

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: *Thanks be to God*

Luke 8:1-3

***Blue Hymnal #122**

Thine is the Glory

Second Scripture Lesson

Leader: *The Word of the Lord*
People: *Thanks be to God*

John 20:1-18

Sharing God's Word

Dr. William D. Coker

"Putting Amazing Back in Grace for Mary Magdalene"

Call to Discipleship and Affirmation of Faith

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God and pray silently to affirm or reaffirm our faith in Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Let us pray.*

People: *(Silent Prayers)*

Leader: *Amen. Please stand as we affirm our faith using the traditional Apostle's Creed:*

People: *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.*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #280**

Amazing Grace

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Sharing the Love

written by Gary Unger

Sharing the Love and the Grace of Our Lord is what we are called now to do,

Go forth, make disciples our Savior commands, To love others as God has loved you.

***Postlude**

*Those who are able may stand.

How Will You Serve Christ This Week?

THE COVENANTER NEWS & EVENTS

1) **GUESTS** - Greetings in the name of Christ! Welcome to our Covenant family. Plan to worship with us as often as you can. For more Info visit www.covpc.org.

2) **CONNECTION CARDS** - Please fill out your Connection Card, **fold** & drop in Offering Plate. Guests, please pick up your gift on the table in the Narthex.

3) **OUR NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR NEWBORNS - 3 YRS OLD:** Kids' activity bags are in Narthex. **ROCKING CHAIRS** also available in Narthex.

4) **LAY READERS TODAY** - Diana Settle - 7:30a.m.; OPEL Folks - 11:00a.m.

5) **FLOWERS** - Flowers in the Sanctuary today are in honor of Cecil Wrenn's birthday. They are given by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Happy Birthday, Cecil!

6) REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

- **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** -Thursdays - 9:30am in Craft Room.

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL** - Next choir rehearsal - Wednesday, April 11th @ 6:45pm.

- **KIDSROCK:** Children's Activities (Ages 4-5th Grade) with Cindy Pickren & helpers:

Sundays @ 10:00 a.m. - **JAM (Jesus & Me)**

Sundays @ 11 AM. - **KEWL (Kids Enjoying Worship & Life)**

Wednesdays @ 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - **KiDsRoCk**

- **"IGNITE"** Matt Howard is igniting the spark of Christ in our young people. **Sundays - 10:00 a.m. - Café 2126. Wed @ 5:00 p.m. - In Walter Flint Youth Center.**



7) MISSIONS:

- **DORCAS SEWING MISSION** - Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of month in the Multi-Purpose Room at 9:00a.m. Next meeting is April 17th.

- **GOD'S RECIPE** - 4th Monday (April 23rd) at 6:00p.m. in the Craft Room.

- **BOXTOP LABELS FOR THORNWELL** - General Mills Cereals, Zip Loc, Green Giant, Office Supplies, etc. Drop in box across from office.

- **MISSION COMMITTEE PROJECT REQUEST** - Drop **"craft items"** for April for Christmas Child Shoe Box Project in box outside of office area.

8) COVENANT WOMEN

Night Circle - meets 2nd Monday of every month. Next meeting is April 9th - 7:00p.m. at the home of Joann Pollock, 155 Quail Valley Drive, Leesburg.

Daytime Circle - Next meeting is Tuesday, April 10th, Multi-Purpose Room at 10a.m.

9) FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY EVENTS:

• **CAMP DOGWOOD** - Dogwood Acres for children and youth rising 3rd grade through 12 grade is scheduled for June 24 - 29 and the registration should be active on the website soon so be on the watch at www.dogwoodacres.org. The cost is \$50 for the deposit and parents are asked to pay a third of the balance which is \$140. Your participation in the fundraisers helps offset these costs.!!

10) **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** starts Monday, July 16th - Friday, July 20th.

11) OPEL EVENTS:

- **OPEL SUNDAY - APRIL 8th.** Dutch Treat Lunch at **Blackbeard's** following the 11:00 service. Church van will leave from church parking lot if you want to ride.

• **Breakfast at Quickie - Friday, April 20th - 8:30am. Food, Fun, Fellowship!**

12) SPRING SMALL GROUPS: Sign up! - Groups Begin at various times.

