeking new members. If you are interested, please contact Ann Freeman (676-2344). A music background is helpful, but not required!

CHURCH WEBSITE

Weekly bulletins, sermons, the church events calendar, and the monthly newsletters are posted on our website, www.covenantpresjc.org.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

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, Roger Hecht, 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: Leonard Robertson
Acolytes: Julia Hagelberg & Carolee Mabe
Chimer: Philip Hagelberg
Gateway: Andrea Sutter
Nursery: Nancy Hart
Coffee Fellowship: Phyllis Thompson

CHURCH STAFF:

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

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT :

Today, January 9
9:00a Chime Choir Practice
Monday, January 10
Deadline for 2010 Committee Reports
Tuesday, January 11
1:30p Friendship Circle
7:00p Joy Circle
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting
Wednesday, January 12
5:00p WNL!
7:30p Choir Practice
Thursday, January 13
8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women in the Bible
Noon Al-Anon Meeting

YOU HAVE MAIL: Janet Powell

2011 THEOLOGIAN -IN-RESIDENCE

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, **Gradye Parsons**, and the Stated Clerk Emeritus of the General Assembly, **Clifton Kirkpatrick**, will be featured during the 2011 Theologian-in-Residence lecture series for three Tuesdays in February sponsored by Holston Presbytery and Tusculum College.

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

February 8 – “The Presbyterian Church (USA) and Other Mainline Churches in North America in the 21st Century” *with Clifton Kirkpatrick*

February 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.)

LUNCH & DISCUSSION AT MAGILL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

Magill Memorial Presbyterian in Roan Mountain will host a lunch and discussion **this afternoon beginning at 12:30** with Joe and Kathy Angi, PCUSA missionaries serving in Budapest, Hungary. Point of interest will be a proposed water well project through Living Waters for the World to be located in the Ukraine. Everyone is invited to attend. For further information, contact Steve Rembert (rembert_sb@juno.com), Erwin Presbyterian. Joe and Kathy Angi will also be available to talk in any church prior to their time at Magill Memorial. They will be in the area January 5-8.

THIRD THURSDAY DINNERS

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to join your fellow Covenant members as we resume our monthly Third Thursday Dinners. Our next dinner is scheduled for **January 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Mellow Mushroom**. Please contact Lauri Zembower (620-3625 or broncofan524@yahoo.com) if you think you'll be attending so we can get a count for the tables. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held as part of our **After Church Lunch** (see below) on **Sunday, January 23rd**. 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. Please plan to attend! It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what's happening at Covenant.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2011

After Church Lunch for January will be “**Breakfast for Lunch**”. Do you have a wonderful egg casserole that is to die for? How about a fabulous coffee cake that makes your mouth water just to think about it? Please bring your favorite breakfast food 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.

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)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A new year has begun and with that comes the need for **ushers and for elders to volunteer to serve communion**. New calendars for the coming year are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please use them to let us know when you will be available to help out. Many thanks.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2011
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.