

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, February 17, 2019
6th 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
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Mark Edwards, *Organist*
J.S. Bach

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Chancel Choir

O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit

Thomas Tallis

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name all the days of our life; that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

* Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

One: The Choice is before us: life or death?

All: Let us choose life so that we may live!

Let us choose love over fear

Let us choose love, for God first loved us!

Let us choose hope over despair

Let us choose hope for Christ is our Redeemer!

Let us worship the God of All Creation

For we are the People of God!

* Hymn 461

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God Is Here!

* Call to Confession

Orene Anthony, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our glasses and cupboards are filled with your great faithfulness that provides "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow." Yet, we have fallen prey to our fear of scarcity. We believe our glasses to be half-empty and our cupboards half-bare. We are on the treadmill of "not enough-ness," without a day of rest. Observing no sabbath, Lord, we have forgotten your provision of manna in the desert and how you fed the multitudes. We are weary and burdened with fears and doubts. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief!

* Silent Confession of Sin

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.

WELCOME Janis & Joel Montgomery to worship today. They're both 2013 graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Rev. Joel Montgomery is the currently pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Vandalia, MO. He moderates the Camp and Outdoor Ministries committee for the Missouri-Union Presbytery. Janis is currently the Stated Supply Pastor at Curryville Presbyterian Church. They have four children: Caleb (7), Ceilidh (4), Holly and Highland (2).

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Orene Anthony an EFM grad, has served as a deacon, a LWL and on the Adult Education Committee. She thoroughly enjoyed being one of the Bats in the Parade the Circle Festival.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

James 1:17-27

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Good Shepherd

Gwyneth Walker

The King of Love my Shepherd is whose goodness fails me never.
I nothing lack, since I am His, and He is mine forever.

God before me. God beside me. God behind me. God above me.

Where streams of living waters flow, my troubled soul is healing.
And quietly the pastures grow, the voice of God revealing.

In darkest hours I fear no ill, with my dear Lord beside me.

Your strength and mercy comfort still, Your hand is there to guide me.

And so through all the length of days we ne'er shall grow apart.

Good Shepherd I will sing Your praise, for living in my heart.

O King of Love! O Prince of Peace! O Child of Hope!

Good Shepherd I will sing Your praise, for living in my heart.

Message for All Ages

Melanie Marsh Baum

Children preschool – fifth grade are invited to a time for joyful noise and play in the Creche, now located on the third floor in Beckwith Hall. Youth sixth-twelfth grades are invited to stay in the service and participate by responding to this week's Wonder Sheet.

Sending the Children in Song

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you, everywhere, everywhere, you may go. (sung twice)

Second Lesson

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Janis & Joel Montgomery

Actions Matter

* Hymn 322

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God

Joys and Concerns

Melanie Marsh Baum

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

MUSIC NOTES

We continue our series of introits written by 16th and 17th century composers of English cathedral music with a short anthem by Thomas Tallis. Along with his colleague William Byrd, Tallis was among the first composers granted permission to print and publish music in Elizabethan times. American composer Gwyneth Walker based her anthem on the traditional hymn, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," with music and lyrics she adapted herself. Interspersed with the preexisting material are short phrases of text from the Saint Patrick Breastplate: "God before me. God beside me. God behind me. God above me." We return to American composer Ned Rorem this week for our offertory.

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!



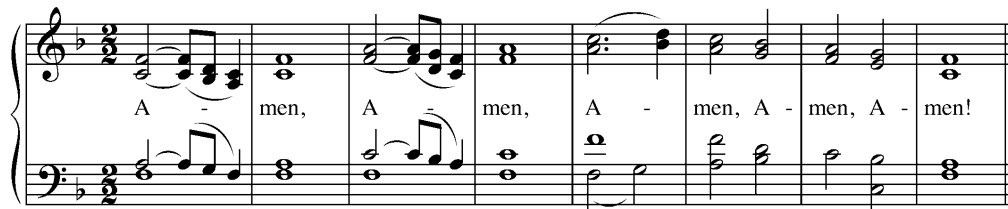
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Congregational Amen

SPIRITUAL

All are invited to sing.



Offertory

Chancel Choir

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Ned Rorem

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.
Breath, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.
Finish, then, Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory, into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen.

* 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 387

BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

* Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

Improvisation

Praeludium

Carillon Postlude

Sonatina

Géo Clément

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

9:30 Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

10:15 Music and Ministry,

Yost Chapel

11:00 Coffee & Fellowship,

Reception Room

11:30 Meeting w/Bill

Appleton, *Dowd Commons*

12:30 Science of Spirituality,

Sonia Golden Room

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

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Announcements

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS Covenant Student Ministries is an inclusive community that supports your journey here in University Circle. Join us following the service in the main entrance of the Sanctuary for a time of fellowship with other students and members of the Covenant community. For more information or to talk with someone, contact Kevin, our campus chaplain, at klowry@covenantweb.org, text/call 330-988-0490, or visit www.covenantstudentministries.org.

USHERS TODAY ARE John Martha Goble, Keith Kallay, Suchi Nelson and, Paul Williams. **GREETERS ARE** Dan & Karin Garland.

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT MINISTRY OF FAITH FORMATION AND MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETINGS! Everyone is welcome to attend! Bring your dreams, passion, thoughts, and ideas to share with these ministries! Join us Tuesday, **February 19th at 7:30 p.m. for Ministry of Faith Formation** and **Wednesday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m. for Ministry of Service**. For more information on either meeting please contact Kevin Lowry at klowry@covenantweb.org.

YOUTH SUNDAY KICK-OFF: This year for Youth Sunday we will explore the theme "Who Do You Say That I am?" Looking at Jesus as Teacher, Healer, and Activist. We invite anyone Kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in this program. Join us February 24th at 11:30 am as we begin the journey exploring the stories of our tradition and meeting Jesus again.

WEEKDAY CONCERTS: **Tuesday Noon Concerts**, February 19: Orion Brass Quintet; **Friday Noontime Carillon Concerts**, February 22: George Leggiero.

SUNDAY ARTIST SERIES, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 4 PM, presents Arvid Gast, organist of the Jacobikirche, Lübeck, Germany. Free admission

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: **Monday:** Interim Pastor Search Committee, Office, 6:30 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Noon Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Trustee Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 7:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith, 12 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Ministry of Service, Office, 6 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:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am-12 pm ;Carillion Concert, 12:15 pm; **Saturday:** Saturday Tutoring Program, Lower Level, 10 am.

LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS:

All the members of the church
Melanie Marsh Baum,
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Kevin Lowry, Interim Dir. of
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Matthew Garrett, Music Director
Mark Edwards, Organist
George Leggiero, Carillonneur

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