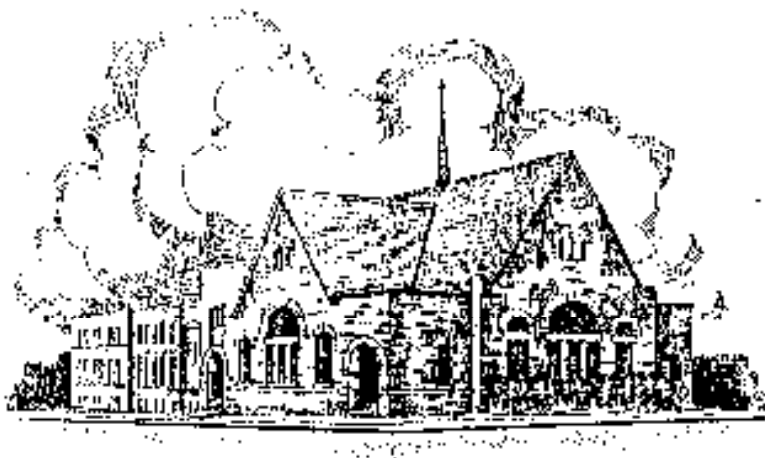


The LORD'S DAY, Sunday, September 5, 2010

***Combined Worship for the Church Families of
Covenant and Saint Andrews Presbyterian***



***Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
10:30 am***

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September 5, 2010 10:30 AM
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

Introit # "Wasn't That a Band" Alyssa Ripper, piano

The Call to Worship Susan Race

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up.
You discern our thoughts from far away.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.
It is so high that we cannot attain it.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

The Opening Prayer (*In Unison*)

Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty. We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world's people in a chorus of devotion. Hear us, gracious God. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #55** "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

The Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build in other places. The things we have made are weak and unstable. The works of our hands crumble around us, and we realize that our best efforts are not good enough because sin is real and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Heal our pride and mend our broken values. Create within us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build may give you glory. Amen.

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith** - Apostles' Creed *(In Unison)*

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.

The Offertory Invitation

When we perceive all the good we may do for Jesus Christ, we are eager to share. What we give today is a symbol of our fuller devotion of all we have and all we are toward the realization of God's reign among us.

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers
at the end of your pews. Thank you!*

The Offertory

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Melinda Ripper, piano

***The Congregation Sings in Response**

#6 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***The Prayer of Dedication** (In Unison)

Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with you. We have no way to repay you for all we have received from your hands. Yet we want to give our best to the work you call us to do through this community of seekers. We enter, with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love through your world. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Hymn #702 “Christ for the World We Sing”

*The Benediction

The Benediction Response “Amen” Chancel Choir

*The Postlude

Pastor Jim Swanson (Covenant) is vacationing with his family this week, but will return on Saturday, Sept. 11. Rev. Bill Jamieson will be available in case of emergencies.

NEXT SUNDAY AT COVENANT... 11 am Worship Resumes

It's “Welcome Back!” Sunday at Covenant. Seekers Adult Class will resume at 9:30 am (in the Connell Room) and Children's Classes will be assigned. At the 11:00 am Worship, the Covenant Chancel Choir will sing the anthem and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Guest Speaker for Seekers ~ Mr. Wilfred Mutale from Zambia, speaking about his journey of faith and his education here in the United States (at Geneva College).

Pastor Merry Meloy of Saint Andrews Church will be on sick leave beginning Thursday, September 2nd for several weeks. She has had extensive laser surgery on both eyes to repair tears and weaknesses in her retinas. Rev. Bill Jamieson will be available in case of emergencies.



In Need of Prayer

The following email was received on September 1. It was sent by Rebecca Lawson, who joined Covenant Church in July 2009 before returning to the Philippines for full-time service as a PC(USA) Mission Partner to the UCCP in Manila. Please include Becca and her fiancé, Alex, in your daily prayers.

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I am very much in need of your prayers. The good news is that my friend Alex and I decided to get married in February 2011. We hadn't announced it yet, as it was just a few weeks ago when we decided. We hadn't even told my parents yet.

The bad news is that Alex has some very serious health problems. He has been an undiagnosed diabetic for some time. Recently, he thought he had the flu, and we ended up in the Emergency Room of the Philippine General Hospital last Friday afternoon. His blood sugar was 1200. He had finally agreed to go see a doctor just the day before. Alex was diagnosed with a bacterial/fungal ball in his lung. Upon the doctor's initial mention of being admitted to hospital, he made a face and said he would not go... so she agreed that he could be treated outpatient if we came back in 36 hours to see a pulmonologist.

Thank God, Alex had been staying with me for a few days and kept asking to come back to my place to rest. Had he collapsed on the street or had he been in the provincial home (where he has only a rather 'hermitted' younger brother), I fear what might have happened.

It has been a long week with moments that have felt like hell (but I can share more about that in the near future). Anyway, we got into the ICU on Sunday night (Aug. 29). And, as of Tuesday, Alex is writing messages and fully aware of his situation! Thanks be to God and the entire Cosmos that are with us in so many ways!

Please pray for Alex as he still has a fever, pneumonia, possible TB and/or fungal ball in the blood, possible kidney damage, gall stones and diabetes. Also, please pray for the doctors and nurses who are giving him care.

We are thankful for the network of people who have been the hands of the Holy Spirit in our lives these days. Alex's workmate's wife is a doctor at the Center for Health and Development, and they were with me that first 'hell' night in the Emergency Room. His officemates did not leave my side until we got him into the ICU. Alex's poet friends are having an *All Alex Remollino Poetry Night* tomorrow to help raise much needed financial support--but just as importantly, this has provided a morale boost for Alex that I can't even express. UCCP has been with me non-stop and they have people staying watch over me as I catch a few hours of sleep each night. I am thankful for the care of God through the hands of people of faith and principle.

Last night Pastor Berlin Guerrero and his extended family were allowed to enter the ICU for a "pray-over." Alex is surrounded by those who know how to struggle for justice, freedom and the abundant life of all. I know his faith is strong. He is reading messages sent by friends that I have written on paper. We ask for your continued prayers.



In the Risen Christ , *Becca*

Sisters & Brothers at Covenant & Saint Andrews...

Please email a note of encouragement to Alex at:

becca_lawson@yahoo.com