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The Sanctuary Flowers were given by

Lillian Kopcsik in loving memory of Gwendolyn Sweet in heaven

Carol Martin in loving memory of my dad, John Brook

Today's "Coffee Hour" is given in memory of William F. Marsh, brother of Jack Marsh.

All the baking has been done by Lynda Marsh Mount, Jack's daughter

THE SERVANTS IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS	Irene Dransfield
CD MINISTRY	Alison McMullen
ELEVATOR	Dr. Richard Ryan
FLOWERS	Linda Brown, Angie Leamann
GREETERS	Carol Kuykendall, David Pollison
GREET RECRUITER	Virginia Ryan
VAN DRIVER	David Kulp
HEAD USHER	Vincent Cherny
USHER RECRUITER	Linda Cossaboon



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4th Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010

10:30 a.m.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES begins a time of quiet as we center ourselves listening to the musical prelude, allowing ourselves to enter into prayerful preparation for worship. Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

PRELUDE SOLEMN MELODY

H. W. Davies

BRINGING IN THE WORD

Donna McDaid

BELL CALL TO CENTER FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with You.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the good news, as we turn to our neighbor and say to each other:
"The Peace of Christ be with you!"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on 1 John 4:7-11)

Mickey Reilly

Leader: Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

People: Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

Leader: But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

People: God showed how much he loved us by sending God's Son.

Leader: This is real love - not that we loved God,

People: But that God loved us and sent a Savior as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

All: Since God loved us that much, we ought to love each other and God.

***OPENING HYMN 483 SING PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE**

(*Those who are able please stand)

INVITATION TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS: PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Daniel Simmons

God of love, Jesus taught us that we are to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves, yet so often we are anything but loving and lovable. Forgive us when we are not ambassadors of Christ but instead let anger and hatred rule our lives. Help us to choose to love, to choose to do your will in all of our relationships. Give us the courage, wisdom, and ability to share your extravagant love to all we meet.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

WITH ALL YOUR HEART

K.L. Scott

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.

Love the Lord, all you his saints!

The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he repays in full.

Be of good courage, and the Lord shall strengthen your heart,

All you who hope in the Lord.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG OF ALL AGES: FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE

Children's Choir, Ali McMullen, director

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Daniel Simmons

SILENT 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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:

When I call answer me. O Lord hear my prayer

O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. (Repeat)

OFFERTORY CALL

Donna McDaid

OFFERTORY MUSIC IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE

K. McChesney

Sanctuary Bells, Carol Houghton, director

* DOXOLOGY (*hymn tune 592*) PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Molly Trevor

¹⁵Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³ So Jesus told them this parable:

¹¹ 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²²But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Leader: This is the Word for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***PULPIT HYMN**

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

rae red book 340

SERMON

"LOVE THAT WAITS AND WELCOMES"

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

*** CLOSING HYMN 280 AMAZING GRACE**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *(tune #81)* **LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS**

Lord, who throughout these forty days

For us didst fast and pray,

Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,

And close by Thee to stay.

Abide with us, that so, this life

Of suffering over past,

An Easter of unending joy

We may attain at last!

POSTLUDE TOCCATA IN G MAJOR

J.S. Bach



Prayers for friends and family will be listed in the Sunday announcements for 4-6 weeks. If you have prayer concerns call the church office, 609.989.8282; jwvanderwerff@comcast.net

For the people of Chili and Haiti who are rebuilding their lives after earthquakes.

For all of those looking for employment.

Ellen Belknap who has returned to Manor Care, Bethlehem.

Ralph Broeckel is terminally ill. He is brother-in-law to Clara Mae Caruso.

Barbara Cieplechowicz is back at work. Please keep husband, Mike, children, Lisa and Beth, and in-laws Bill and Thelma Glazebrook in your prayers as they support Barb.

Dorothy Cole is back at home and but still in need of our prayers.

Anna Cornett, daughter of Irene Dransfield, who has severe diabetes.

David Disler had a heart attack. He is the son of Shirley and Jim Disler.

Dan Dutcavich is recovering. Dan is the brother of Denise Hulobowski, fiancée of Tom Crum.

Sandy Gafgen was hit by a car. She is the niece of Pearl Adams.

Jerry Grantland recently had knee surgery. He is a friend of Clara Mae Caruso.

Joseph Hodak had pacemaker surgery. Let's keep his wife, Joan in your prayers also.

Isaiah, a three-year-old student at CHS was recently diagnosed with leukemia. He is a student of Barbara Cieplechowicz.

Chuck Lamb who had his appendix removed on February 28. He is recovering nicely. He is the son of Betty Lamb and lives in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Janet Porter had surgery for colon cancer. Janet is a friend of Shirley and Jim Disler.