Topic	Day/Time	Place
1) <i>Jesus' Final Words from the Cross</i>	Tuesdays @ 7pm	Michael Moss' Home
2) <i>Discovering Your Place (Young Adults)</i>	Tuesdays @ 7pm	Church Parlor
3) <i>I Love My Church (Theme: Love)</i>	Thursdays @ 7pm	Palma James' Home
4) <i>Challenging Questions about God</i>	Mondays @ 5:30pm	Korpal's Home
5) <i>I Love My Church (Theme: Love)</i>	Saturdays @ 6 pm	Green's Home

13) UPCOMING NEW SERMON SERIES:

Theme: **"What's So Amazing About Grace?"** (Philip Yancey). Sermons will focus on how the Grace of Christ impacted the following people:

- Sunday, April 8 - **Mary Magdalene**
- Sunday, April 15 - **The 11 Disciples**
- Sunday, April 22 - **Cleopas**
- Sunday, April 29 - **Peter**

14) **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - April 11, 2018 - 5:30p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Menu is TACO BAR and a fruit dessert. Join us for a fun meal and a hilarious program performed by **Christian Comedian, Steven Jordan.**

15) **DISCOVERY WELCOME BRUNCH - Sunday, April 29th, 10am - Fellowship Hall.**

16) **ONLINE GIVING** - Using your smart phone/tablet, you can use your QR scanner to access secure online giving. QR scanner apps are available in the APP Stores for free. The link is also on our website, covpc.org. Simply place your smart phone over the QR Code shown to the right and you can make a contribution to Covenant - no need to write a check. This QR Code has been created specifically for Covenant.



17) **CHET DRESCHER** - New address is **SISKIN HOSPITAL, 1 Siskin Plaza, Rm 304, Chattanooga, TN 37403.**

18) **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH ROBINHOOD HOUSE** - We are planning a **painting** day at the Robinhood property on Saturday, April 14th. We need volunteers. Please let Gail know if you can help. We need you. Thanks in advance for being a part of this project.

19) **WANT TO BE PART OF A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE IN HONOR OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR? We will read through the Bible up to Pentecost.**

20) APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr 7 Cecil Wrenn	Apr 14 Jake Hager	Jennifer Keel	Apr 30 Proctor Johnston
Apr 10 Wendell Brown	Apr 15 Cindy Pickren	Sue Lopez	
Apr 12 Annalee Rayment	Elizabeth Moss	Apr 28 Elisha Moore	
Apr 12 Janet Guillebeau	Morgan Johnston	Ellis Moore	
Tana Bangs	Apr 19 James Stephens	Ronnie Keel	
Apr 13 T. Morrison	Apr 20 Vicki Riles	Apr 29 Stephen Logan	
	Apr 23 Betty McDonald	Apr 30 Mason Smith	



21) THANKS TO OPEL FOLKS FOR LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

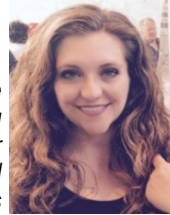
Ushers: Sue Henson, Roland Sims, Walt King, Donna Keel, John Loomis, Lou Lee, Ruby Pickron

Readers: Bea Phelps, Ronnie Keel, Cecil Wrenn, Otis Moore, Beth Flournoy

Greeters: Laura Pye, Joann Pollock

Children's Sermon: Palma James

Staff Corner with Cindy Pickren



Sometimes, it is hard to continue to do the right thing when you notice that so many people who are doing the wrong thing seem to be living an amazing life. It seems so incredibly unfair. I have struggled with this a lot lately and a dear friend reminded me that the rewards for those who choose to do the right thing will be abundant in heaven. I came upon this scripture while reading more about this subject and I cannot possibly express it as well as it is expressed in Psalm 73. So I want to share it with you and I hope it touches you as much as it has touched me.

