

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 “Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether” arr. Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Based on Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to God.

People: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. In his goodness, God provides for the needy.

Leader: Awesome is God in his sanctuary; he gives power and strength to his people.

People: Blessed be God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 151** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” DIADEMATATA

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Triune God,
we confess that while we celebrate your Unity,
we have done our part to create discord and division.
We have not prayed enough to be one,
but rather we have prayed to be right.
We have not prayed for our brothers and sisters to be reconciled to us,
but we have prayed that they would be punished
and that we would be rewarded.
We confess that we have put being right above righteousness.
We have put ourselves above Your ways
of living and caring for the poor and the outcast.
We have saved our own skin rather than risked ourselves
for our brothers and sisters in the world.

Forgive us, O God,
when we seek our own ways rather than Your ways,
when we twist Your teachings to satisfy us rather than glorify you,
for You are the Father and Mother of orphans,
the protector of widows, the caregiver of the poor.
Help us to repent of our selfishness, and to turn back to You.
In the name of Christ, our Redeemer and Savior, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 111 (v. 1)** GELOBT SEI GOTT

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING pg. 111

John 17:1–11

ANTHEM “O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near” John Carter

O God, unseen, yet ever near, Thy presence may we feel;
And thus, inspired with holy fear, Before Thine altar kneel.
Here may Thy faithful people know The blessings of Thy love;
That through the desert flow, The manna from above.
We come, obedient to Thy word, To feast on heav’nly food;
Our bread the Body of the Lord, Our drink His precious Blood.
Thus may we all Thy words obey, For we, O God, are Thine;
And go rejoicing on our way, Renewed with strength divine.
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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

****Gateway to Worship**

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 118 Acts 1:6–14

SERMON Gazing, Speculating and Dreaming Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH pg. 15** (Ecumenical version) The Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN # 504** “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” UNION SEMINARY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Offering
Offertory “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Healey Willan
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Early American Folk Hymn, Adapt. Marcia Pruner

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Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN # 423** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” DUKE STREET

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Exultation G. Winston Cassler

(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.

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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 summer refreshments.

5 Cents a Meal Offering

The 5-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering will be received **next Sunday, June 12th**. This offering supports missions with children at risk, youth, and young adults through the following PC(USA) ministries: General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults (25%); Advocacy at the denominational level on behalf of children at risk (10%); Young Adult Volunteer opportunities (25%); and Congregational ministries on behalf of children at risk (40%). This year Covenant Presbyterian Church’s 40% of the offering will be used to focus support on the children within the Johnson City Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN).

After Church Lunch Sunday, June 12, 2011

Join us in the Fellowship Hall **after worship on June 12th** for fried chicken! Please bring a side dish or a dessert 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.

Young Adult Monthly Gathering

We’ll meet **this Friday, June 10th at 6:30** at the Knechtel’s, 901 Katie’s Way in Boone’s Creek. Bring something to share for dinner that’s “boat worthy,” as we’ll enjoy a floating dining experience. Also bring your swim gear and your friends! See you then!

Covered Dish Social

**Friendship Circle and Joy Circle
Tuesday, June 7th at 5:30 p.m.
Hunter's Lake Club House**

Bring a dish to share—Beverages provided
Invite a friend who might be interested in Circle next September!

Lake Days

Sign up now for Covenant's Days at the Lake! We will enjoy the great summer tradition of water sports and cooking out at the Hart's cabin with plenty of activities for all.

Women's' Day at the Lake: Thursday, June 9th

Youth Day at the Lake: Thursday, June 23rd

Men's Day at the Lake: Thursday, June 30th

(no rain dates)

Grilled meats and beverages will be provided, but please plan on bringing something to share. **Sign-up sheets for the Women's' and Men's Days are posted in the Narthex.** Please contact any member of the Congregational Life Committee with any questions.

Hosts/Hostesses Still Needed

Summer time is here! Longer days, warmer temperatures, **AND...cookies and lemonade on the patio on Sundays after church.** Coffee Fellowship during the summer months (we call it "Summer Refreshments") is especially simple. For those of you who have not had a chance to host, this is an easy way to learn the ropes. **If you would like to host (or co-host with a friend) Summer Refreshments for one of the summer Sundays, please sign up in the Narthex.** If you have any questions please call/e-mail Andrea (773-5602 or amsutter765@juno.com).

SAVE THE DATES!!

Independence Day Celebration at the Church – Saturday, July 2nd

Worship in the Park—July 10 at Rotary Park

Look for details in upcoming bulletins and e-mails!

"Visiting Ours"

A description of this new ministry can be found on page one in June's newsletter. Please contact Helen Davis, Estelle Armistead, Janet Powell, Margaret Sullenger or Jan Paveglia if you would like to participate!

Correction to the printed copy of the June calendar: There WILL be a Session meeting in June (June 12th).

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Harry Powell, Gil Derouen, Evelyn Kemp & her family, Roger Hecht, Jennifer Palmer Walker (our former pianist), Barbara & Jerry Ladich, Jack Fletcher, Bob Maletich, Julia Trifiletti, Marie Britt, Hazel Rowe, Catie Cheek, Ted Bair (Lynnea Fisher's father), Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Corrine Broyles, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), Max Wilson, Pat Adams, Vi Block, Elva McCartt, Patsy Young (Butch Carr's cousin), Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Joyce Ford; Tim Jones; Bill Gose, 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.

TODAY AT COVENANT:

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Jerry Nagel
Acolytes:	Linden Hillhouse & Carolee Mabe
Chimer:	Grace Madden
Gateway:	Tony Madden
Nursery:	Julia Hagelberg

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:

<u>Today, June 5</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
<u>Monday, June 6</u>	
10:30a	Melting Pot
<u>Tuesday, June 7</u>	
Noon	Congregational Life Committee Meeting
5:30p	PW Circle Social
7:00p	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p	AI-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, June 8</u>	
7:15p	Worship Committee Meeting
	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, June 9</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women's Bible Study
Noon	AI-Anon Meeting
4:30p	Women's Day at the Lake
<u>Friday, June 10</u>	
6:30p	Young Adult Gathering

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:	Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Director of Youth Ministry:	Andy Irvin
Music Director:	Larry Brandenburg
Secretary:	Tina Simon
Financial Secretary:	Anne Webb
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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7th Sunday of Easter – June 5, 2011



*And this is eternal life.
that they may know you.
the only true G·O·D.
and J·E·S·U·S C·H·R·I·S·T
whom you have sent*



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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,
as we prepare to worship today,
we ask that you will stretch our imaginations
to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension.
Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven
can give us confidence in our praying
and hope for the future.
Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.