

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, February 3, 2019
4th Sunday after Epiphany

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*

Organ Prelude

Praeludium in G

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

Nicolaus Bruhns

Welcome

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Ave Verum Corpus

Chancel Choir
Gregorian Chant

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,

Vere passum, immolatus in cruce pro homine,

Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,

Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine:

Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:

Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae,

O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary,

Miserere mei. Amen.

Have mercy upon me. Amen.

* Call to Worship

Kevin Lowry, Student and Family Ministries

One: Let us worship God, our Creator

All: The God who formed us and made us

Let us worship God, our Creator

The God who claims us and calls us

Let us worship God, our Creator

The God who loves us and never leaves us

Let us worship God, our Creator

The Everlasting and All Powerful

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

Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski came to Covenant when she was a nursing student at CWRU. She has been involved at Covenant in a number of capacities, most recently as Communications Manager until she retired last year. She enjoys living in North Collinwood with her husband Jim and cat Reggie and has just started volunteering as a "wine ambassador" with our neighbor Chateau Hough.

* Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

* Call to Confession

Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that it is hard to be your people. You call us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ; yet we fall short. God of Grace, forgive our ingratitude for the blessings we have received. God of Peace forgive our impatience with the actions of others. God of Love forgive our intolerance toward those who believe differently. God of Mercy accept our repentance. God of Hope send us out to be your people, give us confidence to do what is hard, to live the lives we proclaim. Forgive us as we silently confess our sins.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Kyrie

from *Messe Basse*

Chancel Choir

Gabriel Fauré

Kyrie eleison, Criste eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. 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**

Time for Young Disciples

Melanie Marsh Baum

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Jeremiah 1: 4- 10

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 13

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Sharon Core, *Guest Preacher*

Explosives in the Sanctuary

WELCOME

Sharon Core to worship today. The Reverend Sharon K. Core is the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. Before beginning this work, she was a parish pastor for 25 years, serving the Arlington Presbyterian Church (Arlington, VA) and the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church (Brevard, NC). She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College and Columbia Theological Seminary. She is married to Nick Kuhn; they share life with Sassy, a five-year-old black Labrador retriever. Nick and Sassy currently live in Alexandria, VA. It is the hope of all that soon the three of them will be living together here in the metro Cleveland area.

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible.

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we offer music, prayers, and a portion of the financial resources we have received. Scan the QR code below to access online giving. Thank you for your generous response to God's gracious love!

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* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God--Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation, and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protect the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts, and deeds.

Offertory

Ave Verum Corpus

Kiko Weinroth and Gwen DeLaney

Gabriel Fauré

(see introit text)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Sharon Core

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give both thanks and praise....

Sanctus

from *Messe Basse*

Chancel Choir

Gabriel Fauré

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

MUSIC NOTES

We welcome Dr. Mark Edwards to Church of the Covenant, as guest organist for the next few months! Please take a moment to greet him, following our service today. Our choral music this week features one of the oldest forms of notated music, Gregorian Chant. The tenors and basses of the choir open the service with a hymn associated with communion liturgy. Our celebration of the sacrament continues with selections from a short mass by Gabriel Fauré, written for treble voices. Two choir soloists sing Fauré's setting of *Ave Verum Corpus*, the same text featured in our introit. The simplicity of chant and of Fauré's music may help us to prayerfully focus on the gift of everlasting life through the sacrament of communion. The carillon piece was written as a tribute to Pawel Adamowicz, the mayor of Gdansk, Poland, who died after being attacked during a public appearance on January 14.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Church of the Covenant observes open communion. Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction. Ushers will release pews from back to front. All who are able are welcome to come forward. Servers will bring the elements to those who are unable to come forward. The communion wine is unfermented grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup.

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

The Words of Institution

Sharon Core

Agnus Dei

Chancel Choir

from *Messe Basse*

Gabriel Fauré

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion

* Hymn 525

Here I am Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

* Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

Toccata in b from 10 pièces pour orgue

Eugène Gigout

Carillon Postlude

Epitafium (Epitaph)

Katarzyna Kwiecień-Dlugosz

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.

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals,

Sanctuary

9:00 Stephen Ministers,

Herrick Room

9:30 Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

11:00 Community Meal,

Dowd Commons

12:30 Healing Circle, *Sonia*

Golden Room

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS TODAY ARE John Bromelmeier and Jim & Nancy Smekal. **GREETERS ARE** Beth Holbein and Orene Anthony. **SERVERS ARE** Kitty Jarjisian, Jim & Lyn Tomaszewski and Ann Williams.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given to the glory of God, in memory of Tom Demeter by his wife Marilyn Demeter, and in memory of Jim & Julia Florenzo by their granddaughter Mary Anne Bromelmeier.

JOIN US, Today February 3 at 11:15 in the Dowd Commons for our monthly Community Meal! On the first Sunday of each month, we host a community meal where we invite the community to gather and share a meal with one another. We will provide the main dish and ask that you bring a side, salad, or dessert to share with the community. This meal is free and open to the public as we seek to meet our neighbors and be in community with one another. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Lowry at klowry@CovenantWeb.org. or call at 216-421-0482 ext 236.

WE PRAY FOR: Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Marlene & Paul Dirksen, Rob Engel & Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Anthony Frank, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Nicole Murray, Newton/Clay Family, Gene Papp, Jean Sacatsh, Emily Carson Williams, 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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Deacons Meeting, Dowd Commons, 6 pm **Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, Library, 7 pm Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm; Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm; **Friday:** Carillion Concert, 12:15 pm; **Saturday:** Saturday Tutoring Program, Lower Level, 10 am.

LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS:

All the members of the church
Melanie Marsh Baum,
Associate Pastor/Acting Head of Staff;

Kevin Lowry, Interim Dir. of Student and Family Ministries
Matthew Garrett, Music Director
Mark Edwards, Organist
George Leggiero, Carillonneur

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