THE MISSION OF COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
is to glorify God through worship in spirit and in truth. We acknowledge that we are God’s disciples chosen to joyfully proclaim His good news of Jesus Christ to the world. Rooted in faith, love, and prayer, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we utilize the gifts entrusted to us to fulfill His will.
The Lord’s Day
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2014 11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carole Sanders

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSIONS: Russ Sanders

PRELUDE: Prelude on NYLAND ...James Pethel

INTROIT: Fill This House ...Mark Blakenship

CALL TO WORSHIP:
Leader: The God of Hope, the God of reconciliation, the God of past promises, the God who makes all things new, has called us here
People: so that we may join in one voice, and glorify God, so that we may feel hope grow again.
Leader: God summons us to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us all
People: so that we may join in one voice, and glorify God, so that we may be alive in hope.
Leader: Let us sing praises to God, and rejoice with all the people
People: so that we may join in one voice, and glorify God, so that we may be filled with hope.
Unison: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing. Let us worship God.

*HYMN: No. 292 All Beautiful the March of Days FOREST GREEN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
O God, distinctions become blurred when we are called on to serve you. We have been taught that to serve you is to obey you; at times our allegiance to others gets in the way. Pressures of the world appeal to our sense of well being and security. Customs and friends opinions become mandates. Often our higher loyalties are cast aside. O God we confess our mixed allegiances. Have mercy upon us, and reclaim us from our sin when we do not obey your will... (Silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:
Leader: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners
People: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Leader: The old life is gone
People: The new life has begun.
Leader: Believe the Gospel and be at peace.
Unison: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!
*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.

MORNING PRAYER

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN:  No. 370  Just as I Am, Without One Plea  WOODWORTH

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:  Open My Eyes That I May See (vs. 1)  #324

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:  Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  pg. 547-548

ANTHEM:  Praise Song  ...Gordon Young

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:  Matthew 22:34-46  pg. 25

Leader:  This is the Word of God.  
People:  Thanks be to God!

SERMON:  At the Very Heart  Rev. Robert H. Brozina

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*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.

OFFERTORY:  O God, Creator Bless  Outreach Ensemble  ...Cesar Franck

*DOXOLOGY:  Old Hundredth

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
*CLOSING HYMN:  No. 555  *Now Thank We All Our God*.  *F*, Mendelssohn

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*  *...Sy Miller*
Choir and Congregation

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as Our Father. Brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

**POSTLUDE:**  *God Is Our Refuge and Strength*  *...Robert J. Powell*

(* Stand, as you are able) We welcome all who have come here to worship today. We hope our worship will help you find strength for the journey. If you would like to join our church family, please speak with the pastor following the service. If you have a special need, you are encouraged to place a note in the offering plate or contact the church office. May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

**In our thoughts and prayers this week:**

Bill and Velma Brown  
Les Bullman  
Bea Filbert (friend of Emily Bleiler)  
Linda Kinley (former member)  
Susie Londenberg (Sharon Watts’ sister)  
Vern Travaille

(Our complete prayer list is available in our monthly newsletter)

**Acolytes**

Daniel Clark  
Eli Gainey  
TJ Gainey  
Mackenzie Smith  
Seth Smith
We welcome all visitors! If you would be interested in Covenant as your home church, please speak to our Pastor today, or indicate your interest when you sign our Friendship/Attendance pad in the pew. Again we say, WELCOME!

**Opportunities for Service**

**Sunday, October 26**

9:45 a.m.  Sunday school for all ages
11:00 a.m.  Worship
12 noon  Luncheon
1:00 p.m.  Youth to Montreat for afternoon

**Tuesday, October 28**

8:00 a.m.  Men's breakfast

**Wednesday, October 29**

6:00 p.m.  Food & Fellowship
6:30 p.m.  Youth Joy night (talent)

--Today is our fourth Sunday luncheon in Edwards Hall immediately following worship. Please join in this time of fellowship together. All are welcome.

--Our youth will leave today at 1 p.m. for an afternoon trip to Montreat. We will return in the early evening.

--Be sure to come this Wednesday for food & fellowship followed by JOY NIGHT. Our youth will be sharing their talents with us. Our meal begins at 6 p.m. followed by our program. Please note on the friendship pad if you plan to attend.

--Coming up: November 2  
  All Saints Day observance during worship and communion.  
  4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals in our Prayer Garden.

--Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due at the church on November 9th. Information can be found on the hall table about how to pack your shoebox.

--Please note the sign-up sheets in the hall for our Advent Fair on November 23.

--Our Stewardship dedication will be November 9 during worship. Thank you to everyone who have turned in their pledge cards. Additional pledge cards can be found on the hall table, if you happen to need one.
Church Directory 2014
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Pastor

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Bill Tart

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