

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Dedication Sunday – November 6, 2011

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CELEBRATING SAINTS ALIVE

Christian & Lauri Zembower

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Boud

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected,
sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.

People: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 467

"How Great Thou Art"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,

**We confess that we rely on our own wisdom rather than on yours;
we trust our own strength instead of your holy power.**

**We are surprised to find that we are foolish and weak
and try to hide the truth from ourselves, from others, and from you.**

**Forgive us, that we might trust in your goodness alone,
and relying on your power, seek to do your will,
doing justice, showing mercy, and walking humbly with you.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576

"Gloria, Gloria"

Canon



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING pg. 215

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

ANTHEM

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord"

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.
There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, above all, and through all, who is in you all.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died.
One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other
for the unity of faith, to grow in knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
one voice, one song, we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Sally Nagel

**Gateway to Worship

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 166

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

SERMON

Cross Roads

Rev. Bill Hyers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH pg. 15 (Ecumenical version)

The Nicene Creed

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

*HYMN # 371

"Lift High the Cross"

DEDICATING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PLEDGES TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Give to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him.

People: **We will sacrifice a thank offering to God
and call on the name of the Lord.**

**We will fulfill our vows to the Lord,
in the presence of all God's people.**

Leader: Let each of us use whatever gift we have received,
faithfully sharing God's grace in many forms.

People: Freely we have received; freely we will give.

Offertory

"Prayer"

Langlais

Dedication of our Gifts

Leader: God, our Father, with these gifts
we offer you our lives
to do your work in the world.
Take our bodies and our minds,

People: our work and our leisure,

Leader: our relationships with other people,

People: our friendships and our family life,

Leader: our dreams and our doubts,

People: our faith and our plans for the future.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,

People: we bring them to you. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Loving God,
You made this world marvelous for us to enjoy.
You gave Jesus to be our friend and to bring us to you.
You send your Spirit to make us one family in Christ.
For these gifts of your love we thank you,
And join with angels and saints
In this joyful hymn of praise:

Cantor and People:

**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.

Leader: For your kindness to us and your goodness to all, we give you thanks.
We thank you that Jesus has taken away all that separates us from you,
and made us friends with you and with one another.
We thank you that he has brought us together at this table,
to strengthen us by his love.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN # 466

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Kittel

*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 refreshments.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to the congregation
by Pat Wiley for all their care and prayers during her illness and recovery.*

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.

Saints Alive! Living Generously

Our journey to support God’s kingdom and the mission of Covenant continues. If you have not done so, stop in at the “**Giving Tree**” in the Narthex and add a leaf or two, or three, or...! On the table by the tree is a basket full of leaves. Please pick out a leaf (or leaves) and write your reason for giving, then add it to the tree.

Sunday Worship Leadership:

Jeter Collins is an amazing leader! She already has wonderful preachers lined up for Sunday mornings at Covenant all the way through December! You can look forward to:

<u>Nov. 13:</u>	Rev. Barbara Edema	<u>Dec .11:</u>	Rev. Bill Hyers
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Mission and Outreach Committee	<u>Dec .18:</u>	Rev. Barbara Edema
	w/ Alternative Gift Fair Recipients	<u>Dec .24:</u>	Christmas Eve: Rev. Barbara Edema
<u>Nov 27:</u>	Rev. Earle Barron	<u>Dec. 25:</u>	Christmas Day: Rev. Barbara Edema
<u>Dec .4:</u>	Rev. Barbara Edema		

After Church Lunch - Next Sunday, November 13

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Nov. 13th. **Congregational Life will provide soup, but if anyone else would like to bring soup (or chili, too), please let us know so we can balance the right amounts.** Otherwise, please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. 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 (773-5602) or Lauri Zembower (620-3625).

Young Adult Monthly Gathering

The Young Adults will meet on Friday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. at a fabulous, as-yet-to-be-determined restaurant in the Boone’s Creek or Gray area. After dinner, we will adjourn to John & Jane Deaton’s home for dessert. As always, bring yourselves and your friends, and call Lynnea (828-266-1917) with restaurant suggestions or questions. See you there!

Middler Retreat - November 18th - 20th

What to expect? Expect a fun and fast paced weekend full of energetic games, exciting music, and relevant messages. Expect to make new friends and reconnect with old friends. Expect God to meet us at the camp once again, and challenge us to live differently. See Lynnea Hunter or visit www.holstonyouth.org for more details!

