

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**



January 22, 2012

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back
Though none go with me, yet I will follow
No turning back, no turning back.

--popular gospel hymn / words attr. to S. Sundar Singh
Hindustani melody

“Christianity without discipleship is always
Christianity without Christ.”

-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Order for Worship on the Lord's Day

January 22, 2012

Eleven O'clock, A.M.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson

Choir Director /Organist: Miss Beverly Antis

Liturgist Today: David Blewett

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE ~ ALL ARE WELCOME HERE !

PRELUDE *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Albin C. Whitworth

CHORAL INTROIT *O Come and Sing Unto the Lord* The Psalter

*O come and sing unto the Lord, To God our voices raise;
Let us in our most joyful songs The Lord, our Savior, praise.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 345 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 62:5-12 (*Pew Bible p. 506*)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, our Creator and our Judge: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been intolerant of others and reluctant to forgive one another. We hold tightly to our comfortable ideas and too often resist opening our minds and our hearts to embrace the different or the unfamiliar.

In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that serving together in the ministry of Christ we may turn from our sinful ways and return to you.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear and believe the Good News! Our past is finished
and gone. In Christ everyone is being made new.

People: **Praise God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH --from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

**We believe in God above us:
Maker and sustainer of all life,
Of sun and moon,
Of water and earth,
Of all creatures, great and small.**

**We believe in God beside us:
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
Born of a woman, servant of the poor,
Tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth
To the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
To be everywhere present,
And his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us:
The Holy Spirit of new life and deep love,
Life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and eternal life.
Amen.**

*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FREINDSHIP

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION for "Souper Bowl of Caring"

CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

“Teach Me, O Lord” Healey Willan

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (*Pew Bible p. 816*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (*Pew Bible p. 160*)

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

All: **Praise be to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20 (*Pew Bible p. 33*)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE - Hymn 327, vs. 2

MUNICH

**The church from You, dear Savior,
Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
On all the earth to shine.**

**It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to You.**

SERMON “*DROP-EVERYTHING-DISCIPLESHIP*” Dr. Swanson

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts” and “debtors”)

CHORAL AMEN

Three-fold Amen

Danish

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Bless Your Church, O Lord* Robert Lau

*Bless your church, O Lord; for love of Her you died.
May She be a beacon of light where love and peace abide.
Where love and peace abide, where love and peace abide.
May She be a beacon of light where love and peace abide.*

*You have chosen us to be consecrated to you.
As we learn to live your love may it show in all we do.
May it show, may it show, may it show, may it show,
May it show in all we do.*

*Lift, Lord, your gracious face; give us your holy peace.
May the light of your sweet grace be in us and never cease.
The gate of time swings wide; your promise will not fail.
In dedicated lives to you our compassion will prevail.
Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Our compassion will prevail.*

*When we face life's trials, guide us with a promise bright;
we will follow with conviction, Lord, led by Jesus Christ, the Light.
Led by Jesus Christ, the Light, led by Jesus Christ, the Light,
the Light.*

*Bless your church, O Lord; for love of Her you died.
May She be a beacon of light where love and peace abide,
Led by Christ, Jesus Christ, led by Christ, the Light.*

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In gratitude and love, O God, we pour out our
thanksgiving and praise for all your blessings. Receive
our gifts and shape our lives by your grace so that we
may work for peace and tell the good news of your love
for all peoples. Amen.**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

*THE BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” R. Vaughan Williams

*God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

*A TIME OF SILENCE

*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now go without fear, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Go in confidence and be God's "Yes" to the world.
Feed the hungry, visit the sick, bind up the brokenhearted.
Forgive one another.
Resist evil and embrace the truth.
Proclaim hope to all in despair.

People: **We go as disciples of Christ,
called and commissioned to love and to serve.**

Pastor: Then depart in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*POSTLUDE *Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light* J. S. Bach

* THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY ~ by Bill & Jennie Jamieson.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME !

*Immediately following worship each Sunday we gather for a time of “food and fellowship.” This morning, our hosts, **Ann & Larry Morrison**, will be providing refreshments.*

In The Life of Our Church

Prayer Concerns:

Art Forbes at home, receiving “Marcia care”

Gary Lokovich continuing health concerns

Mandi Gilliland upon the death of Tina Groves,
& Groves Family Mandi’s aunt

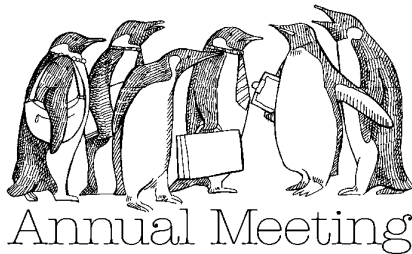
For Continued Prayer

Marian Curran; the Dunmires; Dorothy Hershberger; John
Johnston; Gladys Strobel; Phyllis Thoma; MaryLou Wilson

Birthdays:

John Prichard (*January 23*) James P. Coulter (*January 24*)

Daniel Forbes (Art’s son) (*January 26*)



The Annual Corporation Meeting of Covenant Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012 at 12:30 pm following morning worship to receive financial reports for 2011. The meeting will be held in the Assembly Room during Fellowship Hour and will be moderated by “Rev. J.” (Bill Jamieson).

