

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

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

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP Jeter Collins

PRELUDE "Open My Eyes, That I May See" arr. Albin Whitworth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us by name, and we answer, "Here I am!"
People: God calls us by name, and we say,
"Speak, for your servant is listening."
Leader: Let us worship the God who claims us, and calls us,
People: and sends us forth as children of blessing and promise.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 382 "Somebody's Knocking At Your Door"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
You invite us to follow you,
and we question your motives.
You invite us to come and see,
but we criticize and judge.
Forgive our skepticism.
Forgive our unwillingness to trust and to join you.
Forgive us, we pray, that we might follow you, and share in the
wonder-filled work you are doing in the world.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Regent Square 87 87 87 Henry Thomas Smart, 1813-1879



Glo - ry be to God the Fath-er Glo - ry be to God the Son,



Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it; great Je- ho - vah, Three-in-One!



Glo - ry, glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry, while e-ter-nal a - ges run!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING pg. 577 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

ANTHEM "With These Gifts" Ruth Elaine Schram

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 92 John 1:43-51

SERMON Nathanael's Story Cheryl Rice

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
People: There are different ways of serving God,
But it is the same Lord who is served.
Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.
Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER pg. 16 (Traditional version)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology # 428 (v. 1) "We Give Thee but Thine Own"
We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN # 29 verses 1,2,3 & 5 "Lord, You Give The Great Commission"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Toccata-Chorale on "Slane" Alice Jordan

(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.

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Hearing devices and large-print Hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember that the thermostat has been set to 68 degrees for the winter season. Lap blankets are available under the table in the Narthex for those who need them.

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 Eileen Madden, John Merriss and Sally Nagel are being installed as Ruling Elders. David Wood will be ordained and installed as Ruling Elder. Together we express our gratitude to Shirley Hines, Hal Hunter, Melanie Jones, and Evelyn Kemp for their faithful and generous service over the past three years.

Annual Meeting & After Church Lunch

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held as part of our After Church Lunch on Sunday, January 22nd. Highlights of 2011 will be reviewed, the 2012 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.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, January 29, 2012 for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Congregational Nominating Committee is recommending the following seven (7) persons who have agreed to serve on this committee to conduct a search for a new pastor; Jane Deaton, Fred Dulin, Ann Freeman, Ellen Hagelberg, Hal Hunter, Erma Hyers and Harry Powell.

Nominations from the floor may be made, however, please do not nominate anyone who has not been contacted and is not present to consent to a nomination. Also please consider that this committee is required to be representational of the congregation and the committee has looked at the various demographics of Covenant in making this recommendation. It is also anticipated that all who serve on the PNC will approach this with an open mind for God's direction in leading this congregation.

The Giving Statements can be found on the table in the narthex. Be sure to pick up your envelope.

COMMUNION SERVERS and USHERS:

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For info on serving communion, please contact Helen Davis at 929-2085. For info on serving as an Usher, please call Jim Starr at 928-4108. Thank you!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

The 2012 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 to mark a special occasion. (Please call Tina at 282-5324 for ordering instructions.)

DRIVE A FRIEND:

Our friend Doris Sanders has come home from NHC where she received physical therapy following knee replacement surgery. She needs our help until she is able to drive. Beginning Monday, January 16th, she will need transportation to and from physical therapy on three days a week for probably three weeks. Her address is 176 Austin Springs Road, #6, and her home phone is 282-3312. Even if you can drive only once or twice, it would be wonderful! Please call Doris and offer your help.

NURSERY:

While Jeanne Gamble has been rehired to cover the infant nursery, we still need continued coverage/staffing for the room across the hall, where the toddlers (aged 2+) are cared for during the service. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Linda Dulin at 913-0202. Thank you!

AFTER CHURCH COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Oh, no! Juan Valdez is missing!! That means that dear ol' Covenant could use some help with Coffee Hour after Sunday worship. It isn't that time consuming or expensive and adds a great deal to our Sundays together. Won't you consider helping out? Just sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Andrea (773-5602) or Lauri (620-3625). Thank you!

YOUTH SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP

Youth Ski/snowboard trip Sunday, January 15th, Ski Beech, from 6:00 - 10:00pm.

Cost:
Lift tickets: \$20.00 Ski rentals: \$16.00
Snowboard rentals: \$22.00

Schedule:

3:50 pm: Meet at church
4:00 pm: Depart church in van (Jim Amstutz, driver)
4:20 pm: Meet at Ann Freeman's home and depart (Ann Freeman, driver)
6:00 - 10:00pm: Ski / snowboard
11:00 pm: Return to Ann's house
11:25 pm: Return to church

Bring:

Waterproof jacket, pants or bibs, gloves, goggles, hat, layered clothing depending on weather
Skis, poles, boots, snowboard if you own them
Driver's license (if you have one) for rental ID
Money for lift ticket, rental
Completed medical release form if not turned in to Ann Freeman prior
Food/drink or money for food/drink as desired

THIRD THURSDAY DINNER

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to join your fellow Covenant members for our monthly Third Thursday dinner, January 19th, at 6:30p at Bonefish Grill. Kids are always welcome (and we can even arrange for them to have their own table if there's interest). 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!

2012 Theologian-in-Residence brochures can be found on the table in the Narthex.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Audrey Thompson; Mary Nell Stegall; Barbara & Jerry Ladich; Mary Bowman; Rose Willis; Eileen Madden; Jan Paveglio's granddaughter, Nina; Doris Sanders; Tom Marshall (Tina's fiancé); Mary Bell Orr (the Underwood's daughter's mother-in-law); Bill Hagood (Sharon Amstutz' father); Arlene Wilkinson; Chris Adler Hillhouse; Pat Wiley; Betty Maletich; Hugh Underwood; Everrette Dale Thompson (Phyllis Thompson's uncle); Jon Christiansen (missionary); Bob Rice (missionary); Peggy Underwood; Eric Smith (son of former members Keith & Pam Smith); Jack Fletcher; Corrine Broyles; Elva McCartt; Marie Britt; Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law); Patsy Young (Butch Carr's cousin); families of Boge Dyer and Catherine Cox; Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Tim Jones; Joyce Ford & her family (all friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Sharon Hatcher (friend of Victory Cooper)

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: Chris Sutter
Nursery: Linda Dulin
Coffee Fellowship Hostesses: Eleanor Graham

This Week at Covenant:

Today, January 15
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship Service
3:50p Youth Ski Trip
Monday, January 16
7:00a AA Meeting

COURIER DEADLINE

Tuesday, January 17
7:00p AI-Anon Meeting
7:00p Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 18
7:00a AA Meeting
5:00p WNL!
7:15p Choir Practice
Thursday, January 19
8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women in the Bible
Noon AI-Anon Meeting
6:30p Third Thursday Dinner at Bonefish Grill
Friday, January 20
7:00a AA Meeting

Church Staff:

Director of Youth Ministry: Lynnea Hunter
Music Director: Melodye Sparks
Secretary: Tina Simon
Financial Secretary: Anne Webb
Custodian: Marie Britt
Nursery Worker: Jeanne Gamble

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 15, 2012

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Truly, truly, I say to you,
you will see heaven opened,
and the angels of God
ascending and descending
on the Son of Man.

+ John 1:51 +