



# *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

Ten-thirty am

June 12, 2016

*When entering the sanctuary for worship, please silence your cell phones and all electronic devices. Thank you.*

**Prelude**

David Starzer

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### Centering Prayer for Worship

**We are here to worship you, O God, drawn by faith that nothing can ever separate us from your love and care. Ever-watchful God, who knows the hearts and secret desires of all people, help us not to hide from you in this worship encounter but to present ourselves fully open before you. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### Centering Song #729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (verses 3 and 4)

### Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

### Call to Worship

Leader: We are here to let go of anxious worry, of hidden regret.

People: **To hear our name whispered and life affirmed, to feel a surge of forgiveness, a rush of joy.**

Leader: To celebrate your presence, Divine Companion. To learn the right way to live.

Unison: **In these sacred moments, we sing praises and lift our gratitude to our Holy Lord.**

**\*Hymn of Praise “Shout to the Lord”**

**\*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.

**CONFESSIO**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Creator God, your early morning sun shines through the trees and reaches into our windows leaving a patchwork of sunshine and shadow. We, too, are a mixture of shadow and light. There are parts of us that we keep hidden from you- destructive thoughts and habits, resentment and bitterness. We do little to resist evil as it lurks in our community as racism, greed, and violence. Forgive us. Work in our lives and in our world to let more of your healing, renewing light into the shadows and desolate places. Let your love lift those who are trapped by oppressive cycles of poverty, addiction, and hopelessness. May your peace and wholeness heal us and shine through us. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

## **Assurance of God's Grace**

Leader: God's love appears in our darkest moments, our Eternal Friend is always breathing new life into our despair and dead ends.

**All: God's grace heals our wounds and blesses us with heart-deep reassurance. We believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **\*Greeting Time**

**Song of Praise “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

**Chancel Choir**

**The Gospel in Story A Shout Out**

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

**\*Hymn of Meditation #441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation”**

**“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.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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**New Testament Reading: Acts 4: 32-5:11**

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**Sermon ACTS Sermon Series #4 "Honest to God"**

Dr. Sarah Nave

## CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn of Dedication #720 "Jesus Calls Us"

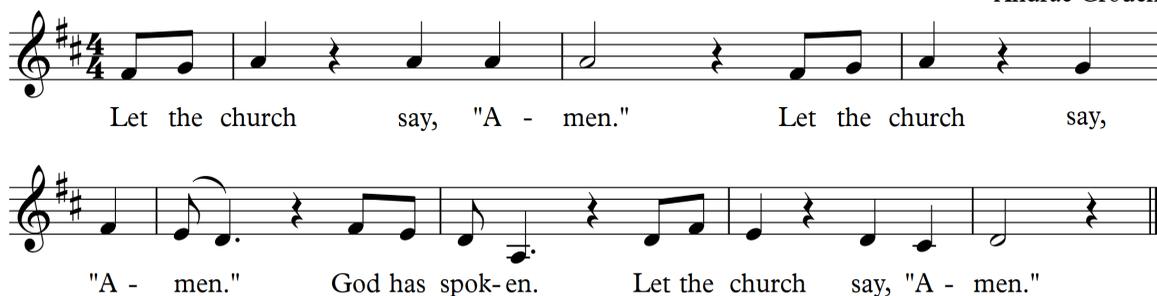
\*Benediction

\*Sung Response "Let the Church Say Amen"

All Sin

### Let the Church Say Amen

Words and Music by  
Andraé Crouch



Let the church say, "A - men." Let the church say,  
"A - men." God has spok-en. Let the church say, "A - men."

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†Postlude

†We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude if you like, in order to reflect on what we have heard and on our experience of God together. Likewise, please feel free to leave immediately if you would rather do so. Blessings to all!

\*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 your church family. Contact Pastor Sarah Nave (732-8240-w, 894-0386-c) for more information.

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

### **TODAY'S SERMON NOTES**

We understand hypocrisy to be a deliberate and calculated effort to deceive, as it was with Ananias and Sapphira, and we may not be consciously doing that. We may simply have fallen into the habit of protecting our image, keeping people from knowing what is going on in our hearts and in our homes. That's easier than committing ourselves fully to Christ and letting Him live through us to make the changes He wants to make. Which is really more important to us—to maintain the appearance of spirituality, or genuinely to be what God wants us to be?

#### **Questions for Reflection**

1. What are Christians generally most prone to mask/hide from each other?
2. Is there any sign that you are “keeping score” or trying to get/keep the upper hand in your relationships? How can you avoid this tendency?
3. Are there any areas in your life you know are not right before God? What does God want you to do about them?

-From Richard Strauss  
*Be Honest –The story of Ananias and Sapphira*

**THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by the Garner family, in loving memory of James Paul Garner.

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, June 12, 2016**

10:00 am Choir Warm-up

10:30 am Morning Worship

11:30 am Fellowship hosted Tommy & Ellen Lee

### **Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

6:30 pm Y'ALL Youth Group

### **Thursday, June 16, 2016**

10:30 am Feed Our Hungry Neighbors

7:00 pm Choir Practice

### **Sunday, June 19, 2016**

10:00 am Choir Warm-up

10:30 am Morning Worship

11:30 am Fellowship hosted by Dennis & Cathy Hargrave

### **Monday, June 20, 2016**

5:30 - 7:30 pm Summerfest!

### **Birthdays this week:**

June 14 Daz Ptts

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS** We will serve our hungry neighbors this Thursday, June 16 and Thursday, June 30. The menu will be hot dogs, potato salad and cupcakes. If you can provide food or help serve, please sign up in the Narthex. Thanks!

**SUMMERFEST** We're having a neighborhood party and you're invited! Celebrate the start of summer at church next Monday night, June 20th from 5:30-7:30! Come hang out with our neighbors, eat a hotdog and make smores, play games, declare our Little Free Library Box open for reading, and plant some tomatoes in our new community garden. Sounds like fun!! Invite friends and family and come out to church on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> as we share God's love and celebrate summertime!

**A PLACE OF MIRACLES CAFE'** Check the table in the narthex for a flyer on this ecumenical community food program for the Jefferson Davis Corridor. Started by people with a heart for families living in hotels on the corridor, the cafe' is looking for volunteers to help provide hot meals Tuesday through Friday, 5-7pm. Rhonda Harris has more info if you have questions.



## THE CHURCH STAFF

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