

Order of Service for the Public Worship of God

The Day of Pentecost ~ May 27, 2007

Eleven O'clock, A.M.

Pastor: Dr. James E. Swanson

Liturgist: Dr. Lester Dunmire

Choir Director / Organist: Miss Beverly Antis

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” (Psalm 29:2)

THE PRELUDE *Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* J. Pachelbel
 Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist J. Pachelbel

THE CHORAL INTROIT *The Lone, Wild Bird* McFadyen

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There are different gifts.

People: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Leader: There are different ways of serving God.

People: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: **To use for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: **And individually members of Him.**

Leader: On this day of Pentecost, let us break bread together and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit,

People: **We praise your name, O Lord, most Holy!**

*THE OPENING HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Frederick Cook Atkinson

- 1) Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
- 2) Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
- 3) Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
- 4) Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: we confess that we have held back the force of your Spirit among us; we have been slow to serve you and to use the gifts which you have bestowed upon us. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Forgive our divisions, draw us together, and by your Spirit help us to spread the good news of your love. Fill us with a flaming desire to do your will, and to be a faithful people; in Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

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*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RESPONSIVE LITURGY (*for the burnt offering of prayer cards*)

Pastor: To become a Christian means to be drawn into community, to be united with others in prayer and praise and service.

People: **God of love and compassion: open our eyes to see those who suffer and strengthen us to do what we can to bring relief, reassurance and release.**

Pastor: God of mercy and grace: open our ears to hear the cries of those who seek healing and wholeness. Grant us a willingness to share abundantly out of your bounty of time, treasure and talents.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, set us aflame!**

Pastor: O God, who will never forsake us: bless the sick, the addicted, the abused, the lost, the wanderer, the prisoner, those who are dying and those who are discouraged and abandoned.

People: **Grant unto them the comforting reassurance of your limitless love and unconditional care.**

Pastor: This past year our prayer cordon has been faithful to the task of praying for others. In humble thanks, O God, we now bring this offering of "answered prayer" cards, attesting to your mighty power and constant love. As we commit these cards to the flames, we give thanks for the lives represented here and for the miracles you have granted.

---Volunteers may assist in the ritual of burning

All: As the smoke rises in our midst, we offer a sacrifice of heartfelt praise, O God. Teach us at all times and in all places to abandon ourselves to your care and keeping, so that in and through the Holy Spirit we may enjoy fellowship with you forever and ever. Amen.

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Andrew Reed

THE FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

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

THE ANTHEM *Come, Holy Spirit, Come* arr. Paul Hastings

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:14-17

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

*THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE

Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION “AN ADVOCATE” Dr. Swanson

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Three Fold Amen* Danish

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND GIFTS & NOISY OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *We Come, O Christ* Alfred V. Fedak

*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 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we bring our 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, whose body and blood were given freely that we might receive eternal life. Amen.

THE COMMUNION HYMN (On Insert)

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether Harold Friedell

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Minister: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.
The Minister: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
Congregation: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION (Seated)

THE UNISON PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

By the mighty fire of your Holy Spirit, O God, forge us who have been fed here into one body, one people, one church, of one heart and mind to worship and adore you. Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth and a desire to do your will, that our witness to Christ may burn brightly in lives of joyful discipleship. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of heaven. Amen.

*THE CLOSING HYMN (See Insert) *Spirit* James K. Manley

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.*

*THE TIME OF SILENCE

*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: . . . Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Amen and amen!**

THE POSTLUDE *Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit* Guenter Raphael

*Those who are able, please stand.

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.

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY by David and Nancy Blewett.

THE FLOWERS are provided by the Family of J. Don McClaine in his memory.

THE CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC immediately follows this worship service in the Assembly Room. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The Fellowship & Outreach Committee is sponsoring the picnic. Members and friends are providing the side dishes and desserts.

THE APPORTIONMENT OFFERING "YOUR FAIR SHARE"



The Apportionment Offering will be received at the Pentecost Sunday Picnic today. The 2007 per capita assessment is \$24 for each person on the Active Roll of Membership at Covenant Church.

Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church with the memo notation "Per Capita." Each year all Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations are reminded of their obligation to support the work of their local presbytery, synod and General Assembly by paying a per-person apportionment—our fair share of the cost of ministries beyond our walls

If you are unable to stay for the picnic, you may place your apportionment on the offering plate the next Sunday you are at worship, hand it to a member of the Administration and Stewardship Committee or mail it to the church.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

ON HIATUS - The Youth Sunday School and adult Seekers classes and the Covenant Choir will be on hiatus over the summer and return after Labor Day on Welcome Back Sunday, September 9.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD
THIS THURSDAY, MAY 31**

for Mary T. Timmons



Mary's church family, friends and neighbors will gather in the sanctuary at 11:30 am for a memorial service of worship. Following the service, Mary's children, George Timmons and MaryEllen Emerson, will host a reception at the Butler Country Club to which everyone is invited.

(Take Route 8 South from Butler about 4-5 miles, turn Right on Airport Road, then ½ mile later turn Right onto Country Club Road.)