Presbyterian Women - November Meetings

Friendship (Afternoon) Circle:

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Rose Willis

2734 E. Oakland Ave #C-24, 282-3325

Lesson 3 Leader: Dot Carpenter

Joy (Evening) Circle:

Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Anne Smith (929-1604)

Meeting will be at the church.

Lesson 3 Leader: Melanie Jones

Please Note: Pledge Giving Statements are on the table in the Narthex.

Alternative Gift Fair - Sunday, November 20

WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT ANYWAY?

For many of us, Christmas has become commercialized to the point that we feel pressure to buy and consume. But what do we buy a friend or loved one who has few needs or wants?

This year, Covenant will sponsor its **18th Alternative Christmas Gift Fair**. It is a special opportunity to give to those in need. The *2011 Alternative Christmas Giving Guide*, in your bulletin and on the table in the Narthex, gives you a chance to think about worthy organizations and how we as a Christian community can become partners in the work of the church. The Mission and Outreach Committee has identified four mission organizations that will be featured at this year's Alternative Gift Fair. These include Missionaries Kristi and Bob Rice, The River, Interfaith Hospitality Network and Living Waters for the World.

After the worship service on Sunday, November 20th, join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, and meet the representatives from these mission organizations who will answer questions and discuss the work in which they are involved. You will be given an opportunity to give to any of these organizations in honor of friends and loved ones. Gift cards will be available. If you miss this event, you can still participate throughout Advent.

Campus House Lunch & Colloquium Wednesdays 11:45 to 12:45

The topic for November 9th will be: Gee, Toto, I Don't Think We Are in Tennessee Anymore, presented by Dr. William Bridgeforth of State of Franklin Healthcare Associates, Pediatrics. Bill Bridgeforth is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City and visited us last year as part of the program on the First Presbyterian Haiti Mission Trip Team. This year, Bill will discuss his mission trips to Africa. Come and enjoy our fellowship and a good lunch while Bill shares with us his mission work experiences in Africa.

Good Sam - Food for Life: Neighbor Helping Neighbor - 2011

In case you haven't heard, our goal has been met! We collected **403 boxes of Mac 'n Cheese and 450 cans of Sweet Potatoes** for the Good Samaritan's Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you for your support and generosity!!

Today at Covenant:

Morning Greeter:

Liturgist:

Cantor:

Gateway:

Nursery:

Coffee Fellowship Hostesses:

Jim Starr

Linda Dulin

Lynnea Hunter

Andrea Sutter

Fred Dulin

Victory Cooper & Carlyn Sue Hoffman

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Margaret Sullenger, Arlene Wilkinson, Bob Hart, Eileen Madden, Pat Wiley, Betty Maletich, Sue Sheffield, Hugh Underwood, Everrette Dale Thompson & Barbara Thompson England (Phyllis Thompson's uncle & sister), Jon Christiansen (missionary), Bob Rice (missionary), Peggy Underwood, Eric Smith (son of former members Keith & Pam Smith), Barbara & Jerry Ladich, Jack Fletcher, Bob Maletich, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Corrine Broyles, Elva McCartt, Marie Britt, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patsy Young (Butch Carr's cousin), Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Tim Jones, Joyce Ford & her family (all 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.

This Week at Covenant:

Today, November 6

9:45a

11:00a

Sunday School

Worship Service

Monday, November 7

7:00a

9:30a

AA Meeting

Melting Pot

Tuesday, November 8

Noon

1:30p

5:00p

7:00p

Congregational Life Committee Meeting

Friendship (Afternoon) Circle

Human Resources Committee Meeting

AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, November 9

7:00a

5:00p

7:15p

AA Meeting

WNL!

Choir Practice

Thursday, November 10

8:00a

9:30a

Noon

Men's Bible Study

Women in the Bible

AI-Anon Meeting

Friday, November 11

7:00a

7:00p

AA Meeting

Young Adult Gathering

Church Staff:

Director of Youth Ministry:

Music Director:

Accompanist:

Secretary:

Financial Secretary:

Custodian:

Nursery Worker:

Lynnea Hunter

Melodye Sparks

Jennifer Marshall

Tina Simon

Anne Webb

Marie Britt

Jeanne Gamble

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.