

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

PRELUDE “Break Thou the Bread of Life” arr. Cindy Berry

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Leader: For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

**All: In his hand are the depths of the earth,
the mountain peaks, the sea and the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

**All: For he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 220** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” KEDDY

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Father God,
we confess that not only have we fallen short of the goals
you have set for us,
but sometimes we don’t even try to reach them.
Sometimes we don’t even try to start reaching them.
We ignore the lessons you teach and the directions you give us.
We ignore our brothers and sisters, and we ignore you.
Too often we find ourselves like Jacob:
arrogant, rude, assuming and ambitious to a fault.
We think of ourselves before others.**

**Help us to forgive others,
and help us to forgive ourselves.
We can’t live this life alone.
Please forgive us.
Amen.**

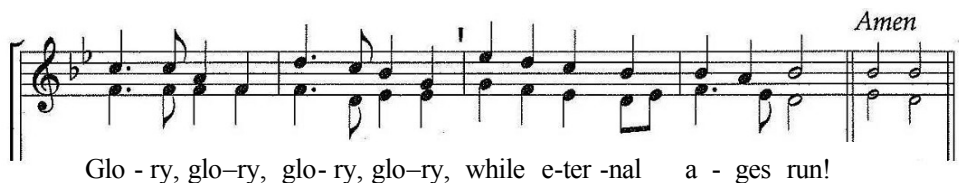
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, we know that we have fallen short.
We confess this to each other and to God.
Confession takes humility,
but God—in his infinite ability—
uses our humility for his purpose, and our forgiveness.
We can rise up and worship knowing the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING pg. 30 Genesis 32:22-30
**Gateway to Worship

GOSPEL READING pg. 116 John 21:15-22

SERMON What’s in a Name? Lynnea Hunter

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN # 319** “Spirit” James K. Manley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed from the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Carolee Mabe

***Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDRETH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN # 343** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Cindy Berry

(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.

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 summer refreshments.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Jan’s son, David, by Jim & Jan Paveglio.*

Lynnea Hunter is leading worship this morning.

We welcome Amy G. Jones back to Covenant as our Interim Pianist for a couple of months. Amy and her husband, Ben, are currently living in Johnson City with their 10-month-old daughter, Mae. Ben is working at BAE in Kingsport and is playing with his band, The ‘Scapes.

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 **August Courier** can be found on the table in the narthex. **Help us save postage!** Be sure to pick up your copy! (It is also posted on our website: www.covenantpresjc.org)

Music Leadership Search

A Search Committee has been formed to find two people whom God has called to lead the music program at Covenant. It has been decided we need a Music Director and an Accompanist; two separate positions. The committee members are: Gwen Hunter, Chair, Maureen Knechtel, Jim Amstutz, Cameron Hopkins, Ellen Hagelberg, and Max Wilson. Christian Zembower is acting as a consultant to the committee. Input and candidate referrals are most welcome. If you have suggestions, comments, questions, or candidate referrals, contact Gwen Hunter at 423-928-8579, or via e-mail at HunterGR@usa.redcross.org.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Amy Hecht & family, Charles Trifiletti, Peggy Underwood, Eric Smith (son of former members Keith & Pam Smith), Barbara & Jerry Ladich, Jack Fletcher, Bob Maletich, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Corrine Broyles, Elva McCartt, Vi Block, Marie Britt, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), Patsy Young (Butch Carr's cousin), Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Joyce Ford; Tim Jones; and Dr. Joe Walton (friends of Butch & Harriette 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.

Young Adult Monthly Gathering - August 13th

Are you a Young Adult? Do you act like a Young Adult? Do you have the perpetual mentality of someone in their early 30's regardless of the year on your birth certificate? **Then join the Young Adults at their August Free-For-All on Saturday, August 13th!** We have such a rockin' time together we want to open this meeting to all our Young Adult-minded friends. We will meet at Dave and Maureen Knechtel's, 916 Katie's Way in Boone's Creek, **at 6.30 p.m.** to enjoy some food, fun, fellowship and a boat! If you have any questions contact Lynnea Hunter at 828.266.1917 or lynneahunter@hotmail.com.

After Church Lunch Sunday, August 14, 2011

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on August 14th in celebration of this year's bountiful garden harvest – bring your favorite salad or vegetable dish as we enjoy the summer season's produce! 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.

Covenant's Day at Camp - August 27th

Although our annual weekend retreat at Holston Camp is not scheduled for this year, we are still offering the opportunity for Covenant's congregation to enjoy fellowship in the mountains for a day. **On Saturday, August 27th,** we will make the trek for a day trip with all of the normal adventures to be enjoyed at camp including hiking, swimming and canoeing. A \$5 fee per person will cover lunch and all activities. Carpooling will be available and we'll look for a group dinner stop on the way back for those who are interested. **Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.** Lodging at camp may be available for anyone who would like to spend the night – you may contact Lisa Jones at Holston Camp (828-898-6611) for more information. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Mission Statement

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels; Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service; the Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ's will for our lives and the life of our church, and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.

Today at Covenant:

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgists: Beth Amstutz, Drew Amstutz, Kalli Dulin, Ellen Hagelberg, Julia Hagelberg, & Linden Hillhouse
Acolytes & Chimer: Kalli Dulin & Philip Hagelberg
Gateway: Rosemary Whitson
Nursery: Sally Nagel
After Church Summer Refreshments Hostess: Jan Paveglio

This Week at Covenant:

Today, July 31
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship Service
12:30p WNL / IHN Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, August 1
10:30a Melting Pot
Tuesday, August 2
7:00p AI-Anon Meeting
Thursday, August 4
8:00a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Women's Bible Study
Noon AI-Anon Meeting

Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Director of Youth Ministry: Andy Irvin
Interim Pianist: Amy G. Jones
Secretary: Tina Simon
Financial Secretary: Anne Webb
Custodian: Marie Britt

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Karen Mabe

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7th Sunday after Pentecost – July 31, 2011



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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