

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 7, 2010

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WELCOME TO COVENANT CHURCH

*All visitors* are encouraged to stop by the visitors' table on the green (or in the narthex in the event of inclement weather), where information about Covenant Church and its many programs is available.

*Last Sunday, Covenant Church* welcomed 70 guests to its worship services. Each Sunday morning, nearly every pew will have a first-time or repeat visitor. Your warm greeting expresses the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your smile and welcoming word make a difference!

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

*Amen & Then ... Brunch and Lunch:* Brunch begins at 10:15 AM and lunch begins at 12:00 noon. Cost: \$5.00 per person; \$20 family maximum. No reservations needed; first-time visitors are free.

LATER TODAY

*Members of the congregation are invited* to attend the ordination service of Caroline East Berardi, who has accepted a call to ministry from First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, South Carolina. The service begins at 4:00 PM in the Covenant Sanctuary. Elders are asked to be here by 3:30.

*High School choir rehearsals* begin at 4:30 this afternoon.

*Youth Fellowship this evening:* Middle School meets 6:00- 7:00 in gym; dinner 7:00-7:30 dinner; bring \$5. Quest (8th grade) prepares and serves youth dinner. High School: College Talk Back Live 5:45 - 7:30 in EW 307.

*No Young Adult fellowship* this evening.

THIS WEEK

*No public lunches* will be offered in Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (March 9, 10, 11).

*The Midweek Worship Service* with communion is held each Wednesday at 12:00 noon in Morrison Chapel. Joan Watson continues a Lenten meditation series on "Exploring Gifts and Imperatives of the Gospel." Congregation members, guests and visitors are welcome. Worship discussion follows in Fellowship Hall, room 103.

*Join TLC* (Travel, Learn, Connect) this Wednesday, March 10, 1:30 PM in EW 212. Guest speaker is Eric Thomas, WBTV's chief meteorologist.

*Covenant Connection* is Covenant Church's regularly scheduled mid-week dinner and program for members and guests of all ages. Dinner begins at 5:30; reservations are due by noon tomorrow, and may be made [on line](#)

[here](#). Meal charges are \$6 for adults; \$4 for children and youth under 18, with a \$20 family maximum.

THIS MONTH

*New members* will be received next Sunday morning, March 14 in addition to this morning. Would you like to join Covenant Church? Please contact Martha Isaacs in the church office (704-804-7577, [martha.isaacs@covenantpresby.org](mailto:martha.isaacs@covenantpresby.org)).

*British concert organist* Dame Gillian Weir presents an organ recital in Covenant's Sanctuary next Sunday, March 14, 3:00 PM. Weir is considered one of the foremost musicians in the world today. Her recital concludes the Peek Master Class weekend at Covenant, and is co-sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The concert is free and open to the public.

*Sunday, March 21:* "Child of the Covenant" Sunday welcomes children born or adopted into the Covenant Church family in 2009 (9:30 and 11:00 AM worship services)

*The Men's Fellowship of Covenant Church* will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 AM. Meal reservations are needed by 10:00 AM on Monday, March 21, and may be made [on line](#) or by calling the church office. Cost: \$5. Speaker is Bert Green, Executive Director of Habitat, will present some of their new programs. These include the repair ministry (which focuses on rehabbing older homes) and a program allowing Habitat homeowners to purchase foreclosed homes.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Lenten term began this morning and continues each Sunday morning through March 28. Classes include:

- 9:30 AM: "This Sacred Journey," Bible study led by Joan Watson, (FH 205). Identical classes are taught on Wednesday evenings (6:30 - 7:30 PM);
- 10:00 AM: Young Adults continue a study of C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*, led by Inger Manchester (*Note:* New location beginning March 14: Parlor in the Sanctuary building)
- *Note new time:* 10:45 AM: "Christian Response to Poverty in Charlotte" (FH 207). On March 14: Carol Hardison (Crisis Assistance Ministry) and Darren Ash (WISH program - Workforce Initiative for Supportive Housing) discuss social barriers to success, new initiatives, and how Covenant can be instrumental in nurturing life skills. *Note:* During that hour, Diane Hargett will coordinate child care for children through grade 5. Claire Lowrance will teach a middle school class.

For a description of year-round adult Sunday school classes, go to [www.covenantpresby.org/education/adulted](http://www.covenantpresby.org/education/adulted). Look for "Ages and Stages."

#### CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS SINCERE SYMPATHY AND LOVE to Jim Glenn and his family on the death of his mother, Elizabeth Murray "Lib" Glenn of Asheville, North Carolina, on January 11; and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

#### IN THE HOSPITAL

(As of Thursday, March 4)

**Presbyterian**  
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#### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT CHURCH

##### Sunday, March 7

10:15 AM	Amen & Then Brunch	FH
12:00 N	Amen & Then Lunch	FH
4:00 PM	Ordination Service of Caroline East Berardi	Sanctuary

##### Monday, March 8

7:30 PM	Session Meeting	SB 138
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##### Tuesday, March 9

	No Public Lunches in FH All Week	
12:00 N	Centering Prayer	FH 201
5:00 PM	Room In the Inn	FH
7:00 PM	Preschool Committee	EW 212
7:00 PM	Missions Committee	FH 105

##### Wednesday, March 10

12:00 N	Midweek Service with Communion	Chapel
12:30 PM	Worship Discussion	FH 103
1:30 PM	TLC Program: WBTB Chief Meteorologist Eric Thomas	EW 212
5:30 PM	Covenant Connection	FH

##### Thursday, March 11

7:15 AM	Centering Prayer	FH 201
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##### Friday, March 12

9:00 AM	Moms & Children Play Group	EW 307
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##### Sunday, March 14

2:00 AM	Daylight Saving Time Begins (set clocks ahead one hour)	
10:45 AM	Christian Response to Poverty	FH 207
3:00 PM	Organ Recital by Dame Gillian Weir	Sanctuary

*Note: Standing weekly meetings are not included in this calendar.*

*Please silence digital watches and mobile phones.*