

**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**                    *“This is My Father’s World”*                    arr.: Joel Raney

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.  
**People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**  
Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.  
**People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**  
Leader: Come now, all who thirst,  
**People: and drink the water of life.**  
Leader: Come now, all who hunger,  
**People: and be filled with good things.**  
Leader: Come now, all who seek,  
**People: and be warmed by the fire of love.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 476**                    *“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**                    based on 1 John 1:8-9

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Righteous Father,**  
**we who own more than we use,**  
**proclaim more than we experience,**  
**and request more than we need,**  
**we come asking your forgiveness.**  
**We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.**  
**We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.**  
**We experience your grace, then act defeated.**  
**We rely on your power, but only in hard times.**  
**We have become confused and misguided.**  
**Forgive our every defection.**  
**Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust,**  
**through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,**  
**the truth of God,**  
**and the life of love,**  
**now and always. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**                    based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Leader: Hear the good news:  
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.  
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576**                    *“Gloria, Gloria”*

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** pg. 720                    Jeremiah 18:1-11

**ANTHEM**                    *“A Psalm of Peace”*                    Jane Marshall

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace, peace, peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that glory may dwell, that glory may dwell, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace, peace, peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**\*\*Gateway to Worship**

**GOSPEL READING** pg. 78                    Luke 14:25-33

**SERMON**                    Things You Should Know                    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**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN # 504**                    *“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”*

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

Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
Offering  
Offertory                    *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*                    arr.: Michael Sharp  
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.**

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Words of Institution  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*COMMITMENT HYMN # 371**                    *“Lift High the Cross”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**                    *“O Worship the King”*                    arr.: Marilyn Thompson

*(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 flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cameron Hopkins’ birthday by Steve & Melissa Hopkins.*

**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.

**RETREAT SIGN-UP DEADLINE - TODAY!**  
Today is the final deadline to sign up for this year’s church retreat at Holston Camp (**September 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, fill out the **green Registration Form** enclosed in your bulletin and place the form, along with your check, in the offering plate. Please talk to any member of the Congregational Life Committee if you have any questions.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Presbyterian Student Fellowship – ETSU**

*Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>*, 8 pm, Bowling at Holiday Lanes!

**WNL! Begins September 15, 2010**

**There will be an Orientation Meeting for all volunteers (not the kids) at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Your participation is a vital aspect of this program.**

Wednesday Night Live! (WNL), our program for children and youth, will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. It’s fun, food, & fellowship! One of our key objectives this year is to reinforce the idea of our being a church family. What a wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted with the young people and the other adult volunteers! You do not have to be a church member to participate. Come, eat and interact with the youth and adult volunteers.

**Meal Teams** are being formed, and we need lots of help to feed a bunch of kids. This is an important but fun position. You get to hang out with the youth of the church and gab in the kitchen with friends and church members. It’s a great way to get closer to your church family. Each Meal Team is made up of 4-5 people who cook, serve dinner and clean up. It’s only once a month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Just 2-1/2 short hours once a month! How easy is that? And remember it is **FUN!** Call Andrea Sutter at 773-5602 to sign up for Meal Team.

**Table Parents** are greatly needed. Your role is to come at 6:25 p.m., gather around the table with your church kids to eat and talk. You may have to pour drinks or cut up food for the younger kids. You *may* have to reinforce table manners. Just act like you’re at home, because you are! Call Karen Mabe at 929-7825 to sign up for Table Parents.

**Traffic Notice Reminder:** As before, to keep the kids safe while they are playing outside, traffic patterns into the parking lot will be changed. **The front entrance from Sunset Drive will be blocked every Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** Please enter and exit from the Sundale/Franklin Square entrance. This change will keep traffic out of the crosswalk and our kids safe.

**Please come and join in the fellowship. If you have questions, call Karen Mabe at 929-7825.**

### PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Bob Sobol, Jim Crandall, Roger Hecht, Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), Max Wilson, Helen Davis, Pat Adams, Vi Block & her family, Bob & Estelle Armistead, Rose Willis, Elva McCartt, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Dana Cheek (the Carr's' niece), 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	Gateway:	Matt Cary
Liturgist:	Leonard Robertson	Nursery:	Melissa Hopkins
Acolytes:	Philip Hagelberg & Sean Madden	Coffee Hosts:	Christian Ed. Comm.
Chimer:	Grace Madden		

