

*Covenant Presbyterian Church
Butler, Pennsylvania*



January 14, 2018

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.”

~ John Wesley

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Order of Service for Worship

January 14, 2018

Eleven O'clock, A.M.

Guest Pastor: Brian Graff, Elder
Liturgist of the Month: Nancy Blewett
Guest Musician: Alison Carey

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE ~ ALL ARE WELCOME HERE !

Even as the world seeks to judge or divide us according to our economic, racial and ethnic groups, ages, gender, abilities, preferences, politics and theological positions, we believe that there should be no such division.

Our congregation is strengthened through difference and diversity, and in the name of our Lord, we welcome all who come seeking refuge and healing from condemnation, prejudice and discrimination.

PRELUDE *Toccata* Leonard Leo

CHORAL INTROIT *Surely the Lord Is In This Place* Robert Lau
*Surely the Lord is in this place.
This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate, the gate of heaven.*
—Genesis 28:16, 17

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 324

Open My Eyes That I May See OPEN MY EYES

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 (*Pew Bible OT p. 503*)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor.

We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus name you now hear our personal confessions...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives new life and freedom from the power of sin.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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.

*GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

A FEW MOMENTS FOR MISSION ~ Audrey Carlson

--Update of Martha Sommers, co-worker in Malawi

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.*

— Words from the Sarum Primer

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (*Pew Bible OT p. 213*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 (*Pew Bible NT p.929*)

Liturgist: Here ends the second reading.

All: **Praise be to You, O God.**

*GOSPEL LESSON John 1: 43-51 (*Pew Bible NT p. 863*)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

**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.**

SERMON

"FOLLOWING"

Pastor Brian

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

Three-fold Amen

Danish

PULPIT HYMN #525

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

New Year

John Rutter

*Turn your eyes to the light;
Cast away the works of darkness, let them go:
Turn your eyes to the light.*

*Turn your face to the sun;
Feel the warmth, the hope of new beginnings
with each new year.*

*The light was always there, if we could but see it;
And warmth was in the air, if we'd known how to feel.*

*Turn your eyes to the lights, turn your face to the sun;
New light, new hope, new year,
new light, new hope, new year. New year.*

*Turn your ears to the sound;
Somewhere near a voice is calling:
Hear the news, Turn your ears to the sound.*

*Turn your heart to the love;
Christ is come to bring the world new life,
to bring new life.*

*The voice is always there, if the world will hear it;
And love is always there, if you search in your heart.*

*Turn your ears to the sound, Turn your heart to the love:
New life, new love, new year,
New life, and love, and light, and hope,
this good New Year, New Year, New Year, New Year.*

*THE DOXOLOGY #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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, accept our offerings, and use us to bring life and health and hope to your world. Make us generous and faithful stewards of your mysteries, doing your will and proclaiming your word; through Christ we pray. Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

*THE BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

*May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
may the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you:
may his spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;
when you wake, may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see his face.*

*A TIME OF SILENCE

*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now may the blessing of God rest on our heads, and the truth of God set us free from all dangers, real and perceived; so that in our labor and in our leisure, in our rising up and our sitting down, in hours of joy or in days of sorrow, we shall with gladness of heart commend our lives wholly unto Him who keeps us from falling. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*POSTLUDE

Scherzo

Ludwig van Beethoven

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP !



...immediately following worship each Sunday. Please join us for conversation (and food!) downstairs in the Assembly Room.

Hosting today: *Linda Peters*



Friendly Faces, Warm Smiles & Handshakes Needed !

WELCOME!

Please consider helping the Worship & Music Committee compile a list of greeters for 2018. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Assembly Room bulletin board.

Our Guest Pianist

Alison Carey graduated from Westminster College with a degree in Music education in 1993. She has been working in the Karns City Area School District for 24 years as a music teacher. She currently teaches fifth and sixth grade band and music directs for the KC High School musicals. Alison is active in the Butler community through her work with the Butler Musical Theater Guild and the Butler Little Theater. She resides in Butler with her husband, Jeff.



Next Sunday, January 21st
@ 11:00 AM Worship Service

The Reverend James W. Campbell will be the guest preacher next Sunday. Rev. Campbell served as pastor of Faith United Presbyterian Church for 22 years and is now Honorably Retired.

