



\*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 62:1-5

(Pew Bible p. 656)

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

THE ANTHEM

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

Dale Wood

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Revelation 19:6-10

(Pew Bible p. 239)

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

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

(Pew Bible p. 26)

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

*" A CRY AT MIDNIGHT "*

Rev. Jamieson

THE HYMN 324 (seated)

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

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

THE THREE-FOLD AMEN

Robert Lau

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

THE ANTHEM

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\*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

**With joy and thanksgiving, we offer you these gifts and our lives, O God. Help us to be aware of our neighbors' needs. Empower us to speak for those who have no voice; to lift up those who cannot stand. Help us to bring others to you so they may know your healing grace, love, and forgiveness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 388     *O Jesus, I Have Promised*     ANGEL'S STORY

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE     *A Clare Benediction*     John Rutter

\*THE TIME OF SILENCE

\*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor:    Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People:    **Thanks be to God!**

\*THE POSTLUDE     *Trumpet Finale*     Francesco Manfredini

\*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 Ann Morrison in honor of Ann and Larry Morrison's 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebrated today, October 14.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** immediately follows this worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour are Edna and Orville Nicholas.

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

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

**REMINDER: PC(USA) PEACEMAKING OFFERING** - If you were unable to be present at worship when the Peacemaking Offering was received, extra envelopes and materials relating to this offering may be found in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church marked "Peacemaking 2007" in the memo portion and place your donation on this morning's offering plate, mail it to the church or drop it off at the church office.

**THE SESSION** will meet this Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room for their stated meeting. The Reverend Dr. William A. Jamieson will moderate the meeting.

**WINTERIZING** - The last phase of our building improvement and maintenance project will be completed next week, just in time for the fall/winter season ahead. New gutters will be installed on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> by Gutters Xpress.



**THE SEEKERS CLASS** - During the Sundays of October, the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be viewing videos and conducting in-class discussions on the topic of the Early Christian Church. Seekers meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Coffee, tea and a snack are available before each class.

**TODAY IS CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY** (2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of October) - It serves as an important reminder to affirm our pastors for their service to the Lord and His Church. Please drop by the Assembly Room during Fellowship Hour today to sign our special cards and to include your best expressions of regard for our two favorite clergymen—the Reverends Dr. James E. Swanson and Dr. William A. Jamieson!

**"REPONDEZ S'IL VOUS PLAIT"** (*"please respond"*) - If you are planning to attend Andy Swanson and Shari Guimong's wedding reception following their 2:30 p.m. wedding this Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, please **sign the R.S.V.P. sheet** posted on the Assembly Room bulletin board so that the wedding reception committee knows how many guests to plan for.



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## A Service of the Blessing of the Pets

We offer this for the Butler Community!

**Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 PM**  
***Front steps of Covenant Church***

**Bring your pets\*** Pastor Jim will officiate the blessing service. For our faithful animal friends that share the earth with us, provide us with their companionship, loyalty and unconditional love, and entertain us with their humorous antics, we offer this special service of blessing.

*\*For the safety of people and pets,  
please keep your pet on a leash or in a carrier.*

## *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

### *Celebrating birthdays:*

Karen Swanson - October 14  
Joseph Salisbury - October 14

### *Celebrating anniversaries this week:*

Larry & Ann Morrison - October 14 (29<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
Robert & Mary Lee Marten - October 15 (42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)

# "Sister Bessie Mae"

## Fall Social



" BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT  
TO COMPLEMENT  
THE ENTRÉES "

**MENU:** Chef George Schroth will be cookin' up some of his delicious ham barbeque and hot dogs with sauerkraut, plus more!

**Tickets on Sale Today! (during Fellowship Hour)**

Proceeds benefit the Community Dinners that are hosted by Covenant Church and Faith Presbyterian on the last Wednesday of each month.



### ***Congratulations!***

Newly-weds Christopher and Amber Adams were married on the island of Oahu in Hawaii on October 8, 2007. Christopher is the son of Rebecca (Miller) Doyle.

*Haku, lilo maawe keoo ka kawa launa male*

"Lord, be the cord that binds our marriage."

