



**We believe in Jesus the Christ, the herald of hope,  
God's laughter in the face of despair.  
Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives,  
and is leading the way to a land of promise  
where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who plants the seeds of truth,  
brings us to birth as the body of Christ,  
and empowers us to confront and transform  
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God.  
In that day all will be consummated  
in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven.  
In that day those who have passed through  
the world's deep sorrow  
will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness,  
and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.**

**For the inbreaking of that day on this day,  
we work and pray:  
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

\*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*At the conclusion of the Children's Sermon, a "helper" will walk down the center aisle with a basket to collect Prayer Requests. Kindly pass your notes to the center so they may be placed into the basket. These will be included in the Pastoral Prayer of the Day and also forwarded to the Prayer Cordon for special attention. Thanks.*

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*God be in my Head*

John Rutter

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON    Isaiah 12:1-6                    *(Pew Bible p. 609)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.    All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

*Consider the Lilies*

Jean Goeboro

Larry Morrison, Guitar accompanist

THE EPISTLE LESSON                    2 Peter 1:3-11                    *(Pew Bible p. 219)*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.    All: **Praise be to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON                    Luke 12:22-31                    *(Pew Bible p. 71)*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.    All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

\*THE CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE                    (Hymn Tune #333 Seek Ye First)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

THE SERMON “*CAN YOU ADD AN INCH TO YOUR HEIGHT?*” Rev. Jamieson

THE HYMN 356 (seated) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

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

THE THREE-FOLD AMEN Robert Lau

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Look at the World* John Rutter

\*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.*

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, give us a sense of community with those who are different from us; a sense of cooperation with those who are strangers to us; and a sense of understanding of those whose ideas are unlike ours. Today we give our offerings, freely and joyfully, to serve with and for others and to minister in our congregation and community. God, help us to be open where we have been narrow; help us to share where we have been stingy. We bring these gifts to you, for the betterment of your world and the furthering of your reign. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION HYMN 515 *Now to Your Table Spread* LOVE UNKNOWN

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: ...All those who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to come and join in the feast that God has prepared.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy God, we praise you.  
Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.  
We bless you for creating the whole world,  
for your promises to your people Israel,  
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.  
Born of Mary, he shares our life.  
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.  
Guiding his children, he leads us.  
Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us.  
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.  
Living with you, he prays for us.  
With thanksgiving we now take this bread and this cup  
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.  
Receive our sacrifice of praise.**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be  
a communion in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus.  
Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.  
Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope,  
inspire us to love,  
that we may serve as your faithful disciples  
until we feast at your table in glory one day.  
We praise you, eternal God,  
through Christ your Word made flesh,  
in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and  
on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for our  
service. We give ourselves to you and ask that our daily living may be part  
of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the  
life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 261

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*      O QUANTA QUALIA

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Let There Be Peace On Earth*      Words & Music by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller

**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, children all are we;  
Let us walk with each other 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.**

\*THE TIME OF SILENCE

\*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*THE POSTLUDE

*Toccata in e minor*

Johann Pachelbel

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**GREETINGS** to all this day who worship the God of past, present and future. We want to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to others sitting nearby during the passing of the peace.

**REVEREND "J."** is in our pulpit this morning, filling in for Pastor Jim. The Reverend Dr. William A. Jamieson is also available for any pastoral concerns or needs that may arise while Pastor Jim is recuperating.

**THE FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are provided by Doug VanDeusen in loving memory of his son, Douglas.

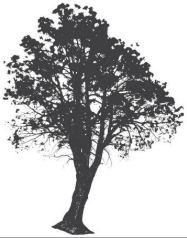
**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** immediately follows this worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour is Grace Sechler.

**YOU WERE GREETED TODAY** by Pat Foringer.

**THE USHERS:** Linda Peters and John Prichard

**THE COMMUNION BREADS** - In solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world and in peaceful celebration of World Communion Sunday, the communion bread you received this morning symbolically represents a sampling of breads from countries all over the world.

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING - RECEIVED TODAY**

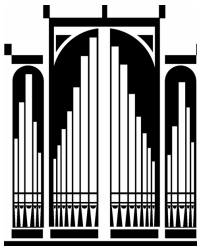


The 2007 peacemaking theme is taken from a verse in the book of Revelation. The verse is part of a larger description of John's vision of the new Jerusalem. We live in the hope of that vision of peace and well-being expressed so vividly in the tree of life. The Peacemaking Offering is a tool of our efforts to live and work within that hope.

