

**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** Prelude on DEO GRACIAS Healey Willan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 99

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!  
God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
**People: We will proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,  
and worship at God’s holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 75** “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” DEO GRACIAS

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips  
but have not glorified you with our lives.  
Have mercy on us, we pray,  
for our weak faith that fades under pressure,  
for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,  
for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.  
Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power,  
that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness  
by our acts as by our words, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** from 2 Corinthians 3

Leader: Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
And all of us, with unveiled faces,  
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,  
are being transformed into the same image  
from one degree of glory to another,  
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!  
**People: Praise be to God!**

**\*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**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** pg. 236 2 Peter 1:16-21

**ANTHEM** “Sing of God Made Manifest” Bruce Neswick

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound,  
Signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold  
Grave and God and king foretold.

Sing, sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized of you, but your bidding I will do.”  
then, then from heaven a double sign dove-like Spirit, voice divine –  
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine:  
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
Bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.  
Sing of God made manifest on a cloud-capped mountain crest,  
Where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:  
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face  
Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.  
text by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**\*\*Gateway to Worship**

**GOSPEL READING** pg. 18 Matthew 17:1-9

**SERMON** The Untaming of Jesus 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** pg. 16 (Traditional version)

**\*HYMN** “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” HOLY MANNA

We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place;  
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.  
Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.  
Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.  
text by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
Offering  
Offertory Variations on PUER NOBIS Michael Burkhardt  
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.**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest.**

Words of Institution  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN # 474** “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” PUER NOBIS

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.  
**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*SENDING RESPONSE** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**\*POSTLUDE** “Old 100<sup>th</sup>” arr.: Piet Post

*(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. (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 following worship  
for a time of fellowship and 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.

## After Church Lunch - Sunday, March 13, 2011

The Congregational Life Committee is preparing a beef brisket this month. 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.

## Lent at Covenant

*Sundays - 11:00 a.m. service*

The Christian life is often described as a journey, and in Lent we recognize that our journeys often take us to difficult places. This Lent we will look at the journeys of several people in scripture, and see how those ventures into the difficult places in life can also be some of the times of greatest growth.

March 13 - Abraham's Journey: just when you thought life was good

March 20 - Elijah's Journey: slinking off to a cave

March 27 - (pastor on vacation, there will be a guest preacher)

April 3 - Jesus' Journey: the kind of retreat no one signs up for

April 10 - Paul's Journey: when God has something entirely different in mind

*Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer*

Refresh yourself in the middle of your busy week and spend a few minutes in quiet reflection and prayer. We will sing, pray, read the Psalms, be still, and rest in God's presence.

## Game Night - Friday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

It's back! Enjoy Game Night at the Amstutz home (611 Sharon Drive, 282-4104). Bring your favorite board game and your favorite snack! All ages welcome.

## Presbyterian Women - Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Friendship Circle: 1:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Margaret Sullenger, 116 Chadwick Circle, JC, 952-0291, Lesson Seven

**Joy Circle: 7:00 p.m.**

Hostess: Sharon Benner, 132 Avonlea Place, JC, 282-5628, Lesson Seven

## Senior High Retreat Friday March 18 - Saturday, March 20

All youth in High School are encouraged to attend the Senior High Retreat at Holston Presbytery Camp. The cost is \$65 dollars per youth. See Andy for registration forms and more information.

## Third Thursday Dinner - March 17 at El Ranchito

Come and celebrate Cinco de Mayo a little early and join the Congregational Life Committee and your fellow Covenant friends for our monthly Third Thursday dinner. **Join us this month at El Ranchito** (off State of Franklin road on the back side of the shopping center which includes Rita's and Jason's Deli). 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!

## PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Bob Maletich, Jerry Ladich, the family of Robert Snow, Fern Kemp (Evelyn's mother), Marie Britt, the family of Agnes Plank, Hazel Rowe, the Jones family, Catie Cheek, Roger Hecht, Jackie & Steve Bader, Ted Bair (Lynnea Fisher's father), Chris Adler Hillhouse, Clint Simon (Tina's nephew), 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, 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), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti

*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:	Janice Irvin
Acolytes:	Kalli Dulin & Grace Madden
Chimer:	Drew Amstutz
Gateway:	Valerie Robertson
Nursery:	Linda Dulin
Coffee Fellowship Hostesses:	Eleanor Graham & Melissa Hopkins

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:

<u>Today, March 6</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
<u>Monday, March 7</u>	
9:30a	Melting Pot
6:00p	Way of Discernment Small Group Study
<u>Tuesday, March 8</u>	
1:30p	Friendship Circle
5:00p	Human Resources Committee Meeting
7:00p	Joy Circle
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, March 9 - Ash Wednesday</u>	
5:00p	WNL!
7:00p	Ash Wednesday Service
(following service)	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, March 10</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Friday, March 11</u>	
7:00p	Game Night at the Amstutz'

## CHURCH STAFF:

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

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# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of the Lord - March 6, 2011

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, mighty and immortal,  
you are beyond our knowing,  
yet we see your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ,  
whose compassion illumines the world.

Transform us  
into the likeness of the love of Christ,  
who renewed our humanity  
through his life, death, and resurrection. Amen.