



# *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 5, 2016

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

**Prelude**

David Starzer

## **Centering Prayer for Worship**

Gracious God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the faithful be renewed. Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may worship you and bear fruit to your honor and glory by offering the Good News of your saving grace to all the world. Amen.

## **Centering Song #743 “O God, You Are My God”**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

## **PRAISE AND ADORATION**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Holy God, you have set a table before us, and called us to feast with you.

**People: Prepare us in mind and heart to meet you, our Gracious Host, in Word and Sacrament.**

**Unison: Let us experience your glory and be filled with your Spirit, so that we may bring honor to your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

### **\*Opening Hymn #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

### **\*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**

Eternal God, we long for faith that is alive to all the challenges and complexity of life.

Sometimes we keep quiet when we should speak. We miss opportunities to share your love because we don't want to take risks, we would rather just stay on the couch.

Forgive our spiritual apathy, and our tendency to criticize or judge others while excusing ourselves. Help us to set aside our worries and wants, and concentrate on how we may bring delight to you by letting you speak to others through us. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, we may we know your power to save. Amen. (Silent Personal Confessions)

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

Leader: Almighty God, who is able to make all things new and to restore life every morning offers endless grace to those who turn to God for forgiveness.

**All: Our Lord Jesus, who turned water into wine as a sign of the new Kingdom, in Him the old has passed away. Behold! He makes all things new. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**\*Greeting Time**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Song of Praise “Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand”**

**Chancel Choir**

**The Gospel in Story**

Jazzie Earnest

**+All children and youth may stay in worship or go to WOW and WEWOW**

**“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.

**A Moment of Gratitude**

**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: Psalm 46**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Norman Smith

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**New Testament Reading: Acts 4: 1-11**

**Sermon ACTS Sermon Series #3 “Take a Stand”**

Dr. Sarah Nave

**\*Communion Song #770 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”**

Choir will sing verses 1 & 2. All sing verses 3-5.

## **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 #257 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response "Let the Church Say Amen" (see next page)**

**All Sing**

**†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. Blessings to all!**

**\*Congregation invited to stand if able**

# 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."

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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## **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.

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMERFEST PLANNING** Meet after church today in Fellowship Hall to share ideas and make plans for Summerfest, our neighborhood party on Monday night, June 20th. Hospitality, energy and creativity are welcome, playfulness, too!

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** We are planting a community garden to share with your neighbors. If you would like to part of planning this grad adventure, please talk to Dwight or Sarah Nave.

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** **Take a Book Read a Book Leave a Book Repeat**  
We are starting our own Little Free Library at Covenant! The goal of this worldwide network of over 36,000 library boxes is to “promote literacy and promote reading by building free book exchanges and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.” Want to help? Please bring book donations to church! Talk to Sarah Nave for more details.

**FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS** We will serve our hungry neighbors on Thursday, June 16 an 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.

### Church Calendar

#### **Sunday, June 5, 2016**

**10:00 am Choir Warm-up**

**10:30 am Morning Worship**

**11:30 am Fellowship hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Smith**

**12 noon Summerfest Planning Meeting**

#### **Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

**6:30 pm Y'ALL**

#### **Thursday, June 8, 2016**

**7:00 pm Choir**

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

**10:00 am Choir Warm-up**

**10:30 am Morning Worship**

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

#### **Birthdays This Week**

Charlene Ketcham June 11

Daz Pitts June 14



**THE CHURCH STAFF**

Dr. Sarah Nave .....Pastor  
 Rev. Dwight Nave..... Parish Associate  
 Joyce M. Collier.....Secretary  
 David Starzer..... Organist/Director of Music  
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