### **Covenant Cupboard:**

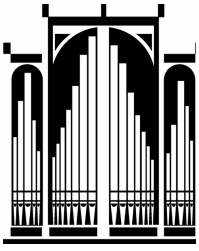
**October** - Soda Crackers or Graham Crackers



*Baskets for your donations are located in the front hallway.*

*Monetary donations are always appreciated and needed.*

*Please make checks payable to Covenant Cupboard.*



## NOON TIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

### *“A Time of Prayer and Thanksgiving”*

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

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Sanctuary

Artists performing in the remaining recitals include:

October 17	Eric Wicks	November 7	John C. Davey
October 24	Kathy Kemerer	November 14	Beverly Antis
October 31	Karen Krenitsky	November 21	George Armstrong

A time for silent prayer follows each recital.

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## **Panel explores Muslim-Christian Relations in Africa, America and Iran**

*by Toya Richards Hill  
Presbyterian News Service*

The realities of Muslim-Christian relations in several different world contexts came to life during a panel discussion at the recent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *World Mission '07 Celebration*.

“Faithful Living Among Muslims: Christian Witness in Markedly Different Settings” was the theme of the discussion as experts, including former PC(USA) mission co-worker the Rev. Peggy Thomas, provided attendees with a personal glimpse into how Christians live with Muslim neighbors in Africa, America and Iran.

In Africa, Muslims and Christians “see each other as co-citizens having equal rights and equal claim,” said the Rev. John Azumah, a pastor in the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. “You have a kind of equal balance.”

There, he said, it's common for families to have members in both faiths, and that one cannot do mission in Africa without “taking Islam seriously.”

Islam could be the religion of your cousin or your mother, said Azumah, who was cared for by a Muslim relative who also paid for Azumah's theological education. “Islam has a human face in Africa.”

In that light, he said faithful living there, even in regions where Muslim-Christian tensions have been high, means being true to what you believe.

“Faithful living means being faithful to our calling,” Azumah said. In relationships with Muslims, “we don't have to pretend to be anything other than Christian,” which is what Muslims expect and respect, he said.

*Panel Explores Christian-Muslim Relations, Continued*

The Rev. Hendrik Shanazari, executive secretary of the Synod of the Evangelical Church of Iran, outlined a different situation between Muslims and Christians in Iran, where religious distinctions traditionally break down along ethnic lines.

He said ethnic Christians have often felt treated as foreigners and were often not integrated into society, but noted that secularization of the country is reducing the sensitiveness of that situation.

Shanazari said many Muslims in Iran are showing interest and wanting to be a part of Christian communities, which “causes joy for Iranian Christians. ... Every day more people are attracted to Christianity.”

Panel moderator the Rev. Jay Rock, the PC(USA)’s coordinator of interfaith relations, offered the American perspective on living faithfully among Muslims, and pointed out that a wide diversity within Islam must be recognized.

To suggest there is a single culture for Islam “would widely miss the mark,” he said. “One size emphatically does not fit all.” Rev. Rock said Muslims in the United States “feel vulnerable” in the current climate of hostility toward Muslims, and that the community as a whole “condemns terrorism strongly,” a position not often highlighted. He added “Muslims here want to be our partners in responding to terrorism.”

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Friday, October 12, 2007

Dearest Friends,

How I long to be back in your midst, for I am most certainly homesick for Covenant Church and for you! I just wanted you to know that I think things have turned a corner and that I will be making much quicker progress toward a full recovery following my prostate surgery on September 12. While I had been told originally to expect a 3-4 day hospitalization following surgery, I have now spent a total of 17 days in the hospital and 14 at home during the past month due to a number of “complications.” As of two days ago, however, we believe the problems have at last been discovered and addressed, so I am hopeful that strength and health will return very soon.

What a blessing your calls and cards and prayers and offers of aid have been during this difficult time. How can I ever thank you, except to say how much you are appreciated! (Give yourselves a hug!) My prayer is that I will be strong to attend Andy and Shari’s wedding on Oct. 20. God willing, that will be a most exciting homecoming to Covenant Church.

**In Love and Thanks, Jim**

*A Note from  
Your Pastor*



**October 14, 2007**

“If one holds oneself dear, one should protect oneself well. During every one of the three watches the wise man should keep vigil.”

Buddhism. (Dhammapada 157)

“Though others sleep, be thou awake! Like a wise man, trust nobody, but be always on the alert; for dangerous is the time and weak the body. Be as watchful as the two-headed Bharunda bird!”

Jainism. (Uttaradhyayana Sutra 4.6-7)

“You yourself know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night... But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.”

Christianity. (1 Thessalonians 5.2-6)

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

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