Psalm 73 - A Psalm of Asaph

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills. Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits. They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression. Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth. Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance. They say, "How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?" This is what the wicked are like - always free of care, they go on amassing wealth. Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments. If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children. When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies. When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

Cindy

Elder/Deacon APRIL Assignments

Ushers

9:00a.m. - Dianne Carr
11:00a.m. - Sue Henson

Attendance - 4-1-18

7:30a.m. Sunrise Service - (115)
10:00a.m. Sunday School - (48)
11:00a.m. Worship Service - (161)

Financial Snapshot - Week of 2-4-18

	Current YTD
YTD Revenue	65,863.16
YTD Expenses	106,933.63
Surplus (Deficit)	(41,070.47)

CARE and CONTACTS

VISITS: Dr. Coker and Cecil Wrenn visited the homes of the following: Sandra Godwin, Daniel and Kerri Curran, Martha Wood, Randy and Janet Reagan. Dr. Coker had Facetime with Will Keyes and Margaret Sullivan.

HOSPITAL: Sue Henson (Phoebe)

OTHER CONTACTS: Donna Lambert, Linda Kukuda, Nikki Ellis, Brandon Ricketson, Richard Miller, Paul Luthman, Lee Don, Matt Howard, Jane Anne Sullivan, Kurt Lamon, Cathy Darby, Palma James, Buzz Calek.

If you would like a visit, let us know and Dr. Coker, and Elders/Deacons will be happy to come and pray with you. If you prefer a visit by appointment, let us know.

Covenant Calendar	Monday, APR 9	Wednesday, APR 11	Thursday, APR 12
Sunday, APR 8			
9:00am Early Service	9:00am Preschool	9:00am Preschool	9:00am Preschool
10:00am Sunday Sch	10:45am Staff Meeting	9:00am Golden K	9:30am Bible Study -
11:00am Worship Service	2:30pm B & G Club	Kiwanis - F Hall	Multi-Purpose Room
	Tuesday, APR 10	10:30am Al-Anon	2:30pm - B & G Club
	9:00am Preschool	Church Parlor	
	2:30pm B & G Club	2:30pm Whiz Kids	Friday, APR 13
	4:00pm Visit Teams	4:00pm KiDsRoCk	9:00am Preschool
		6:45pm Choir Practice	2:30pm - B & G Club

PRAYER LIST MEMBERS

Pam & Larry Barfield
Allen Beamon
Shelvia Casper

Dreka & Jimmy Clegg
Don Clegg (Son)
Brenda Cook

Chet Dreschel
Winnie Findley
Family, Eley Frazer

Ellen Graves
Family of
Peggy Guillebeau

Sue Hamlin
Alice Hathcock
Bobby Hinman

Cyndi Jaeckel
Supreeya Lopez
Becky Martin

Jessica McCall
Ann McMurray
Spence Pryor

Laura Pye
Jeannette Robinson
Jill & Larry Sellers

Lilia Sullivan
Saville Sullivan
Will Sullivan

Myrtle Tarpley

Larry Tyrer
Sylvia Vann

Gloria Weathers
Linda Williamson

RETIREMENT CTBS
Century Pines:
Jan Warren

Sally Hairston
Senior Living Village:
Bea Phelps

Phoenix: Lallie Benko-
ski, Sonny Campbell,
Addie Denby, Carol

Kirkland,
Pruitt: Rosemarie
Barfield,

Valencia: Mike Milam
Pine Shadows:
Jack Brand

Wynfield Rehab:
Tommy Morrison
MISSIONARIES

Elizabeth Codington -
Armenia
Susan Codington

Chuck and Joyce Har-
per - Honduras
Sandi & Brian Royer

Guatemala

Robe Family- Ethiopia
FRIENDS/RELATIVES

Maddie Armona
John Anderson
Sam Atkinson

Daniel Badillo
Grace &
Marvin Bannister

Ethel Colville (mom of
Deb Baltenberger)
Susan Cook

Family of Jerald Currens
(Uncle of Lynn Sims)
Family, Nancy Curry

Dennis Davis
Frank Davis
John Henry Douglas

Family of Ellen Edwards
(sister of Jean Mitchell)
Mary Gamble (Mother of

Lisa Burton)
William Gilbert
P.L. Gore (father of

Beverly Hysler)
Susan Codington
Douglas Griffin (brother

Kay Ragan)
Buck Grist (Charlotte

Sandstrom nephew)

