

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, November 18, 2018
26th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



WELCOME

Convinced of God's grace, the Church of the Covenant seeks to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world.

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Prelude

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

J. S. Bach

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Interim Dir. of Student/Family Ministries*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Children's Choir

Share God's Love

Mark Patterson

Take the light of Christ to the world, serving others wherever you go, share God's hope, share God's love.

* Call to Worship

Kevin Lowry

One: The earth has its royalty and politicians, but God is ruler of all.

All: **Praise God above all, the giver of life!**

The mountains may tremble, the oceans roar, the fires rage,
but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.

Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.

Come to the Rock, the God of life, for God is with us.

* Hymn 552

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Give Thanks, O Christian People

* Call to Confession

Lucy Matz, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess to sealing up the doors of our hearts. Instead of saying thanks to our brothers and sisters in Christ or expressing graciousness to our neighbors, we find ourselves lost in busy and blurring days, shrinking back from the demands of your discipleship in favor of putting our needs first. Open us to your Spirit. Renew our faith in your grace. Help us to observe this special time of Thanksgiving and to follow in your footsteps of truth and tolerance. Take our best efforts and transform them into a cornucopia of goodness. Forgive us as we seek to be better servants of your Word.

GATHER

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week.

** Please stand as you are able.*

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Lucy Matz is the proud daughter of Dennis & Nancy and was baptized at Church of the Covenant in 1989. She became a Member in 2001 and has served over the years as an Elder, Pastoral Nominating Committee member, Covenant Choir member, Confirmation mentor, and currently as a Deacon. Lucy makes a living tweeting about the Cleveland Cavaliers and likes to spend free time with her boyfriend, three-legged cat Ringo Starr, and family.

CONFESSION

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins, for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is plenteous redemption. Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Gloria Patri Hymn 579

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.**

**or Maker

Prayer for Illumination

Lucy Matz

First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Anthem

Children's Choir

We Rejoice to be God's Chosen

NETTLETON, Arr. John Bell

We rejoice to be God's chosen not through virtue, work or skill, but because God's love is gen'rous, unconformed to human will. And to celebrate the goodness of the One who sets us free from the smallness of our vision to become, not just to be. We rejoice to be God's chosen, to align with heav'n's intent, to await where we are summoned and accept where we are sent. We rejoice to be God's chosen and amidst all that we see, to anticipate with wonder that the best is yet to be.

Time for Young Disciples

Kevin Lowry

Parting Response

Hymn 535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Second Lesson

Mark 14:12-16

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

Remember

* Hymn 237

SHEAVES

When God Delivered Israel

Joys and Concerns

Amy Starr Redwine

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

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.

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us in the Bible. The Word is proclaimed in scripture, sermon, and, on some Sundays, through the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome the voices of the children's choir and the resonant tones of the Beckwith Handbell choir

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we respond with music and prayers, and by offering to God a portion of the financial resources we have received.

Congregational Amen

McNeil Robinson



Offertory

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Beckwith Handbell Choir

CWM RHONDDA, Arr. Dick Anthony

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 555

Now Thank All Our God

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* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary in d minor, Op. 7

Jonathan Moyer, organ

John Stanley

Carillon Postlude

Zenith Point (2018)

Ryan Charles Ramer

Join us following today's worship service for our....

Community Thanksgiving Meal

Each year we come together with our greater University Circle neighborhood to break bread, share our stories, and be in community!

Come for all the trimmings of a traditional thanksgiving meal. Gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan options available.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

COVENANT STUDENT MINISTRIES

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

For more information, contact Kevin at klowry@covenantweb.org, text/call 330-988-0490, or visit www.CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

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SEND

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen to the postlude.

A Stephen Minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsal

9:30 Nursery, *Creche*

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

10:15: Pageant Prep, *Yost Chapel*

11:30: Thanksgiving Meal, *Dowd Commons*

12:30 Science of

Spirituality, *Sonia Golden Room*

COVENANT COMMONS

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM IN THE DOWD COMMONS

November 18th – Faith in Action: Community Thanksgiving Meal

November 25th – Advent Workshop

December 2nd – Community Meal: Soup and Bread

December 9th – Fair Trade Presentation and Market

December 16th – Giving Tree Celebration

December 23rd – Book Discussion: *Before I Had The Words*, Skylar Kergil

USHERS TODAY ARE Dan Carroll, Martha Goble, and Oleg Targoni. **GREETER TODAY IS** Shirley Thompson.

CIRCLE WINTER FEST CAROL SING: As you make plans to join us for the University Circle Winter Fest Carol Sing on Sunday, December 2 at 4 pm, remember to take advantage of reserved seats for Covenant members and their guests in our East Gallery (lectern side). Avoid the rush of patrons who typically attend this popular event! Also, we are looking for church members to volunteer as greeters and ushers from 3 to 5 pm. To secure a seat or volunteer, contact a member of the music staff at music@covenantweb.org.

NEXT SUNDAY: we collect donations for the Covenant Food Pantry. We need cans of vegetables, soup, and chili; fruit cup; and pasta.

TUESDAY NOON ORGAN CONCERTS: Tuesday Noon Organ Concerts, November 20th: Matt Bickett playing the complete *Symphonie Passion* by Marcel Dupré.

WE PRAY FOR: Kim Bergman, Judy Bourne, David Brown (Kitty Jarjisian's cousin), Raymond Brown, Sylvia Clapp (Sandy Ammon's mother), Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Marlene & Paul Dirksen, Rob Engel and Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents), Denise Horstman, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Bette Posch, Jim Richardson, Carol Roe, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), and Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew). We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound; patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who have left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

THE ROSE ON THE LECTERN are in honor of the birth of Jack Emerson Smekal. He was born November 10, 2018 to Seth and Robin Smekal in Madison, WI. Seth is Nancy & Jim Smekal's son and grew up at the Church of the Covenant; the family moved when he was in fifth grade.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Melanie Marsh Baum is on maternity leave through December 8th. Kevin Lowry is out of the office November 19. Willie Howard and Amy Starr Redwine will be on vacation from November 19 to 21.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: Tuesday: Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Noon Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith Hall, 12 pm; Trustee Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm;

Wednesday: Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** CLOSED **Friday:** CLOSED.

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