Seekers Topical Discussion Class

Sundays @ 9:45 am in the Assembly Room



All are welcome!

~ Refreshments at 9:30 am

Topic:

“NOOMA” - DVD series & Discussion

Nancy Rice is leading the Seekers

NOOMA is a series of short films. Each short story covers a specific topic, relating various experiences from a Christian perspective.

The name *NOOMA* comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word πνευμα (*pneuma*), meaning "wind", "spirit", or "breath".



Butler Little Theater
1 Howard Street
Butler, PA

Presents

**OTHER PEOPLE'S
MONEY**

*A drama by Jerry Sterner
Directed by Don Shearer*

January 19-21; 23-27

Curtain Times:

Fridays & Saturdays – 8:00pm

Sunday – 2:30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7:30pm

For reservations:

*Call 724-287-6781 **or**
online at bltgroup.org*

*Produced by Amy Cannard
Soprano in the Covenant Choir!*



Happy Birthday!

Mika Marie Hobaugh (*8th Birthday, January 14*)

--Donna Hobaugh's great grandchild

Prayer Concerns

Diane Dancik ~ friend of Mary Reefer who has been diagnosed with cancer which has spread to her liver and bowels

Donna Hobaugh ~ keep her in prayer; Donna has Alzheimers and lives at 100 Newhaven Lane, Rm. 6-B

PRAYER CORDON: Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Church Library.
To request prayer, contact Virginia at 724-287-3920.

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

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IN MEMORIAM

Beverly A. Antis

Born ~ November 10, 1948

Joined the Church Triumphant ~ January 7, 2018

Beverly Ann Antis died peacefully on Sunday, January 7, 2018 after a valiant six-month fight with pancreatic cancer. She is survived by one Goddaughter, many friends, and the thousands of lives she touched during her musical careers. She was born in Meadville, PA on November 10, 1948. She was preceded in death by her Mother Myrtle I. (Fosnaught) Antis and her father Edward Antis.

Beverly only had two job interviews over her long career and was successfully hired at each one. She interviewed for the Butler Area School District during her senior year at Westminster College in

1970 and began a 35-year career as an elementary choral music teacher. She worked in the Bon Aire, Clearfield, McQuistion and Emily Brittain Elementary Schools.

Later in her public school career, she was also the musical director and rehearsal accompanist for over ten years with the high school musicals. Outside of school she was very active with Musical Theater Guild, Butler Symphony, and Butler Little Theater. Many people will recall that Beverly was the miracle worker behind the seating chart at Butler Little Theater. She efficiently accommodated personal requests and made it all “fit.”

Beverly was also quite adept at mathematics and had a high level of computer skills. She taught basic computer classes in the community and also trained many administrative assistants in proper formatting and various tricks of the trade.

After her retirement from the Butler Area School District, Beverly attended her second interview and was hired as the staff accompanist in the music department (Swope) at Slippery Rock University. She worked there for the last ten years, up to the time of her death. She specialized in “collaborative” piano and played for all the choirs, many ensembles, performance hours, juries, and recitals. Although she was a piano/voice major at Westminster College, she said that the repertoire she learned “in retirement” was the most challenging and oftentimes the most fun.

She was known as the accompanist who could read the conductor’s mind and help interpret for the student the easiest way to correct, learn or perform music at a level many did not think they could achieve. She was fond of saying to those she worked with, “counting is a fine art.”

Prior to her college and professional success, Beverly began her musical journey at the age of five in her hometown Lutheran Church choir. She said this choral experience shaped her life choices and her ability to work professionally, respectfully and fairly with a volunteer choir. Beverly was a “church musician” for fifty years. She was the Music Director for Covenant Presbyterian Church for the last 12 years. She delighted in bringing chant, beautiful a Capella pieces, and of course music from her friend and liturgical composer, Dr. Robert Lau.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Slippery Rock University, Music Department, Swope Hall, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.



for

BEVERLY A. ANTIS

(1948-2018)

will be held on

Sunday, January 28th @ 2:00 PM

Covenant Presbyterian Church ~ Sanctuary

Co-officiants:

Pastor Kimberly van Driel
(First English Lutheran Church)

and

Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson

Special Music:

Combined Choir led by
Dr. Stephen Barr of Slippery Rock University

Solo: Christopher Scott

Reception follows in the Assembly Room