

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

CHORAL INTROIT *“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”* Youth Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 65:1a, 3, 5, 4b

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God;

**People: when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.**

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

**People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 456 *“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that it is sometimes easier
to come here and pray in vague generalities:

People: Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved you.

Leader: It keeps us from searching our hearts,
from remembering and naming the many ways
our actions have said that there is no God,
that you are not important in our lives.

People: You call, but we have not listened.

Leader: We can just skim through the words,
and never feel any pang of guilt
for the opportunities we missed this week
to go where you tried to send us,
and do what you wanted us to do.

**People: We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

Leader: And sometimes we do recognize our guilt,
but there just isn’t enough time to stop and
ponder all the times we hurt people,
or never even noticed them.

People: We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.

Leader: We say to ourselves, we would never condone evil or war,
that our sins are little sins.

**People: God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that you can come to us in mercy
and we can receive your forgiveness.
We pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and friend.**

*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.

Leader: Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 276 (v. 3) *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS pg. 527 Psalm 65

ANTHEM *“O Most Merciful”* Schönster Herr Jesu

O most merciful, O most bountiful, God the Father almighty!

By the Redeemer’s sweet intercession, Hear us, help us when we cry.

O blessed Saviour, Christ our Redeemer, Jesu, Son of Mary.

By thy Passion and thine atonement. Hear us, help us when we cry.

O Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, God the blessed Paraclete

By thine own wisdom, and through our pleading, Hear us, help us when we cry.

O triune God-head, Trinity almighty, God the glorious three in one;

By thy mercy heed to our crying. Hear us, help us when we cry.

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 390 *“O Savior, in This Quiet Place”*

GOSPEL READING pg. 81 Luke 18:9–14

SERMON Selling Yourself Rev. Sharon Amstutz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology # 592 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 181 *“Come Sing to God”*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING RESPONSE # 78 (red hymnal, stanza 1)

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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*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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JUST A REMINDER: Large-print Hymnals are available in the sanctuary.

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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.*

FOOD FOR LIFE: NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

“Hey, we don’t have to ‘pea’ this year!” In fact, our contribution to Good Samaritan's "Food For Life: Neighbor Helping Neighbor" campaign will be gravy – instant gravy, that is, as well as spaghetti noodles. Covenant's goal is to collect **200 packages of dry spaghetti noodles** (not Spaghetti-Os) and **100 packages of instant gravy mix**. Many people in our region, especially this year, need our help to have a nice Thanksgiving meal. Just bring your donation to church **by Sunday, October 31st**, so that Good Sam will have time to prepare the many baskets and meals for those in need. They will appreciate it very much.

Thanks, Charles Trifiletti – Mission & Outreach Committee

(Containers for this collection are in the Narthex. Like last year, if you find a good sale on these items, call the church so we can let everyone know! Thank you!)

MIDDLER RETREAT

On November 19th – 21st the Middle School Retreat will take place at Holston Presbytery Camp. The title for this year’s retreat is “OMG R U 4 Real?” We will leave on Friday at around 4:00-5:00, and we will return on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested, please take a flyer from the bulletin board. Don’t hesitate to talk to Andy if you have any questions.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Diane Bowman (Mary Bowman's daughter), Bob & Estelle Armistead, Arlene Wilkinson, 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, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Marvin Parker (Evelyn Kemp's cousin), Ed & Marie Britt, Corrine Broyles, Julia Trifiletti, Aneita Carr, Agnes Plank

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:	Ron Hines
Youth Choir Leader:	Anne Smith
Acolytes:	Kalli Dulin & Linden Hillhouse
Chimer:	Sean Madden
Gateway:	Cornelia Shelnut
Nursery:	Chris Adler Hillhouse
Coffee Hostesses:	Melissa Hopkins & Sue Sheffield

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:	Rev. Sharon H. Amstutz
Director of Youth Ministry:	Andy Irvin
Pianist & Interim Choir Director:	Jennifer Palmer
Secretary:	Tina Simon
Financial Secretary:	Anne Webb
Custodian:	Marie Britt

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT :

<u>Today, October 24</u>	
9:00a	Chime Choir Practice
6:00p	Youth Planning Meeting
<u>Monday, October 25</u>	
7:00p	Stewardship Committee Meeting
<u>Tuesday, October 26</u>	
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting
7:30p	AI-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, October 27</u>	
5:00p	WNL!
7:00p	Youth Planning Meeting
7:30p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, October 28</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	AI-Anon Meeting
6:30p	Hermitage Manor Board Meeting

YOU HAVE MAIL:

Matt Cary

YOUTH-LED SERVICE

The Youth Group will lead the worship service on **Sunday, October 31st**. The theme for this service will be based on their current Wednesday night study: Matthew 22:34-36, loving God and loving your neighbor. Please join us!

EQUAL EXCHANGE

New! Chocolate flavors – **New!** Coffee Sale – **New!** Packaging – **check it out!**

*October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
Have you hugged your pastor lately?!*

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 26th, 7 p.m. "What is 'Peak Oil' and Why Should College Students Care?" Film and discussion by Rev. John Shuck.

Wednesday, October 27th, 6 p.m. "Halloween Spooktacular and Dinner" at FPC Elizabethton. PSF students are invited to lend their acting skills!

Friday, Saturday, October 29-30. Jesus Seminar on the Road, at FPC Elizabethton. Learn about the parables of Jesus by leading scholars on the historical Jesus.

Thursday, Friday, (7:30) Saturday, (2 and 7:30) Sunday, (2 pm) October 28-31, See Caitlyn Morelock in "Dracula" at Northeast State.

Tuesday, November 2nd, 7 p.m. "Christian Faith & Politics" by Rev. John Shuck
Everyone is welcome to all events. All Tuesday nights begin with supper at 7 p.m. and the program to follow at 7:45 ish.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The **updated Church Directory** can be found on the table in the Narthex. If you would like an electronic copy, please e-mail Tina at cpcjctn@mounet.com.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2010

Sunday, eleven o'clock

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Great and good God,
give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Dag Hammarskjöld