*"And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."*

Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church and marked "2007 Peacemaking" in the memo portion. You

may place your remittance envelope with your donation on this morning's offering plate. Extra envelopes are available in the narthex if you have forgotten yours.



**NOON TIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES**

*"A Time of Prayer and Thanksgiving"*

Wednesdays: October 3<sup>rd</sup> - November 21<sup>st</sup>  
12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Sanctuary

Artists performing in the recital series include:

October 3	Signe Mitchell	October 31	Karen Krenitsky
October 10	Dennis Bell	November 7	John C. Davey
October 17	Eric Wicks	November 14	Beverly Antis
October 24	Kathy Kemerer	November 21	George Armstrong

St. Peter's Episcopal Church invites everyone to attend this special series. A time for silent prayer will follow each recital.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

- Worship & Music - This Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. (Connell Room)
- Administration & Stewardship - This Tuesday, October 9 at **7:00 p.m.** (Connell Room)



**The Seekers Class** will continue the PBS video series "*From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*," (first introduced as a study last spring) on the remaining Sundays in October. The series explores the life and death of Jesus and tells the epic story of the rise of Christianity. Drawing upon historical evidence, the series challenges familiar assumptions and conventional notions about Christian origins. The Seekers will discuss how Christian faith can be reconciled with the "historical approach" to the Bible and to Jesus.

Seekers meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Coffee, tea and a snack are available in the kitchen before each class.

## *In The Life of Our Church*

**Prayer Concerns:** Bob and Joan Moore, Zachary Kupec, Dorothy Hitchcock, Brenda Keith, Tracey Schlicht (Chuck & Jeanne's daughter-in-law), Pastor Jim and the Swanson Family

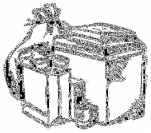
**Joys:** The congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church welcomes Shari Guimong, Andy Swanson's fiancée and Pastor Jim and Karen's soon to be daughter-in-law, to the United States and to our western Pennsylvania area. Our "church family" embraces Shari as a "daughter of the church," wishing her much happiness and the fullness of God's blessings. We look forward to sharing her joy on her wedding day, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Celebrating birthdays this week:* Leah Swanson - October 8

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### **Covenant Cupboard:**

**October** - Soda Crackers or Graham Crackers



*Baskets for your donations are located in the front hallway.  
Monetary donations are always appreciated and needed.  
Please make checks payable to Covenant Cupboard.*

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### **OCTOBER EVENTS ~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Saturday, October 20 at 2:30 pm**      **WEDDING:** Andrew Swanson  
(Pastor Jim & Karen's son) and  
Shari Guimong

**Saturday, October 27**                      **"SISTER BESSIE MAE" SOCIAL**  
(time to be announced later)

**Sunday, October 28 at 2 pm**              **'BLESSING OF THE PETS' SERVICE**

## ***MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH***

*Arabic*

السلام للعالم أجمع.

*Chinese*

我们祝愿世界人类的和平

*English*

May peace prevail on earth.

*French*

Puisse la paix régner dans le monde.

*German*

Möge Friede auf Erden sein.

*Greek*

Εύχομαι να επικρατήσει η ειρήνη στον κόσμο.

*Hebrew*

ישרה שלום עלי אדמות.

*Hindi*

विश्व में शांति रहे ।

*Japanese*

世界人類が平和でありますように

*Korean*

세계인류의 평화가 이룩되도록

*Kurdish (Iraq)*

ئاشتی بوهه موو جیهان.

*Nepali*

विश्वमा शान्ति फैलिरहोस ।

*Persian*

برقرار باد صلح در سراسر جهان.

*Russian*

ДА БУДЕТ МИР ЧЕЛОВЕЧЕСТВУ ВО ВСЕМ МИРЕ.

*Spanish*

Que la paz prevalezca en la tierra.

*Swahili*

Amani na iwepo duniani.

*Tagalog (Filipino)*

Sana'y manatili ang kapayapaan sa daigdig.



World  
Communion  
Sunday

**October 7, 2007**

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. In either side of the river is the tree of life with twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.*

REVELATION 22:1-5

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***The Reverend Dr. William A. Jamieson, Guest Preacher***

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