Edith Notchii had a heart attack and is home. Edith is Irene Dransfield's sister.

The Peters/Smith Family - Jon Solomon was born prematurely. Keep Jon Solomon and his mother, Jessica, in your prayers as well as Debbie and Russ Peters; and Uncle David.

Edwin Purcell is suffering from a slipped disc. He is the brother EdnaMae Bombeck, a member of ECHO.

Vincent Riviezzo was diagnosed with sinus cancer. Vincent is the nephew of JoAnn and Bob Trevor.

Margie Rogalli has heart problems. Margie is Adele Drake's cousin.

Gary Schnerr fractured his leg/hip. He is the stepson of Betty Schnerr, stepbrother of Angie Leamann, brother-in-law of Regina Schnerr, uncle of Lisa Schnerr.

Barbara Trevor is now under hospice care. Barbara is Bob Trevor's mother.

Charles Wright as he recovers from surgery. Charles is the father of Cindy Moskow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church is to encourage a diverse worship family that is representative of our past and embraces our future.



IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME AT COVENANT? If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we are blessed, and we welcome you! We know that visiting a new Church is a very private and personal experience of finding God. We hope that you enjoy our Sunday celebration and ask that if the spirit so moves you, please introduce yourself to either our pastor or a member of our Evangelism Team (identified by the white ribbon boutonnieres) after the service. We have a gift for you and would like *to thank you personally* for

joining us this morning. Please note that you can reach our Church office at 609.989.8282; review our website www.CovenantChurchTrenton.org and reach the Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff, jwvanderwerff@comcast.net Again, WELCOME!!

WE WELCOME all of you to our service this morning. Have you ever wondered "who is that person sitting at the end of the pew"? Perhaps you recognize their face, but cannot remember their name or maybe someone is joining us for the first time and you would appreciate the chance to introduce yourself after the service. We ask that all worshippers (including visitors) would take a moment to fill out the information in the Red Friend-ship Pad which is located in the front of the aisle end of each pew. After you have entered your information, please pass it to your neighbor. When the last person is finished, please pass it back down the pew, making sure you take a second to check out all the names. This is a great way to get to know all of our Covenant family as well as being able to greet our visitors.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY- Join us as we continue our seven-week Lenten study entitled, "*Celebrate the Risen Christ*" on **Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge**. As we move from winter into spring, from the ashes of repentance to the joy of resurrection, listen to the Word of God, reflect on your life, and discover God's call to you.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – ONE GREAT HOUR – Fill the World with Love. Zahra is a quiet but articulate girl who wants to be a teacher someday. Living in *Afghanistan*, her life has been scarred by violence and hardship. With support from One Great Hour of Sharing, Church World Service child rehabilitation centers in Kabul and Bamyan are helping children overcome traumatic experiences. A safe haven, the centers provide a healthy atmosphere helping kids like Zahra to realize their dreams and lead Afghanistan into a brighter future.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY *will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at 1 pm in the lounge*. We will continue "*Joshua, a Journey of Faith*". Join us and bring a friend.

THE CIRCLE OF SISTERS *will meet on Wednesday, March 17 at 7 pm in the lounge*. All women are welcome as we discuss "*Celtic Spirituality and Me*".

A JOB CLUB AT COVENANT! We are looking to form a Job Club for members of Covenant who are unemployed or underemployed. The idea is to create a forum for our members to network, gain support, share job search stories, reveal insight on the job market and have their job search questions answered. We will have an organizational meeting *today after the worship service* to determine the format and meeting times. If you are unemployed or underemployed, please consider attending. We would also welcome participants who have experienced this process and returned to work – your stories would be very helpful, and it's a great way to “give back”. If you have any questions, please contact George Self, 609-989-8282, email, george.self@comcast.net; or Richard Ryan, 609-989-8282, email, rryanphd@comcast.net

THE MEN OF COVENANT will meet next Sunday, March 21 at 7:45 a.m.

THE COVENANT GOOD NEWS CHOIR will perform at worship on *Palm Sunday, March 28*.

A PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held on Sunday, March 28 immediately after worship. Mark your calendar and watch for details soon!

MINISTER OF MUSIC POSITION AT COVENANT - Covenant Presbyterian Church is looking for a Minister of Music to direct vocal and/or handbell choirs. We are looking for someone who is open to exploring musical diversity. Our Congregation loves to sing and views music as a way of giving voice to the sacred. Worship music that varies between traditional and contemporary is desired, and we will warmly embrace upbeat changes in our music style. Application must be in by April 30, 2010 to: Carol Stawski, chair, Covenant Presbyterian Church, 471 Parkway Ave, Trenton, NJ 08618

WORSHIP SERVICE AVAILABLE ON CD! Is there a favorite sermon you would like to listen to again? Is there a friend or family member who would appreciate hearing Covenant's worship service? Thanks to the hard work of **Richard Ryan**, former Moderator of the Deacons, copies of Covenant's worship service are available on CD upon request. Call Rae at the church office, 609.989.8282 or email 471covenantrae@comcast.net and let her know what service(s) you would like. She will then mail the CD directly to your home! This ministry is sponsored by the Board of Deacons.

