

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 *Salutation on "All Hail the Power"* Alice Jordan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless God, all people; let the sound of God's praise be heard.
People: God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.
Leader: Even though tested by fire and led through the water,
People: Yet has God brought us out to a spacious place.
Leader: Let us praise God!

*OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 371** *"Lift High the Cross"* CRUCIFER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from the *Book of Common Worship*

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

**Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** from Acts 10:43

***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

READING FROM THE PSALMS pg. 528 Psalm 66:8-20

ANTHEM *"Alleluia"* Ed Harris

Come adoring and confessing, Alleluia, Come to God, receive His blessing, Alleluia.
Maker of all wondrous things, God of God and King of Kings, Alleluia.
Sing we praises unto you, alleluia.

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MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

**Gateway to Worship

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 137 Acts 17:22-31

SERMON To A Known God Andy Irvin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN # 251** *"Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"* WINCHESTER NEW

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (pg. 14 – traditional version) The Apostles' Creed

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Pastorale on "Holy Manna"* Gordon Young

***Doxology** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN # 361** *"How Firm a Foundation"* FOUNDATION

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Festival Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke

(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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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.*

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30th.

This morning we welcome organist Joan Keith. Joan is a substitute organist with the Guild of Organists. She lives in Bristol with her husband, James, and has 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

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 **June Courier** can be found on the table in the narthex. **Help us save postage!** Be sure to pick up your copy!

Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates!

Melissa Freeman and Brent Stoner graduated yesterday, May 28th, Melissa from Elizabethton High School and Brent from Science Hill High School. Look for details (including addresses) in June's Courier.

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!

Young Adult Monthly Gathering

We'll meet on **Friday, June 10** at Dave and Maureen Knechtel's, **time TBA**. Bring a dinner something and your bathing suit as we'll spend the evening aboard the Ann Bonny, their "new" boat. As always, bring yourself and bring a friend! Contact Lynnea Hunter if you have questions (828.266.1917 or lynneahunter@hotmail.com)

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.

After Church Coffee Fellowship (Summer Refreshments)

Summer time is sooooo close. Longer days, warmer temperatures, **AND...cookies and lemonade on the patio on Sundays after church.** Coffee Fellowship during the summer months 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 be a host of Coffee Fellowship 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).

Church Directory

We are in the process of **updating** our church directory (not a photo directory at this time). If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or e-mail address, **or if we don't have your information at all**, please contact Tina in the church office at 282-5324 or office@covenantpresjc.org or fill out one of our green information slips located on the table in the Narthex and leave it on her desk. Thanks!!

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Harry Powell, 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, 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)

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.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Women's Day at the Lake: June 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Men's Day at the Lake: June 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Day at the Lake: June 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Worship in the Park—July 10 at Rotary Park

Look for details in upcoming bulletins and e-mails!

A New Opportunity to Serve

It's hard to believe, we know, but we all are growing older and may be unable to do some of the things we enjoy and are used to doing for ourselves.

A small group of ladies saw a need to initiate a program to help our members who might be able to use a little help in staying independent and, perhaps, stay in their own homes a little longer. This seems to be the ultimate goal for most of us! We have formed "Visiting Ours" and, if the ministry sounds interesting to you, we would like to invite you to participate. (Yep, this includes our gentlemen, too!)

Our goal is to begin a visitation program for our members who are in nursing homes or shut-in. It has been our observation that these precious members are simply lonely and would enjoy having a friend (or two) to spend some quality time with them. Some of the people on our list probably already have a Shepherd but wouldn't it be nice if they could look forward to visits from some of the rest of us?

We would love to have several of you volunteer to be a part of our program but only if you will be committed to sharing your friendship and love in a very special way. It will require some time (which you will determine after you have contacted your VIP.) Some will require more than others. Small things such as visits, taking your VIP to necessary appointments, going out for a meal or picnic, going for a drive, shopping trips, etc., would be so appreciated.

If this opportunity sounds like something you would be interested in or you have some suggestions or ideas other than those mentioned, please contact one of us.

It is a promise that you will gain far more than you give, and remember we all will grow older and need a little TLC from our Covenant family!

