

# Service for the Public Worship of God

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** ~ August 16, 2009  
Ten O'clock, A.M.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. William A. Jamieson

Choir Director/Organist: Beverly Antis

Liturgist: Orville Nicholas

**OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP BEGINS WITH THE MUSIC OF THE ORGAN**

THE PRELUDE            Christ, the Sure Foundation            Tom Birchwood

## \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: See what love has been given to us, my friends, that we should be called "children of God!"

People: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech only, but in deed and in truth. Let us worship God.

People: We lift our voices in praise and adoration!

\*THE HYMN 417        Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation        REGENT SQUARE

## THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Peace and God of Love, we humbly confess our many faults, our broken promises, our neglect of prayer, our avoidance of duty, our unwillingness to learn and unreadiness to serve. We acknowledge our share in the things which do not lift life, but weigh it down.

Forgive us, and renew us by your grace which pardons and transforms. Grant that we may be so strengthened by your help that our service may grow more worthy and our sins less grievous as day follows day. We ask it in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

### A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, hear the Good News of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      A Brief Statement of Faith—PC(USA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes  
everyone equally in God's image, male and female,  
of every race and people, to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in  
others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and  
nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, we are never alone.  
Thanks be to God!

\*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING      Exodus 2: 1-10      (Pew Bible p. 48)

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC      O Rest in the Lord      Felix Mendelssohn

Sarah Jane Morrison, Vocalist  
Beverly Antis, Piano Accompanist

THE EPISTLE READING      Galatians 4: 1-7      (Pew Bible p. 178)

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

All: Praise be to you, O Lord.

\*THE GOSPEL READING      Luke 2: 21-32, 36-38      (Pew Bible p. 55)

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

\*THE CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE - Hymn 321, vs.      SONG 13

Holy Spirit, truth divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God and inward light, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

THE SERMON      " A CHILD FOR ALL AGES "      Rev. J.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS & GIFTS

SPECIAL OFFERTORY MUSIC

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris from "Gloria" Antonio Vivaldi

Sarah Jane Morrison, Vocalist  
Beverly Antis, Piano Accompanist

\*THE DOXOLOGY

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.

\*THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we bring these gifts in faithfulness to your call,  
beckoning us to a life of sacrifice and love. Now receive  
these offerings, and continue to shape us in the likeness of  
Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*THE CLOSING HYMN 439 In Christ There Is No East or West ST. PETER

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn #599 Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your kingdom.

\*THE TIME OF SILENCE

\*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go now, as God's beloved people,  
redeemed by grace, set free from sin,  
nurtured in God's Spirit,  
and made new in the Word we have shared.

People: We will go, as disciples of our Lord, Jesus,  
carrying the good news of liberty and salvation  
into corners of this world  
where darkness and despair hold sway.  
We go in peace to serve the Lord  
and proclaim our thanks to God! Amen.

\*THE POSTLUDE Raise the Sound of Praise Edward Broughton

\* THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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**YOU WERE GREETED TODAY** by Donna Hobaugh.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** immediately follows this morning's worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour are Jim and Rosamond Curry.



THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY  
are placed this morning by Orville & Edna Nicholas  
In Memory of Our Parents & In Memory of  
Amy Laidlaw Geist and Jeff Laidlaw

**Welcome! Grace and Peace to All!**

We are delighted to have you with us if you are visiting today!  
Please indicate your attendance by signing one of the cards in the  
pew rack, and kindly place it in the offering plate when passed.

## Many Thanks Rev. J. !

The Rev. Dr. William A. Jamieson – a.k.a. "Rev. J." – is our guest preacher for the worship service this morning while Pastor Jim & Karen are vacationing with Danny at DisneyWorld in Florida. Rev. J., now honorably retired, served as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Evans City for 28 years. He has served faithfully in the Beaver-Butler Presbytery for decades, lending his invaluable experience and counsel to church leaders and congregations. As always, our grateful thanks and appreciation for his time with us.



## Special Music from Sarah



We Thank Sarah Jane Morrison for her lovely vocals this morning. Sarah Jane is working this year for VISTA and serving as the Community Events Coordinator for United Way of Butler County. She sings with the Covenant Choir and studies voice with Janet Kane.

### School Daze

Montessori School: Parent/Student Orientation  
(August 17 - August 19)

Tuesday, August 25 - First Day of School for Montessori  
For information,  
contact Joanne DeCola or Chris Love at 724-283-1846



## TODAY ...

After Worship in the Assembly Room

Baked Goods  
& Fresh Produce Sale  
to benefit  
Amanda Gilliland's  
School Fund

Today is Mandi's last day of directing Children's Church before heading off to La Roche College for Fall term

Your Support Will be Most Appreciated !!