KINDERMUSIK - A Celebration Party for the *Village Class* (and their parents) who have completed the winter/spring session will be held this Thursday, May 31st at 5:45 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Kindermusik is a program for children age newborn through 3½ yrs. of age. This parent-participation class is based on the premise that music helps a child's development in every area: language skills, listening, social skills, self-esteem, to name a few. Summer Camp will be offered soon in June. For more information, contact Samantha Drohan at (724) 285-3977.



THE ECCLESIASTICAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 10th immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. At this meeting we will receive nominations for the office of Elder and for the Nominating Committee, voting the class of 2009 into office. Reports of the Committees of

Session and groups within the church will also be received. Please make every effort to be present at this most important meeting in the life of our church.

REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Please prepare and hand in your report for the Ecclesiastical Meeting to the Church Office no later than Monday, June 4.

(If you need assistance or more time to complete your report, please contact Elsie.)

THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS will be held during the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 17th, Father's Day.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(Time Changes)

BEGINS JUNE 3rd

9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
11:05 a.m. Fellowship Hour

This schedule will continue through the Labor Day weekend, and our 11:00 a.m. worship time will resume on Welcome Back Sunday, September 9, along with Seekers Class at 9:45 a.m.

In The Life of Our Church

Prayer Concerns . . . Robert Moore, Ellie Walchesky, Dorothy Hitchcock,
Muriel Thompson, Brenda Keith, Ann Morrison

Celebrating birthdays this week . . . Andrew Datt - May 31

Celebrating anniversaries this week . . . Jim & Rosamond Curry - May 28

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our apology. If you would like us to publish the date in the Chronicle and bulletin, please call the church office at 724-287-7731.



COVENANT CUPBOARD DONATIONS FOR JUNE dried beans or rice

Baskets for donations are located at the E. Jefferson St. entrance.

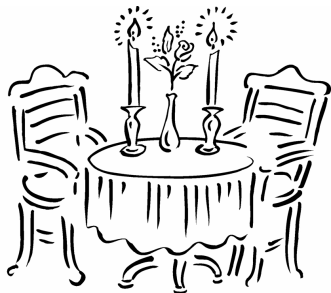
*The Next Kerygma Course in our Joint Bible Studies
with Saint Andrews and Faith Presbyterian Churches...*

Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise and Praise

by Donald L. Griggs

There are seven parts to the study,
and sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

- May 30** (at Covenant Presbyterian Church)
- June 13** (at Faith Presbyterian Church)
- June 27** (at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church)
- July 11** (at Covenant Presbyterian Church)
- July 25** (at Faith Presbyterian Church)
- August 8** (at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church)
- August 22** (at Covenant Presbyterian Church)



Host A Dinner

Could You Invite A Guest for Dinner?

How about 7 guests? (a good Biblical number!)

Dee Demby and others at the Butler YMCA will be hosting a visiting foreign delegation of 2 adults and five young women (ages 21-24) from Tai Chung, Taiwan in July. Covenant church members (singly or as a group) are needed to extend lunch or dinner invitations to these seven visitors between July 5 and July 14th. Please call Dee if you would be willing to host or help, and she will give you more details. **(724-756-5405, home or 412-603-0258, cell phone)**

Calvin Presbyterian Church of Zelienople presents:



“Always ...Patsy Cline”

June 2, 7, 8, 9 @ 7:30 p.m. & June 3 @ 2:00 p.m.

MUSICAL

The true story of the special friendship between country-music star, Patsy Cline and a devoted fan, Texas housewife, Louise Seeger.

Adults: \$10 & Students: \$5

For reservations: 724-452-7560, option 17 or
go to website: <http://www.calvinchurchzelie.org>



An Exciting Summer Discovery Trip... Saturday, June 16

Rodef Shalom Synagogue
4905 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh

Sri Venkateswara
Hindu Temple
Penn Hills

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, June 16th. Car pooling will be available for this day-trip to Pittsburgh. Invite a friend or neighbor to join in the journey as we explore worship in two non-Christian faith traditions. (Depart from Covenant Church at around 9:00 am, and return by 6:00 pm)

We will begin the day at Rodef Shalom Temple in Oakland where we will attend a traditional Jewish Shabbat Service at 10:30 am. Held in a magnificent sanctuary with its awe-inspiring spaces, majestic organ and cantorial soloist, at this service the Torah is read and there is a sermon delivered by one of the rabbis. Following worship we will get a personal “temple tour” by one of the congregation, with time to ask questions and an opportunity to explore Rodef Shalom’s outdoor biblical gardens.

Our group will lunch together, then travel out to Penn Hills (1230 S. McCully Dr.) to visit Sri Venkateswara Hindu Temple. Prior to our on-site visit we will take time to hear an overview of Hindu teaching and receive a guide-book to help interpret what we shall observe.

*Please Reserve A Space Now
by calling the Church Office
724-287-7731*

THE FESTIVAL DAY OF PENTECOST
May 27, 2007



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
& APPORTIONMENT PICNIC

*“Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.”*

The Reverend Dr. James E. Swanson

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