

GREETING

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

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship Committee

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 145

Leader: We will exalt you, our God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day we will bless you, and praise your name.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
God’s greatness is unsearchable.

**People: Our generations will tell your works to the next,
and declare your mighty acts.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 216** “O Sing a New Song to the Lord”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God,
You call us to faithful living,
giving ourselves to you and to one another
after the example of Jesus.
Yet sin prevents us from following your directions.
We pursue our own goals,
worship our own gods,
and place our hope in things that cannot last.**

**Wash us anew.
Forgive us again.
Give us the courage to hear your call
and the faith to follow where Christ leads.
Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible
that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 555 (v. 3)** “Now Thank We All Our God”

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING pg. 878 Haggai 1:15b-2:9

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 dessert flow, the manna from above.
We come, obedient to Thy word, to feast on heav’nly food;
Our bread the Body of the Lord, or drink His precious Blood.
Thus may we all Thy words obey, for Thine;
and go rejoicing on our way Renewed with strength divine.

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

****Gateway to Worship**

GOSPEL READING pg. 84 Luke 20:27-38

SERMON Past Glory and Future Splendor 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

Sung response “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

***COMMUNION HYMN # 513** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Offering
Offertory “The Voice of my Beloved Sounds” arr.: Alice Parker

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

***COMMITMENT HYMN # 421** “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE# 539 (v. 2)** “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

***POSTLUDE**

(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.*

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.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Agnes Plank, Diane Bowman (Mary Bowman’s daughter), Bob & Estelle Armistead, the family of Bob Sobol, Jim Crandall, Roger Hecht, Rose Willis, Lattie Collins, Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), John Brumit (Betsy Moakler’s brother), Max Wilson, Helen Davis, Pat Adams, Vi Block & her family, Elva McCartt, Arthur “Bud” & Eileen Kelsey (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp’s cousin), Ed & Marie Britt, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, Aneita 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.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION – NOVEMBER 14, 2010

There will be a **Meeting of the Congregation** immediately following worship **next Sunday, November 14th** for the purpose of electing officers. The following are the nominees being presented by the Nominating Committee:

Lynnea Hunter: Lynnea grew up in Johnson City and is a life-long member of Covenant. The daughter of Hal and Gwen Hunter, she believes that service to the church is probably genetic, but also necessary. She enjoys singing in the choir and working with the youth group and Wednesday night program. Although she has never been officially ordained, she served as the youth liaison to Session her senior year of high school, and will be a sixth-generation Presbyterian elder. She enjoys photography, music, being outside and traveling, and is passionate about teaching and peacemaking.

Alan Lewis: Alan was raised in Miami, and met Debbie at church. After graduating from UF, he “joined” the Air Force, and then worked 26 years as an engineer for an Army research lab in Alabama. From 1994 to 2009 they cared for Alan’s mother, Doris, as she became a victim of Alzheimer’s. They moved to Erwin during that time, in 2002. Alan and Debbie have been married 41 years; have a daughter Jennie, and a son Clark, and three fantastic grandsons - Sam, Jack, and Drew! Alan currently serves on the Mission committee, is a member of the Men’s Bible Study, and volunteers at Good Samaritan.

Cheryl Rice: Cheryl was born and raised in Kingsport, Tennessee. She moved to Johnson City in 1978 with her husband, Tommy, and three children, and joined Covenant in December of that year. She was born and raised Presbyterian and has studied to be a CLP (Commissioned Lay Pastor). She served as Moderator of Holston Presbytery, and this will be her fourth term as Elder at Covenant. She currently teaches school at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport. She most enjoys spending time with their 5 grandchildren (and the grandkids' parents, too!)

Andrea Sutter: Andrea came to J.C. in Feb. 1998 by way of MO, IL, CA and Newton, NC, where she was a member of First Presbyterian Church. At Covenant she is involved with WNL!, Women's Circle, and Congregational Life Committee. She is presently employed at home (paid w/hugs and kisses) as Wife/Mom and at Presbyterian Campus Ministry as Administrative Assistant/House Manager (officially), but in reality as Secretary/Chef/Gardener/Bookkeeper/Media Director, etc. Husband Chris supports her hobbies of cooking & off-roading, while he and children SaffronAlix, Adam & Allura tolerate her hobbies of cross-stitch, social networking (okay, that is nice way of saying addicted to Facebook), & crafts, as they take time away from her cooking hobby.

STEWARDSHIP IN A NEW LIGHT

The Stewardship Committee is looking to share the vision of where Covenant is moving. The Stewardship season has begun as evidenced by the sermons over the past several weeks and the committees’ approach is different this year. The committee will do a **presentation at the After Church Lunch on November 14**. This year, pledge cards will be included with your quarterly statements. Our dedication of gifts and tithes will be during the morning service on November 21. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might support the kingdom of God through your pledge to Covenant Church. Thank you, Shirley Hines & Hal Hunter, Co-Chairs, Stewardship Committee.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010

Please join us for November’s After Church Lunch following worship on November 14th. Bill Freeman will provide barbecue and there will be a presentation by the Stewardship Committee (see article above). Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert that you would like to share with the congregation. 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.

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Sunday, eleven o’clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful comfort.

Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.