## COVENANT CUPBOARD DONATIONS



### Current Need:

Luncheon Meat (Spam)  
Instant Mashed Potatoes

Thank-you for your support.

Baskets for your donations are located at the East Jefferson St. front entrance

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## — Back-To-School Party —

For the Children of Covenant Cupboard Patrons

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

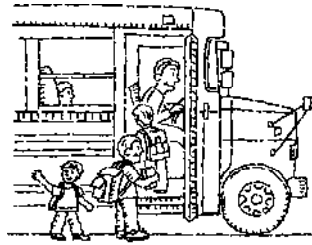
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Children ages 2 - 10

(Fellowship Hall)

☆snacks ☆school supplies

☆drawings to win bookbags & lunchboxes and more!



Sign-up during the Cupboard Distribution Dates:

August 17 and August 20 (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

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## In The Life of Our Church

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Prayer Concerns: Dawn Kostelansky . . . major surgery Tuesday at  
Butler Memorial Hospital (Jim Leonard's sister)

Joys: Ellie Walchesky . . . Recuperating from successful knee surgery,  
now at Concordia for rehabilitation, Rm. 2417

### For Continued Prayer:

Minnie Anderson; Rev. Wayne Bell; Julie & Bud Bruno; Marion  
Campbell; Marian Curran; JoAnn Honneffer (Danny Swanson's  
caregiver); Joan Moore; Eleanor Ritts; Gladys Strobel; John Towns;  
Bill and MaryLou Wilson

Birthdays this Week: Leigh Ann Datt - August 17



### In Memoriam

**Berton George Brown**  
(Connie Brown's brother-in-law)

January 16, 1941 ~ August 1, 2009

The love, prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family of Berton George "Bert" Brown, age 68, who passed away Saturday August 1, 2009 at Butler Memorial Hospital.

Bert was born January 16, 1941 in Dubois, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Berton W. Brown and Cora E. Schuckers Brown. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church. Bert retired from Plant #2 at Butler ARMCO in 1994. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Men's Club, The Happy Hunters, ARMCO Park and enjoyed going to the fish Dinners at St Mary's. He also enjoyed traveling, camping and attending various family reunions. He was a graduate of Butler High School. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Mary Bauldoff Brown whom he married August 8, 1961; two sons Joseph Brown and Dale Brown of Butler; two daughters, Darlene Teuteberg and her husband Ralph of Slippery Rock, PA and Connie Bowman and her husband Andy of Butler; three grandchildren: Jennifer Brown, Adam Brown of Slippery Rock, PA and Nicole Harley Brown of Butler; one sister, Margerite Herold and her husband Karl of Butler; two sister in-laws: Mabel Palace of West Virginia and Connie Brown of Butler; three nieces: Darilyn Esterline, Sherri Nichols, and Michele Pall and three nephews: Derek Brown, Devine Brown, and David Brown.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Herman, with the Rev. Father Ward Stakem officiating. Interment followed in St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery.

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## Final Results

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Pre-sale	\$ 17.56
Rummage Sale	559.35
Bake Sale	104.00
Donations	75.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 755.91</b>

NOTE: Remaining items are being offered free-of-charge to the patrons of Covenant Cupboard as a community outreach.



Thank you to Nancy Rettig, Coordinator par excellence; our volunteers for their time and labor; to those who donated their "treasures" and baked goods to make our 2009 Rummage & Bake Sale a fabulous success—To all, our heartfelt thanks !

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## Congratulations Bev !

In addition to her duties as Choir Director / Organist for Covenant Church, we are happy to announce that Beverly Antis has been hired as the Staff Accompanist in the Music Department at Slippery Rock University. Bev was one of three qualified candidates who submitted resumes and auditioned for the part-time position. We applaud her achievement and share her joy and enthusiasm!



Planning for Ourselves,  
Our Families &  
Our Church

Here at Covenant ~ The Public is Invited

Following Worship Next Sunday  
August 23, 2009

Those attending will enjoy a free Luncheon provided by our Fellowship Committee, then hear from & ask questions of panel members who will address:

- ❖ Medical Concerns & Advanced Directives
- ❖ Wills & Estates
- ❖ Funeral Planning

Reservations are encouraged but not required.  
Please call the Church Office (724-287-7731).

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

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August 16, 2009

Childhood is a relatively recent discovery, hardly more than two hundred years old. Of course, there have always been children, and a stage of growth known as childhood... but [unlike American culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> century] the ancient Mediterranean world focused primarily on adults. Its literature speaks of 'sons' and 'daughters' instead of 'children,' and childhood was regarded merely as a very brief period of life during which a 'miniature adult' developed as quickly as possible into a full-grown, responsible adult. Given all this, no wonder Jesus' regard for children as children created such a stir.

John J. Pilch, *The Cultural World of Jesus: Sunday by Sunday* (1995)

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