Carroll/Joy Harpole
Cathy Hairston
Taylor Harrison

Family of Drew
Hauessler
Olivia Higgins

Gary & Pam Hudson
Cindy Jackson
Eric Johnson

Karen Johnson
Claire Koster
Laura Lee Johnson

(L. Tyrer's stepsister)
Linda Johnson
Max Jon

LSM
Paul Luthman
Family of

Marilyn McKinney
Meghan and Rebec-
ca McReynolds

Kari Middleton
Viola Miller
Virginia Moss (Michael's

mom)
Brenda Neal (aunt of the
Moore's)

Jeremy Parkins

John Peacock (friend of

Ryan Garnto)
Dennis Pyles
Bob Revell

Ron Rowe, Sr.
Mae Scott
Virginia Souter (friend of

Kim Barksdale)
Michael Richardson
Stephanie Richardson

Bert Settle & family
John Soileau
Gloria Taylor

Cathy Thompson
(niece, Jean Mitchell)
Alex Trammell

Jena Velez
Tom Wheeler
Tina White

Wade Quattlebaum

Dr. William D. Coker, Sr Pastor

Beth Tyrer, Interim Music Dir.
Richard Miller, Organist/Pianist
Cindy Garcia, Preschool Dir.

Cindy C. Pickren, Children's Dir.
Matt Howard, Youth Director,
Audio Visual

Gail Korpala, Admin Assistant
Nancy Reimer, Vol. Opel Dir.
Linda Walters, Financial Sec.

Michael Moss, Treasurer
Sarah Hathcock, Nursery
John Bullock, Sexton

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tom Korpala, Superintendent

TRUSTEES

Cecil Wrenn
Chick Flournoy

ELDER EMERITIAE

Sally M. Hairston
Cecil Wrenn
Palma James
Barbara Nichols

**RETIRED PASTORS OF
FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY**

Rev. Dr. Paul Luthman
Rev. Ben A. Rice

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cheryl Coker, Co-Moderator
Linda Walters, Co-Moderator
Deb Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer

Beverly Hysler, Dorcas Ministry
Sheila Ratliff, Christian Commu-
nity Action

Ruby Pickren, Bereavement
Cheryl Coker, Arrangements

PW CIRCLE MODERATORS

Day Circle: Moderator TBA
Night Circle: Joy Carver,
Sheila Ratliff

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SESSION

William Coker, Moderator

Jay Smith, Clerk of Session

Class of 2018: Jay Smith, Michael Moss, Ed
Reaves, Sheridan Rushton, Roland Sims

Class of 2019: Ronnie Keel, Deb Wilson,
Proctor Johnston, Vic Sullivan, Joann Pollock

Class of 2020: Tom Korpala, Lem Manry, Bryan
Green, Chick Flournoy, Carl Croft

DIACONATE

Otis Moore, Moderator

Vice Moderator, Cheryl Coker

Class of 2018: Otis Moore, Chip Underdown,
Victor Sullivan, Sue Henson, Cheryl Coker

Class of 2019: Joy Carver, Bruce Gunnels, Jo
Musgrove, Bill Baker, Donna Lambert

Class of 2020: Dianne Carr, Claire Green, John
Bullock, Gayle Vanater, Jamie Gresham



(Painting by Heinrich Hoffman, 1800s)

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - OPEL SUNDAY

April 8, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Welcome, Peace of Christ, Prayer Requests, Quiet Meditation

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Prelude

Abendlied

Robert Schumann

Call to Worship

Romans 3:21-24

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which
the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus
Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have
sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his
Grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Let us worship God.

*Blue Hymnal #150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

A Time to be Generous with God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory Music

When Christ Comes to Die

Hal Hopson

Beth Tyrer, Vocal; Linda Williamson, Violin

A Message for the Young at Heart

(Children 4-5th gr exit for KEWL)

A Time for People to Pray Responsively

Leader: Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.

People: Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.

Leader: Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.

People: Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.

Leader: Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers.

All: Glory and power are his forever and ever.

- St. Hippolytus of Rome, 170-235 AD

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.

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