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION A SUCCESS! Thank you to all who turned in old pill bottles for distribution in Jamaica. The response was overwhelming! This year's campaign is now over and we will announce when the next campaign begins.

REVIVE! 2010 is about imparting and renewing Christian faith. Revive is a dynamic worship, preaching, and a moral conversation centering on the issues of incarceration and immigration. Revive! will be held at **Trinity Cathedral, June 11 - 13**. For more information pick up a brochure or flyer located on the literature tables at the front and rear of the sanctuary. You may also visit the web site www.ReviveJustice.org

<p>REPORT OF GIVING – Pledges and contributions provide the major source of funds that support the ministry and programs of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Budgeted amount of pledges and contributions to date for 2010: \$36,540.00 Received amount of pledges and contributions thru March 7: \$39,366.00</p>
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THE WEEK OF MARCH 14 AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY 03/14 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30AM	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
9:15 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 AM	LENTEN STUDY – PART IV
10:30 AM	WORSHIP
11:30 AM	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
11:45 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
1:00 PM	BELOVED COMMUNITY
4:45 PM	JR. HIGH YOUTH
6:00 PM	SR. HIGH YOUTH

MONDAY, 3/15

6:30 PM	HILLCREST ASSOCIATION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
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TUESDAY 03/16

10:00 AM	LITERACY MINISTRY
1:00 PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM	SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 03/17 – HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY – NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

7:00 PM	CIRCLE OF SISTERS
7:00 PM	BC BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, 03/18

10:00 AM	LITERACY MINISTRY
6:30 PM	ADULT CHOIR
7:30 PM	BELL CHOIR

NEXT SUNDAY 03/21 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7:45 AM	MEN'S GROUP
8:30 AM	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
9:15 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 AM	LENTEN STUDY – PART V
10:30 AM	WORSHIP - DANIEL SIMMONS PREACHING PRAISE DANCERS OF PENNINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
11:30 A.M.	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
11:45 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
1:00 PM	BELOVED COMMUNITY
4:45 PM	JR. HIGH YOUTH
6:00 PM	SR. HIGH YOUTH

***Covenant Presbyterian Church Educational Scholarship Fund
by Millard & Lillian Prutky***



Said fund was established on December 28, 2006 and will donate to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 471 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, an annual monetary disbursement to establish the Millard and Lillian Prutky Scholarship Fund. This fund will provide annual scholarships to Mercer County residents who demonstrate financial need, aptitude and commitment to higher education, and Christian values as evidenced by activity in church/community activities.

Applicant Qualifications

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the USA* and Mercer County, NJ
- Be a full or part time student enrolled in an accredited school university, or college
- Have earned or maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
- Reflect Christian values through church/community activities

*Resident alien permit and green card holder

APPLICATION DEADLINE May 28, 2010

Documentation Requirements

Please submit application packets to
 Millard and Lillian Prutky Scholarship Committee
 C/o Covenant Presbyterian Church
 471 Parkway Avenue
 Trenton New Jersey 08618

Packets must include:

- Signed and completed copy of the FAFSA application
- Signed letter of intent to matriculate
- Typed essay reflecting your future goals, your chosen proposed course of study and your demonstrated Christian values
- A current transcript from your high school or college
- Three letters of recommendation – one from each:
 - a. current educational institution
 - b. church affiliated person
 - c. general recommendation from non family member

All monies awarded will be paid directly to the educational institution in the amounts decided by the committee

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Easter Memorial Flowers 2010

Hyacinths

<i>Quantity</i>		<i>Total</i>
_____	<i>Hyacinths @ \$8.50 each (3 blooms)</i>	_____
_____	<i>Hyacinths @ \$13.00 each (5 blooms)</i>	_____

Lilies

<i>Quantity</i>		<i>Total</i>
_____	<i>Lilies @ \$9.00 each (5/6 blooms)</i>	_____
_____	<i>Lilies @ \$21.00 each (triple 9" pot)</i>	_____

Please print all information:

LISTED IN "MEMORY" OF _____

LISTED IN "HONOR" OF _____

Given by _____

*Please take your flowers after the worship service.
 If you'd like to leave your flowers, please see one of the deacons.*

Deadline for orders: March 21, 2010

Make checks payable to: Covenant Church

Contact

- Linda Cossaboon, 609-989-8282*
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