



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

“2nd Sunday after Easter”

Ten-thirty am

April 3, 2016

Prelude

David Starzer, organist

Centering Prayer for Worship

We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. Living God, open our eyes to see the promise of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen. -From *Feasting on the Word*

Centering Song #634 “To God Be the Glory (verse 1)”

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

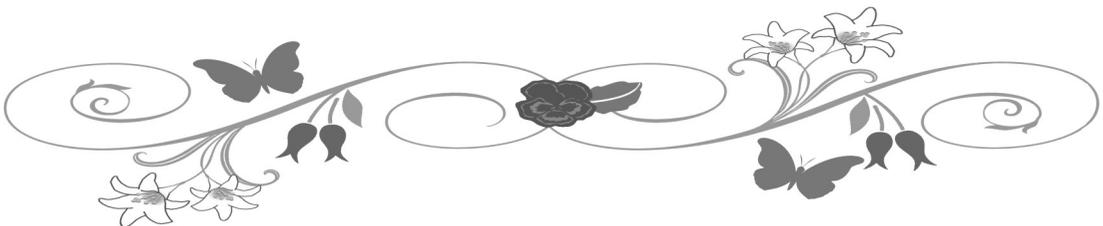
People: **God of the empty grave, we offer glad songs of resurrection joy to you.**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

People: **This is the good news we tell to all the world!**

All: **Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

***Opening Hymn #267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**



***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. Call to hope and new life all that is dead or despairing within us. In this season of hallelujahs, we confess how broken we are. We accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. We may not have intentionally hurt anyone, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. Forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life. Amen. -from *Where the Broken Gather* by Thom Shuman

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's love is constant and sure, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Leader: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Greeting Time**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel in Story

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

***Hymn of Meditation #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

“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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1: 29-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Melissa Clarke

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New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

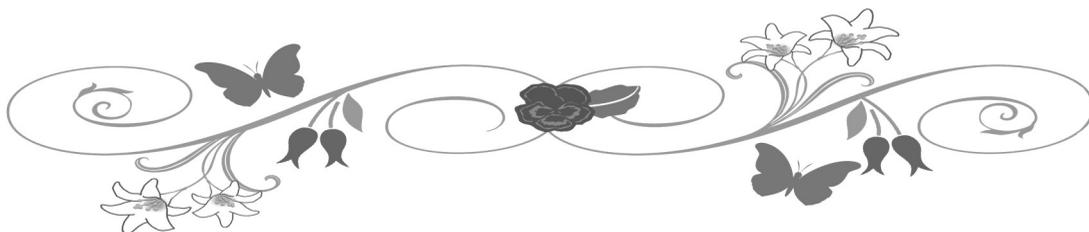
Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades.

People: But the word of the Lord endures forever.

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Sermon “Waiting in Paradise”

Rev. Dwight Nave





The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

-from the Iona Community

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus (all sing) "Holy, Holy, Holy" #552

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, Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Communion by Intinction

(Please come down the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it in the cup and partake, then return to your seat. We are happy to serve anyone who wishes to remain seated.

Just raise your hand and the servers will come to you).

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn of Dedication #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

Postlude

***Congregation invited to stand if able**

BE OUR GUEST

We invite you to join us for a time of light refreshments in Fellowship Hall following our worship service today. Turn right as you leave the sanctuary, go down the hall and turn left at the stairs.

PRAYER CONCERNS *Dr. Ben Rice, Kathy Rice, Patricia Buck, Dorothy Ketcham, Nancy Porterfield, Shernette Reid, Stephan Johnson (grandson of Peggy Preston), and Joe Hackley.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES THIS WEEK TO:

April 6 Linda Gordon

April 7 Rhonda Comfort-Ellington

Sunday, April 3, 2016

9:30 am Bible Study

10:00 am Choir warmup

10:30 am Morning Worship

11:30 am Fellowship hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Lee

Thursday, April 7, 2016

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Garden Club

Saturday, April 9, 2016

10:00 am Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting

Sunday, April 10, 2016

9:30 am Bible Study

10:00 am Choir warmup

10:30am Morning Worship

11:30am Fellowship snack



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME to Rev. Dwight Nave who is leading us in worship and bringing God's word today. Thank you, Dwight!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETING will be on Saturday, April 9 at 10 am. All women of the church family are welcome!

AN EASTER BASKET FILLED WITH PEEPS to Daryl and Peggy Preston for all the wonderful cleaning and sprucing up they did to make Covenant look spiffy for the Easter Season. Thanks so much for all your TLC and elbow grease– the grounds and our church look terrific! Bless Y'all!

A CHOCOLATE BUNNY WITH EARS INTACT to super cleaners, Jazzie Earnest, Peggy Preston, and Zaire Pitts for tidying the upstairs rooms this week. Thanks so much for all of your efforts to make our church shine!



*God saw all that
he had made,
and it was very good.*
Genesis 1:31



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