

April 2023



COVENANT

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**Sunday Morning Schedule  
11:00am in the Sanctuary**

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**Important Dates ...**

**New 2023 Office hours:**

**Rev. Dr. Sandlin:**

**M appt. only**

**W, Th., 9-3**

**Kate Baird: M-F, 9-3**

**Apr. 2: Palm Sunday**

**Apr. 5: Wed. Night Dinner,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Apr. 9: Easter Sunday  
and Pennies 4 Hunger**

**Apr. 11: Session Mtg.,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Apr. 12: Sierra Cub Mtg.**

**Apr. 14: Out of the Garden  
Project**

**Apr. 15: Unity Pet Blessing,  
main park lot, 12:00—2pm**

**Apr. 19: Wed. Night Dinner,  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Apr. 27: Fiddle & Bow con-  
cert, 7:30pm, Sanctuary**

**Apr. 29: Monthly Work Day,  
9:30am—12:00pm**

**Apr. 25: Fiddle & Bow Con-  
cert, Sanctuary, 7:00pm**

**Apr. 25: Cox Wedding,  
5:00pm, Sanctuary**

***Presbyterian Church of the Covenant***



**The Covenant Compendium**

***A Letter from Reverend Sandlin***

**Lines Written in Early Spring**

William Wordsworth

I heard a thousand blended notes,  
While in a grove I sate reclined,  
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link  
The human soul that through me ran;  
And much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,  
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—  
But the least motion which they made  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan,  
Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man?

Breathe in. Breathe out. Spring is here and Easter returns, each a reminder of renewal and new life. Notice it in the world around you; breathe it in. Spring and Easter remind us that in spite of what humanity has made of humanity in the past, there is potential for renewal and a better future. Breathe in. Breathe out. Be renewed.

PEACE! Mark

## ***Sunday Service Information, April 2023***

### **April 2:**

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley  
**Ushers:** Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

### **April 9: *Easter Sunday Communion* *Pennies 4 Hunger***

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley & Guests  
**Ushers:** Clara Kelly, Barry Barber

### **April 16:**

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley  
**Ushers:** Ann Finch, Charlie Finch

### **April 23:**

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley  
**Ushers:** Celia Starling, Frank Starling

### **April 30:**

**Music:** Stephanie Lindley  
**Ushers:** Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox



## ***Outreach & Fellowship & Other News***

A reminder about our ongoing monthly outreaches: the second Friday of every month at 2:00pm, our volunteers help pack boxes of donated foods for those experiencing hunger or food shortages, at the OOTGP warehouse. This month's effort takes place on Friday, April 10th. Contact Charlie Finch for details or to volunteer at : [tarheelcolonel@gmail.com](mailto:tarheelcolonel@gmail.com).

On the second Sunday of each month, we take up a special offering during our weekly Sunday service for the PCUSA hunger initiative, Pennies For Hunger. Please designate :P4H on the memo line of your checks; cash contributions are also welcome. This month's donation will be collected on Sunday, April 9th, which also happens to be Easter Sunday.

PCOC's Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper is held twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring an entrée, side, salad, dessert, and/or a beverage to share with our PCOC family. This month's dates are Wednesday, April 5th, and Wednesday, April 19th. Please help set up before the dinner, and/or clean up afterwards, as this effort truly takes a village. Financial donations are also accepted to help defray the cost of the meals, and are also used to hire someone to help with the set up and clean up process. Contact Vance Arnold at (336) 272-5736 to help out, so we can continue to offer this enjoyable gathering.

Join the Sunday book study: it's open to everyone and is ongoing, so you can read along and participate at your own pace. The group is currently discussing potential selections for the next study and seeks input from members. Contact Ann Finch for information: [ann.mcintosh.finch@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mcintosh.finch@gmail.com)

An April concert date has been added by the Fiddle & Bow group; on Thursday, April 27th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary, presenting musicians Gerry O'Connor and Kevin McElroy. PCoC will also host a e concert put on by the Fiddle & Bow group in May. Details will appear in future editions of the monthly newsletter.

## Session Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2023

### OLD BUSINESS

**Revisioning Update:** We have signed a letter of intent with Flywheel, so that the onus is on them to do what they have said they will do. Nancy has put together a statement that we have no conflicts of interest with their procedures, and will submit to the Session, on an ongoing basis, documents about the efforts made by both parties, so that they will be part of the record. We also need to get a new appraisal of the property.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Resource Committee:** Nancy presented a two-month summary report.

**Worship:** Brief discussion about whether to resume the monthly celebration of Communion; the committee will meet in a couple weeks to ponder this question.

**Spiritual Formation:** The Sunday Study Group has finished *Living the Questions* and will soon announce a new study book.

**Buildings and Grounds:** The Sanctuary doors have been repaired after numerous break-ins; room 210 is ready to rent and 211 is almost ready. With help from Mark Cable, we think we have solved a pesky water leak problem. Michael has already started mowing the grounds.

**Communications:** The committee is discussing issues related to livestreaming the comments held after the service is over and broadcasting has ended.

**Fellowship:** The committee has chosen 4 Sundays for Congregational luncheons: 26 March, 02 July (Ken Conrad memorial lunch), 27 August (Ice cream social), and Sept/Oct Stewardship luncheon.

**Outreach:** Work with the Out of the Garden Project continues every Friday; also continuing is our monthly Pennies for Hunger drive. In March, we held an Hour of Sharing fundraising drive, and in April or May, we will raise funds sufficient to purchase livestock or other materials for needy families.

**Congregational Care:** Fred reported 11 providers and 67 contacts



## Join us Online for Services and Fellowship

On Sundays at 11:00am, our service is broadcast live at these sites:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCar8ZVg434DF1uTtL86JEhg> (YouTube)

<https://www.facebook.com/PCoC.GSO/>

<https://www.facebook.com/revmarksandlin>

<https://www.facebook.com/marksandlin>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheChristianLeft>

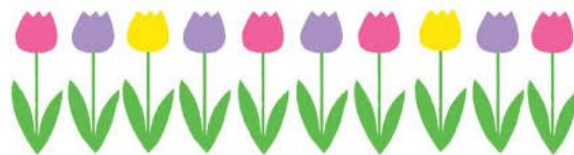
<https://www.facebook.com/christiansmisrepresented>

<https://www.facebook.com/thegodarticle>

And see us on Meetup.com at:  
[Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)

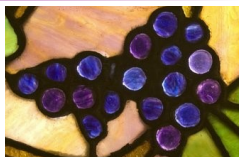


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