*Estelle Armistead
Janet Powell
Margaret Sullenger
Jan PavegliO
Helen Davis*

TODAY AT COVENANT:

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Carolee Mabe
Guest Organist:	Joan Keith
Acolytes:	Kristin Bass & Philip Hagelberg
Chimer:	Linden Hillhouse
Gateway:	Andrea Sutter
Nursery:	Erma Hyers
Coffee Fellowship:	The Sutter Family

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:

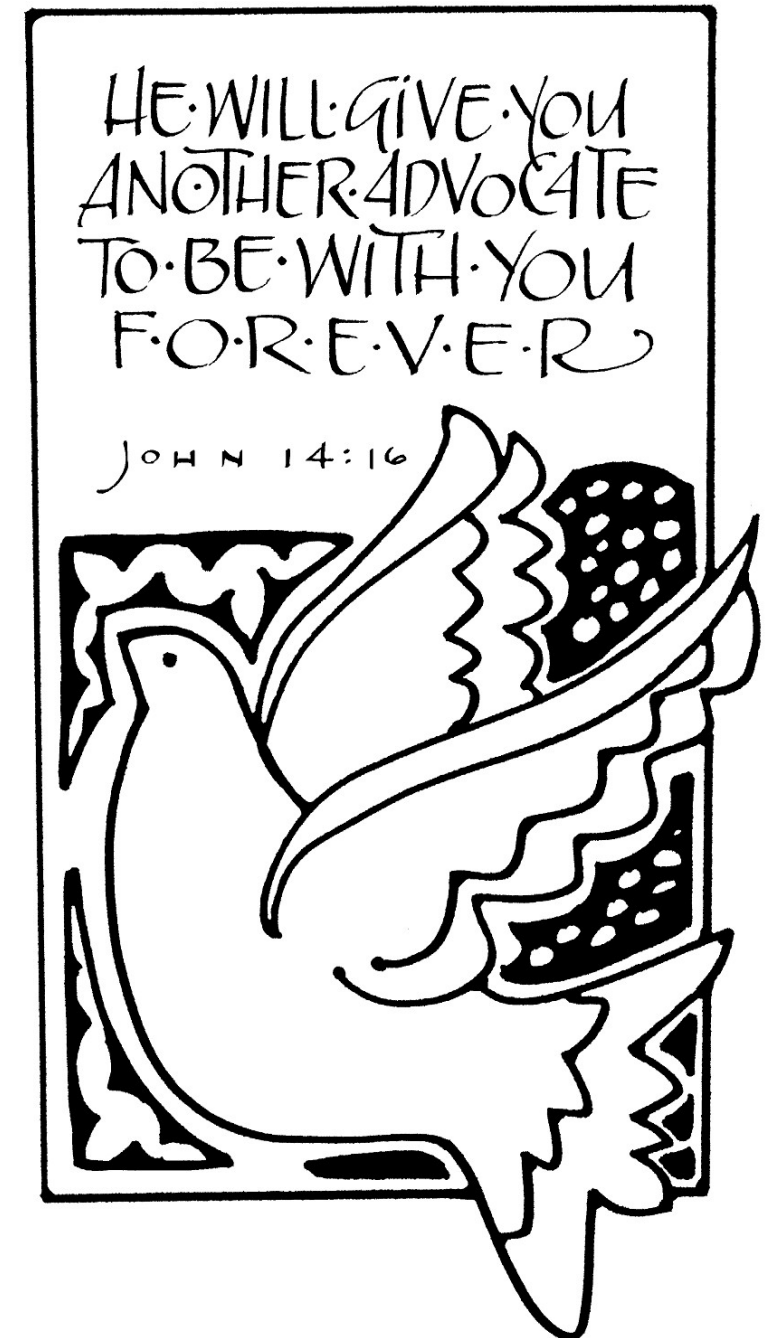
<u>Today, May 29</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
11:00a	Worship Service
<u>Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day</u>	
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
<u>Tuesday, May 31</u>	
7:30p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, June 1</u>	
7:15p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, June 2</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Saturday, June 4</u>	
8:15a	Presbytery Meeting (St. Paul Pres., Morristown)

CHURCH STAFF:

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

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter - May 29, 2011



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, we pray your blessing
on those who lead us in worship this day,
those who speak and sing and move among us,
those who direct others in singing and playing,
those who have prepared this space with beauty.

We ask that each of them may lead
with a sense of peace and confidence that comes from your Spirit,
so that your truth may be proclaimed faithfully
and we may live up to our calling as the body of Christ.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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