### 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:

Today, September 5

**DEADLINE FOR RETREAT SIGN-UP**

Monday, September 6

**Labor Day – Church Office Closed**

9:30a Melting Pot

Tuesday, September 7

**DEADLINE FOR DIRECTORY CHANGES**

4:00p Human Resources Committee Meeting

7:00p Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting

7:00p Worship Committee Meeting

7:30p Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, September 8

**5:00p WNL! Orientation Mtg. (adults)**

7:30p Choir Practice

Thursday, September 9

8:00a Men's Bible Study

8:30a Habitat Mtg. in Library

9:30a Women in the Bible

Noon Al-Anon Meeting

Friday, Sept. 10 – Sunday, Sept. 12

**Covenant Fall Retreat @ Holston Camp**

### YOU HAVE MAIL:

Bob Armistead Chris Adler Hillhouse

### Nursery Workers

Additional volunteers are needed to look after the youngest of our congregation during the worship service. To volunteer for this very vital task, please contact Linda Dulin at 913-0202 or call the church office at 282-5324. Thanks!

### Prayer Chain

It's time to update Covenant's Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is comprised of volunteers who form a telephone chain (each person calling just one other person) to respond to special requests for prayer received through the church office. If you are already in the "Chain" and wish to remain on it, or if you would like to be added to it, please let Sue Crandall know **by September 10th**. Her e-mail address is bofus@charter.net, and her telephone number is 915-1086. This is an important and rewarding ministry. Thank you!

### Presbyterian Women

Both Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles will begin on **Tuesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**! All women in the congregation are welcome to participate in either Circle. Both Circles will study *Journeys Through Revelation*. Please read the Introduction and Lesson One for the first meeting. Please see Sally Nagel, Sharon Benner or Betty Maletich if you have not yet picked up your book.

#### Afternoon (Friendship) Circle:

**1:30 p.m.** at the home of Betty Maletich (3303 Honeywood Dr., J.C., 282-6684).

To carpool, please meet at the church at 1:10 p.m.

#### Evening (as yet un-named) Circle:

**7:30 p.m.** at the home of Sharon Benner (132 Avonlea Pl., J.C., 282-5628)

### New! Third Thursday Dinners

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to join your fellow Covenant members for our first Third Thursday Dinner. There's no house cleaning or cooking required! We will choose a restaurant each month where we can meet for fellowship and fun. We'll kick things off on **Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Sonny's Marina**. 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!

### Habitat for Humanity Project

On **Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, Covenant has the opportunity to reach out to a family in need and to help that family build themselves a safe and secure home in which to live. Ten to 15 volunteers are needed for our team which will spend the day in fellowship together as we carry out God's work in this special way. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older to participate. **Please contact Tony Madden at 557-8873 for information.**

### Young Adult Fellowship

Are you a Covenant 'Ish'? Are you between the ages of 25-ish and 40-ish? Do you enjoy getting together with friends? Do enjoy sharing a meal with said friends? Would you be even partially curious about a new Young Adult Fellowship starting up at Covenant? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then congratulations! You're an 'Ish'! The goal of a Young Adult Fellowship at Covenant is not to take the place of any other group but to be an additional ministry to those of us who find ourselves in this age group. Call Lynnea Hunter for more info.

**What:** Young Adult Fellowship

**When:** either Monday Sept. 20 or Tuesday Sept. 21 (YOUR VOTE!) at 7:00p.

**Where:** Lynnea's house; 512 W. Maple St., J.C.

**Why:** 'Cause we like to have fun!

**Contact:** Lynnea Hunter, (cell) 828-266-1917

### Reception for Randy & Pat Adams – September 19th

Please join us for a reception after worship on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> where we will be able to say farewell and express our appreciation to Randy and Pat Adams. We are asking each family to bring a finger-food type dish to share for this send-off celebration. (If you would like to contribute to a monetary gift for the Adams', please write your check to Covenant and note "Adams" in the memo line.)

### Church Directory Update – DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

We are in the process of updating Covenant's Church Directory and we could use your help. Please confirm your address and phone number either via e-mail or by filling out a form in the Narthex and dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday or leaving it on Tina's desk in the office by September 7<sup>th</sup>.

If your child is attending college, please include his or her college mailing address.

We have had requests for e-mail addresses to be listed in the directory. Please indicate whether or not you would like us to include your e-mail address. If we don't hear from you, it **will NOT** be listed.

Thanks for your help!

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010

Sunday, eleven o'clock

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dear God,

silence all voices within our minds but your own.

Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.

May our prayers be joined  
with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,

that together we may glorify your name

and enjoy your fellowship forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.