A brief Fellowship Time sponsored by the Session will be held before the beginning of the Corporation Meeting.



**Next Sunday,
January 29th**

The *Souper Bowl of Caring* is a grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. Once again this year, we are joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting contributions in soup pots on Sunday, January 29th. (*See Insert*)

A ***Souper Bowl Soup Luncheon*** with a delicious selection of soups and breads (plus a few yummy deserts for sale) downstairs in the Assembly Room, will be held in the Assembly Room during the Fellowship Hour on the 29th.

**The Souper Bowl of Caring Offering
will be received at the luncheon**

If you are unable to join us for the lunch, you may still make a contribution to the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering by placing your donation on the offering plate during the morning worship service on January 29. Please make your check payable to "Covenant Presbyterian Church," designated "Souper Bowl" in the memo.

***All Proceeds will benefit our
Community Dinners mission outreach***



Coming Soon in February:

"People for Peace" Bible Study
Begins Wed., Feb. 1st
@ 11am in the Assembly Room

Convening the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

THE NEW BOOK FOR STUDY:

***"To Do Justice:
A Guide for Progressive Christians"***

Edited by

Rebecca Todd Peters and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW! Cost is \$15.00 ea.

Encouraging Christians to call for public policies that benefit those most vulnerable in our nation, *To Do Justice* offers tools for studying complex domestic social problems (e.g., Social Security, immigration, the environment, and public education) and serves as a guidebook to becoming involved in social action. Rooted in Christian tradition, each essay analyzes a contemporary problem from social, biblical, and theological perspectives before providing directions for public policy. These engaged ethicists provide concrete examples of how Christians can work for justice in response to these moral dilemmas.

For more information, please contact:

Nancy Rice, class leader, at 724-256-5366.

Don't forget to bring your Lunch!



**Cranberry Community
Presbyterian Church**
will be having its Annual

***Second Life
Prom Dress Sale***

at which they sell new and
gently worn prom dresses
and formal accessories
at a nominal price

**Saturday March 24, 2012
from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

In the past few years, the sale has been a tremendous success. There will be (literally) over a thousand dresses/gowns to choose from...many of them brand new for the low cost of only \$20 each.

This mission project has made prom dresses very affordable for some girls who otherwise might not be able to buy a prom dress. (Parents of the bride or groom should consider this sale as well.)

Free Admission!

Indoor waiting line starts forming upstairs at 8:00 am

Coffee for sale from 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Food and Cupcake Café

Open downstairs from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

CCUPC is located at
2662 Rochester Road,
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

**To Make A Donation
or for More Information,**
call the church office at 724-776-5310

*Accepting donations of
formal dresses, shoes, jewelry, purses & wraps*

*The People for Peace Bible Study Class is sponsoring
a collection of items for Project Hope of Zelenople.*

Project Hope ... is a nonprofit organization founded to give hope to parents who stay at the hospital with their children and face the challenge of caring for themselves physically, emotionally and spiritually in order to meet the overwhelming needs of their hospitalized children.

**Below is a list of suggested items for
donation. Please bring your contributions to
the Church Library by Sunday, Feb. 5th**

Thank you in advance for your support.



Body Wash	Nail Polish
Breath Mints	Peanut Butter & Cheese
Brushes	Crackers
Cards	Pens / Pencils
Games	Phone Cards
Books	Pony Tail Holders
Magazines	Protein Bars
Chapstick	Breakfast Bars
Chocolate Candy (in bags)	Razors
Combs	Shampoo
Conditioner	Shower Shoes
Dental Floss	Slippers
Deodorant	Sm. Garbage Bags
Gum	Soap
Hair Spray	Thank You Cards
Hand Sanitizer	Stationery
Kleenex	Envelopes
Lotion	Toothbrush Covers
Microwave Popcorn	Toothbrushes
Mouthwash	Toothpaste
Mugs / Cups	Tweezers
Nail Files & Clippers	



In Memoriam
Tina Marie Groves

Born December 3, 1966

Joined the Church Triumphant ~ January 18, 2012

Tina Marie Groves, age 45, of Butler, passed away at her mother's residence after battling many health problems at 7:53 a.m. on January 18, 2012.

Born in Butler, Pennsylvania on December 3, 1966, she was the daughter of Richard Groves and Terri Lynn Tack Cammisa.

Tina was formerly a nurse's aide for Butler Memorial Hospital. She loved her children and enjoyed to cook.

Tina is survived by her parents Richard Groves and his wife Nancy and Terri Cammisa and her husband John; children, Joshua and Kaitlin Seybert and their father, Robert Seybert; Kourtney Groves and her father Milton Wideman; two sisters, Tracy Bowers and Lisa Leasure; one step brother, Gary Cahall; two step sisters: Wendy Briggs and Stephanie Sarvey; three nieces, Amanda Gilliland, Jade Bowers and Cassidy Leasure.

Friends and family of Tina Marie Groves were received at the Thompson-Miller Funeral Home, Inc., 124 East North Street, Butler, PA 16001 on Saturday January 21, 2012 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 8:00 p.m. following the visitation with the Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson of Covenant Presbyterian Church officiating.

Interment will take place in the Butler County Memorial Park.

Memorial donations can be made to the Thompson-Miller Funeral Home, 124 E. North St., Butler, PA 16001 in her memory.