



Covenant Presbyterian Church

Mission Statement:

**Witness to our faith through worship
and compassionate Christian service**

Vision Statement:

**People's lives will be transformed by knowing
and experiencing Christ so that God is glorified.**

Core Values:

Commitment, Faith, Generosity, Hospitality, Love, Respect

Covenant Presbyterian Church

“3rd Sunday after Easter”

Ten-thirty am

April 10, 2016

Prelude

David Starzer, organist

Centering Prayer for Worship

Eternal God, Creator of springtime splendor that delights and dazzles us, look with mercy upon all creation. Bring to completion your saving work so that the whole world may see the fallen lifted up, the old made new, and your transforming power bring hope from despair. We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of life! Amen.

Centering Song “He Is Lord”

He Is Lord

Philippains 2:10-11, para.

Anonymous



He is Lord, he is Lord! He is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord!



Ev'-ry knee shall bow, ev'-ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

All: Give praise for God's mighty works! Give praise for God's resurrection power!

Unison: Alleluia! Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

***Opening Hymn #245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!**

***Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CONFESSION

Unison Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, risen in glory, death could not contain you. Rising from the dead, you returned to those with whom you had shared life. You breathed peace into your disciples and sent them to share the good news. When we are afraid to talk about our faith, give us courage to find the words to tell of your goodness. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, call to hope and new life all that is despairing or dead within us. Fill us with your peace as we confess our fears and our failings to you. Amen. (Silent Personal Confession)

Assurance of God's Love

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Leader: Forgiven and freed, let us share God's peace with each other.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Greeting Time**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Praise

“Because You Live, O Christ”

Chancel Choir

The Gospel in Story

+All children and youth go to WOW (Worship Outside of Worship)

***Hymn of Meditation #254 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”**

“Cares Chorus” (*All Sing*) and Morning Prayer

I cast all my cares upon you; I lay all of my burdens, down at your feet; And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you. I will cast all my cares upon you.

We Offer Our Gifts and Selves to God

***Offertory**

***Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17: 15-21, 18: 10-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Dave Baker

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New Testament Reading: John 20: 19-22, 24-28

Dr. Sarah Nave

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Sermon Easter Practices Series: Bring Doubts to Church

Dr. Sarah Nave

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn of Dedication #248 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

***Benediction**

Eastertide Sung Response “Now unto Him”

Chancel Choir

Postlude

***Congregation invited to stand if able**

WELCOME!

We're glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a visitor's card, located in the rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. Looking for a faith community?

We would love you to consider Covenant as the church family for you.

Contact Pastor Sarah Nave (732-8240-w, 894-0386-c) for more information.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Dave & Tricia Buck to the glory of God and in memory of their parents.

THE ROSE in the sanctuary today is in honor of Holden Lancaster Davis, son of Brent and Megan Davis and grandson of Ellen & Tommy Lee. Holden was born on April 5 and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. Congratulations to all of the family!

PRAYER CONCERNS *Dr. Ben Rice, Kathy Rice, Patricia Buck, Dorothy Ketcham, Nancy Porterfield, Shernette Reid, Joe Hackley.*

Sunday, April 10, 2016

10:00 am Choir Warm-up

10:30 am Morning Worship

11:30 am Fellowship snacks

Thursday, April 14, 2016

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, April 17, 2016

10:00 am Choir Warm-up

10:30 am Morning Worship

11:30 am Fellowship hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Preston

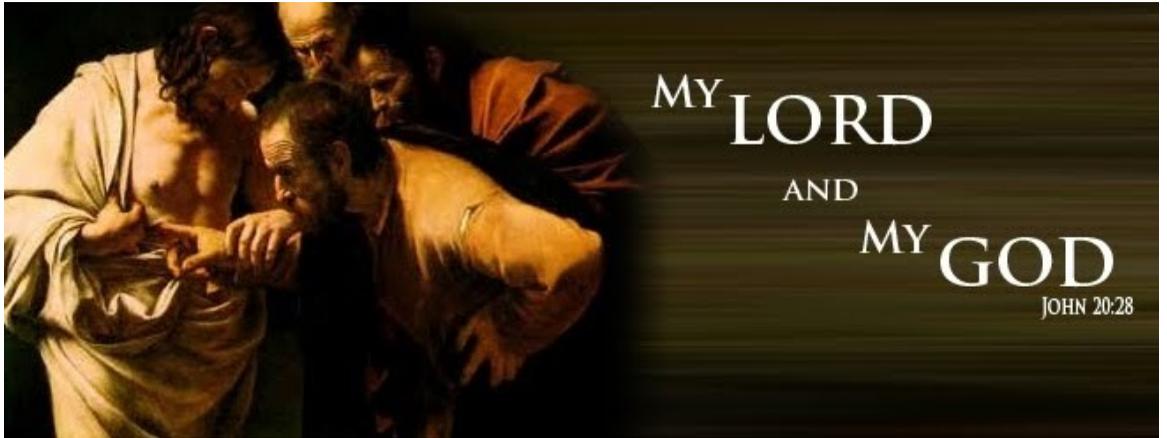
ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS for May-June are on the table in the Narthex.

APRIL CALENDAR there is an April calendar and birthday list in the Narthex. Help yourself.

SESSION MEETING will be on Monday, April 18 at 7 pm.

SERMON NOTES:



THE CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Sarah NavePastor
 Rev. Dwight Nave.....Parish Associate
 Joyce M. Collier.....Secretary
 David Starzer..... Organist/Director of Music
 Peggy Preston.....Sexton
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