

**Preaching and Worship Schedule (Second DRAFT)
January - April 2017
Worship Committee
The Church of the Covenant**

January 1, 2017 **NO REGRETS** The regrets and incomplete matters of
New Years Day Revelation 20: 11 through 21: 5 life find their answers in a future day of
ONE SERVICE –10:00am “Then I saw a great white throne...” the Lord.

Dr. Broberg preaching/ Ministry Team prays

January 8, 2017 **BRING YOUR BROKENNESS** The spiritual principle of brokenness
New Years Communion I Corinthians 11: 23-32 leading to wholeness through Christ’s
“When (Jesus) had given thanks, he broken body on the cross.
broke it...” v. 24

Dr. Broberg preaching/ Ministry Team prays.

January 15, 2017 **CONVERT YOUR ENEMIES** The unique methodology of Christianity.
Ordination/ Installation Matthew 5: 43-48 The means must agree with the ends.
Martin Luther King “But I say to you, love your enemies...” There can be no unholy means to a holy
Weekend v. 44 end. The example of Martin Luther
King.

We will ordain and install our newly elected officers.

Dr. Broberg preaching/ Pastor Kay praying.

January 22, 2017 **THE MISSION OF THE TITHE** My Doctor of Ministry Thesis on Ethical
Three part series: Mission-minded Church Church Budgeting; using Biblical and
Numbers 6: 13-26 spiritual principles to form mission
“one male lamb...without blemish” priorities for the church.
v. 14

Two-part sermon series on “Becoming a Mission-minded Church”. How to think about what we have received in blessing in Biblical and spiritual terms.

Dr. Broberg preaching/ Pastor Kay praying.

January 29, 2017 **THE DANGER IN BEING A CHURCH JUST FOR OURSELVES** Why the “mission
Congregational Meeting Three part series: Mission-minded Church piece of the pie” is
Matthew 3: 4-11 important and blesses the
“ God is able from these stones to raise up church.
children of Abraham.” v. 9

Annual Congregational Meeting called by the Session in order to receive Annual Reports, hear the Session-approved 2017 operating budget, and act on the terms of call of the Pastor. Held at Noon in the Covenant Center.

February 5, 2017 **END OF THE SPEAR** How reconciliation works; how God
Communion Three part series: Mission-minded Church blesses it; how transformational it is.
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
“God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
Not counting their trespasses against them...” v. 19

Ministry Team Praying

February 12, 2017 **WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?** Pastor Kay preaching
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Ministry Team Praying/ Stu Broberg away on vacation

February 19, 2017 **YOU GOTTA HAVE HEART** Pastor Don Austin preaching
Philippians 2: 1-11; I Samuel 31: 1-13 Guest Presbyterian Minister,
Just retired from Chartiers Hill
Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Kay praying/ Stu Away in Haiti

February 26, 2017 **EYEWITNESS TO HIS MAJESTY** Pastor Kay preaching
Transfiguration 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9

Ministry Team praying/ Stu returning from Haiti

March 1, 2017 **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** 10:00 a.m. The Roman soldiers are faces about
Lenten Series: “Faces at the Cross” cross; the centurion is the first convert.
Pastor Kay Preaching

March 1, 2017
Ash Wednesday **NEED A BIGGER CROSS**
Communion Mark 15: 16-26 & Mark 15: 37-39
7:00 p.m. “...and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him.” v. 17

In Lent, Holy Week and Easter Pastor Stu and Pastor Kay will share a sermon series entitled, “Faces at the Cross”. It is based on The Reverend Dr. J. Barrie Shepherd’s book of the same title (Dr. Shepherd recently retired as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in New York City). It is a sermon series of how the people of Jesus’ day were impacted by seeing the Son of God hang on a cross for their salvation and the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor Stu preaching/ Ministry Team praying.

March 5, 2017 **HIGH PRIEST LOOKS AT THE CROSS** The high priest, Caiaphas, was probably
Sermon Series: “Faces at the Cross”
Communion John 11: 43-53 & Matthew 27: 41-43 the man most responsible for the death
1st Sunday Lent “It is expedient...that one man of Jesus. The response to Jesus’
should die for the people, and that the greatest miracle –the raising of Lazarus
whole nation should not perish.” v. 50 from the dead.

