

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018, 10:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**All who are able are invited to stand.*



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO, Carillonneur

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
Jonathan Moyer, organ

WELCOME

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE, Pastor

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Psalm 111

BARBARA SEMMANN
The Covenant Choir and Beckwith Handbells

Great are the deeds of the Lord, he is patient and full of compassion.
He brings food to those who fear him, his praise endures forever.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

MINDY STEWART, Director of Family Ministries

ONE: Let us praise God, the Holy One of Israel.

ALL: **Let us give thanks to our God with our whole hearts.**

Full of honor and majesty are the works of God.

God's righteousness endures forever. Let us worship God!

* HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

JESSE CVELBAR, Lay Worship Leader

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God in our daily living we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard for the future. We insist on war as the solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people: the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others as we silently confess our sins.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends hear the Good News! Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of arrogance, indifference, and apathy are being cast out. New life is offered to you in Jesus Christ. Friends believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 579

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**
**or Maker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SUSAN MCKAY, Lay Worship Leader

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 111

ANTHEM

Though I Speak with the Tongues of Men

EDWARD BAIRSTOW
The Covenant Choir

~ Text from I Corinthians 13, King James Version

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINDY STEWART

While all children are more than welcome to remain in the service, we have a nursery for infants through pre-kindergarten children. Ask an usher for directions.

PARTING RESPONSE

HYMN 535 ~ TALLIS' CANON

*All are invited to sing as the children kindergarten through 7th grade depart for Sunday School.
Families may pick up their children at 11:45 am in the education wing.*

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.

SECOND LESSON

MARK 1:21-28

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Unclean Spirit

THE REV. MELANIE MARSH BAUM
Associate Pastor

*HYMN 106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Following the first refrain and stanza sung by the choir, all are invited to sing.

JOYS AND CONCERNS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

AMY STARR REDWINE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

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.

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

MCNEIL ROBINSON

All are invited to sing.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Agape

HOWARD F. STARKS
The Beckwith Handbell Choir
Jesse Cvelbar, flute

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH, HYMN 591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.* Amen.**
*or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 467

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F

JOHANN WALTHER

*Please be mindful of those who remain seated to listen. Thank you!
A Stephen minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.*

CARILLON POSTLUDE

Allegro con fuoco, Op. 53, No. 5

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sanctuary, 11:00

CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room, 11:00

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

DWELLERS, Living Room, 12:00

YOUTH CHOIR/SUNDAY SCHOOL, Education Wing, 10:15

QUEER SPIRIT, Living Room, 3:00

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Join us in the main entrance after worship for a time of fellowship.

To learn more: KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

☞ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following today's worship for the purposes of voting on changes to pastoral terms of call and hearing an update from the Nominating Committee.

☞ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; **Wednesday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am – 12 pm; Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30-6:30 pm; Classrooms to Corporations, Sonia Golden Room, 6-8 pm; **Thursday:** Connection Center and Student Food Pantry open, 12-5 pm; Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30-7 pm; Connect (college student meal and fellowship), Connection Center/Living Room, 5:30-6:30 pm; Handbells, Conference Room, 6:30-7:30 pm; Choir, Choir Room, 7:30-9:30 pm; **Friday:** Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Restore Yoga, Creche, 4 pm; **Saturday:** Cleveland Guitar Orchestra, Choir Room, 9:30 am – 1 pm; Saturday Tutoring Planning Meeting, Office, 11 am; Meditation Group, Herrick Room, 4 pm. Kevin Lowry will be on vacation for today.

☞ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Susan McKay and Jesse Cvelbar. Susan McKay, from West Lafayette, Indiana, is a 4th year Mechanical Engineering student at CWRU who enjoys helping out at Habitat and singing. Jesse Cvelbar, a freshman majoring in nutrition at CWRU. Jesse is a native Clevelander and marching band participant. Jesse will also be playing the flute in today's service.

✚ **USHERS TODAY** are Martha Goble, Jim Greene, and John Bromelmeier. Greeting are Arnie and Susan Dahm.

✚ **The flowers in the chancel urn** are given to the glory of God, in memory of Tom Demeter by his wife Marilyn Demeter, and in memory of Jim & Julia Florenzo by their granddaughter Mary Anne Bromelmeier.

✚ **MUSIC NOTES:** Two anthems in our service reflect on the essence of love. The first is Edward Bairstow's evocative choral setting of I Corinthians 13, commonly known as the "love chapter." The King James Version of the text from 1611 uses the word "charity" as an expression of the Greek word "agape," the highest expression of love. The Beckwith Handbell choir presents a musical reflection on love entitled "Agape" by Howard Starks (b. 1929).

✚ **WE PRAY FOR** Judy Bourne, Andrew Bullen (Melanie Marsh Baum's cousin), Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Anne Wombwell deConingh, Marlene Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Eliseo Hairston (Shirley Thompson's grandson deployed to the Pacific), Mollie Hoar (family friend of Gene and Diane Papp), Elizabeth Mierke, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Tom Skrout (Stephanie Pennza's father), Liam Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew), Doug Weiss (Ann Williams' friend), Lynn Glickson, and Louise Wolfcale. We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or are homebound; the patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who have placed prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

✚ **THANK YOU FROM MILDRED RUSSIN** Upon her retirement last August, the church gave Mildred Russin a flower of the month delivery. In a note received this week, Mildred writes, "Hello to all, I would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers. Every time I look at them I think of Covenant. Covenant will always be in my heart. Thank you again and I will see you from time to time. Love and Peace to all." –Mildred Russin

✚ **TODAY THE CHILDREN WILL** collect food and financial donations for our Covenant Food Pantry, open the last Wednesday and Friday of each month, Thursday afternoons in the Connection Center for students, and for emergencies. Thank you for your support!

✚ **PARTNERING WITH NORTH CHURCH, SUNDAY JANUARY 28 AND APRIL 8 & 15**

Today members of church will gather at North Presbyterian to assist in preparing and serving the community meal that follows their worship service. We are still seeking additional volunteers for our spring volunteer dates, April 8th and 15th. North Church shares space with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries at 4515 Superior Avenue. Sign up in the church office. For more information contact Ministry of Service member Bob Ault. North Church is a Covenant mission partner.

✚ **MEDITATION GROUP MEETS THIS SATURDAY, 4 PM, ALL WELCOME**

Want to learn more about the benefits of meditation? Looking for support as you maintain a meditation practice? Join a small group led by Rev. Amy Starr Redwine this Saturday at 4 pm in the Herrick Room. We reflect, offer support, and meditate together at our gatherings on the first Saturday of each month. All are welcome. Contact Amy for more information.

✚ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY TUTORING PROGRAM**

Our Saturday Tutoring Program will begin February 10th with a new tutor orientation. Join as a volunteer tutor, or as a Covenant Ambassador to greet, answer questions, and offer general assistance. Tutoring takes place Saturday mornings from 10 am-12 pm in the Education Wing of the church. For more information contact Mary Anne Bromelmeier.



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