Ministry Team Praying

March 12, 2017	COMPELLED TO CARRY THE CROSS	Simon of Cyrene, a passerby, is
2 nd Sunday Lent	Sermon Series: "Faces at the Cross" Matthew 27: 27-37; Matthew 16: 24-26 "...and take up his cross and follow me..." v. 24	compelled to carry Jesus' cross. Must Jesus bear the cross alone? Disciples carry the cross of Jesus. The disciples who were not there!
Pastor Kay prays.		
March 19, 2017	SOLDIERS WHO MOCKED HIM	Soldiers who stood at the foot of the
3 rd Sunday Lent	Sermon Series: "Faces at the Cross" Matthew 27: 27-36 "Hail, King of the Jews!" v. 29	who mocked Jesus and gambled for his one earthly possession.
Pastor Stu prays.		
March 26, 2017	THE TOUGHEST MAN IN JERUSALEM	The Centurion at the foot of the cross
4 th Sunday Lent	Sermon Series: "Faces at the Cross" Matthew 27: 45-54 "Truly this was the Son of God!" v. 54	gives Jesus the worst but Jesus dies a strong and noble death. Behold the man!
Pastor Kay prays		
March 26, 2017 6:00 p.m.	COVENANT PRAYER SUMMIT Covenant Center	Unpacking Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.
April 2, 2017	TWO THIEVES AT THE CROSS	The two thieves to the left hand and
8:30 & 943 only	Sermon Series: "Faces at the Cross" Luke 23: 32 & 39-43	right hand of Jesus at Calvary.
April 2, 2017 Communion 11:00 a.m. only	IS IT I, LORD? Matthew 26: 17-29 "Is it I, Lord?" v. 21	A tableau of the Last Supper, roughly paralleling the depiction of Leonardo DaVinci. The ensemble consists of Jesus' disciples. Twelve faces about the Cross.
"Is it I, Lord?" is a play which is a representation of the Last Supper with the Lord Jesus. This tableau are the reflections of the twelve Christ chose, including Judas, who was to betray him. Communion follows. This Tableau is presented at the 11:00 a.m. service only. Communion and a sermon are presented at 8:30 and 943 services on this day.		
April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday 9:00 & 11am	WHAT THE DONKEY KNEW PALM SUNDAY Sermon Series: "Faces at the Cross" Luke 19: 28-40 "you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat..." v. 30	On Palm Sunday the events of Holy Week are viewed also by creation. The creation slays its Creator. What animals instinctively know...
Pastor Kay prays		

April 9, 2017
6:00 p.m. **COVENANT PRAYER SUMMIT**
Covenant Center Unpacking Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. The beginning of Holy Week begins with prayer.

April 13, 2017
Noon **Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil Communion Guest Preacher?????**
In the Chapel

April 13, 2017
Maundy Thursday
Communion **WHAT PILATE SAID ONE MIDNIGHT**
Matthew 27: 11-26 A first person sermon about the power in the blood of Jesus. Pilate's reflection on his part in sentencing an innocent man to death.
“(Pilate) took water and washed his hands before the crowd...” v. 24

This is a first person sermon where the preacher assumes the perspective of the person, in this case, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, and delivers the remarks in a first person monologue. The words, somewhat modified, are written by the great first person preacher, Dr. Frederick Bruce Speakman, of Third Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

April 14, 2017
Noon **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
Good Friday **A PHYSICIAN LOOKS AT THE CRUCIFIXION**
“At the Foot of the Cross” Pastor Kay preaching/looking medically at what happens to Jesus when He is dying on the cross.
John 19: 28-37

Pastor Stu praying

Our Good Friday service at the Foot of the Cross in the Commons Area. Begins at Noon and over prior to 1:00 p.m. “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross...”

April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday
8:30/943/11 am **THE BELOVED DISCIPLE**
John 19: 25-27 & John 20: 1-10 You are personally and spiritually present at the Garden Tomb on Easter. We are among the faces at the cross and by the Garden Tomb on Easter.
“the one whom Jesus loved”
John 20: 2