

*(As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please sign the attendance pads at the end of the pew and turn off/silence cell phones.)*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME

Don Hart

#### GREETING

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!  
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

#### PRELUDE

*“Christmas Reverie”*

Stairs

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD!  
People: **Praise the LORD from the heavens;**  
Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!  
People: **Praise him, sun and moon;**  
Leader: praise him, all you shining stars!  
People: **Let us praise the name of the LORD,**  
Leader: for he commanded and they were created.  
People: **Praise the LORD from the earth,**  
Leader: you sea monsters and all deeps,  
People: **Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!**  
Leader: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!  
People: **Young men and women alike,**  
Leader: old and young together!  
People: **Let us praise the name of the LORD,**  
**for his name alone is exalted;**  
**his glory is above earth and heaven.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 118

*“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God,  
People: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, the Word of the Lord that endures forever, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 417, vs. 1

*“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”*

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin.  
From earthborn passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.

#### \*THE PEACE

Leader: As people forgiven by the abundant grace of God, we are at peace with God, and we are called to live in peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those near you.

**\*\*Gateway to Worship** *(Children can meet the Gateway leader in the back of the sanctuary near the entrance doors.)*

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING (p. 201—NT)

Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

A Divine Runway

Cheryl Rice

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 450

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*“Prayer”*

Franck/Hopkins

#### \*DOXOLOGY # 606

*“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;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We thank you, God, for sending a star...  
...loving power and powerful love, saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: In sending Christ, the light of the world, ...  
Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

#### \*HYMN OF SENDING # 265

*“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

*“Majestic March”*

Percy & Willis

\*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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**\*\*Gateway to Worship** is our worship program for 4-year-olds through second graders. The Gateway leader will take the children to their classroom in the Fellowship Hall after the Congregational Response.

**Large-print Hymnals** are available in the back of the sanctuary; and **large-print bulletins** are on the table in the Narthex.

**Hearing Assist Devices** are located in the rear of the Sanctuary. Disposable ear buds are available for your convenience. They can be disposed after use in the labeled slot. **Please note**, only one ear bud receives signal, so please check both buds to determine that the unit is working. Contact the church office with any other issues.

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**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad you are here. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join with us in service to Christ.

*Please join us in the library immediately following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

**This morning we welcome Cheryl Rice to the pulpit.** Cheryl is a former member of Covenant for 33 years. This congregation lovingly “raised” her and her three children. She is a Commissioned Ruling Elder in the Holston Presbytery and currently attends First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport where she moved 8 years ago.

### 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Come forward with your Offering during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—TODAY!

Gather with us from 3p—5p this afternoon as we continue our travel to Italy from the comfort of the sofa and chairs in our Library.

### JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The JANUARY COURIER is on the table in the Narthex. If you receive it electronically, please check your email. There are also extra printed copies if you want one. Please be sure to read it! You will also be able to find the newsletter and January's calendar on our website next week: [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org).



**MEMBERS & REGULAR VISITORS:** Please pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes, which are on the table in the Narthex. If you would like envelopes for 2020, but don't see your name, please call Tina in the church office at 282-5324!

### THE LUNCH BUNCH IN JANUARY

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM at Carraba's Italian Grill, 175 Marketplace Dr. Contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641 for more information and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

### ATTN: COMMITTEE CHAIRS/LIAISONS

By now you should have received an email with your committee's 2018 Annual Report attached. Please revise it for 2019 and email it to Tina by **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**, for inclusion in Covenant's 2019 Annual Report. If you have any questions, please contact Tina at 282-5324 or [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org). Thank you!

### ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org). Getting started is easy—just click on the **Online Giving** link. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

### NAME TAGS

Please wear your name tag to make it easier to get to know each other. **If you don't find one with your name on it, please let us know!**

### COLD & FLU SEASON

There are *Purell hand sanitizers* located throughout the building. These were given to the church as a donation to help reduce the spread of illness during cold and flu season. So shake hands (or "fist bump") all you like, just stop by one of the hand sanitizers on your way out!

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday: 1:00p – 4:00p, Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00a – 4:00p**

**The office is closed on Friday.**

Note that voicemail messages are forwarded to the church email, which Tina can access at any time, so **if you have an emergency, PLEASE leave a voicemail.** Tina will return your call as soon as possible. 423-282-5324.

### TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:  
Liturgy prepared and arranged by:  
Liturgist:  
Section Leader:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Hal Hunter  
Shawn Hale

### CHURCH STAFF

Music Director:  
Office Administrator:  
Administrative Assistant:  
Custodian:  
Nursery Worker:

Jessica Siple  
Tina Simon  
Anne Webb  
Marie Britt  
Jeanne Gamble

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### Week of January 5—11, 2020

Mona Barron, who had surgery after falling and breaking her leg. She is recovering in the hospital (JCMC).  
Linda Sisk, who is in the hospital (JCMC) with severe cellulitis and had a pacemaker put in on Wednesday.  
Eddie Mullins, Holly Bland's father, who is out of the hospital and is recovering from internal bleeding (cause unknown).  
Cynthia Erdei, who is recovering from surgery.  
Steve Jones, a dear friend of Sharon Fuhrman, who has kidney cancer.  
Bob & Betty Thompson, Phyllis' parents.  
Michael & Karen, missionaries who are stationed in Afghanistan.

*Please remember those in our congregation who are homebound and unable to join us regularly in worship:*

Vi Block, Jeter Collins, Lattie Collins, Mary Derouen,  
Helen Fletcher, Glay Hood, Barbara Quisenberry, C.B. Willis

*Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:*

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan  
Jon & Kathy Christiansen: Zimbabwe

*and Ministries of the Presbytery:*

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry)  
Holston Presbytery Camp



In the event of emergency, be aware that our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit is located on the wall outside the front door of the Church Office.



Covenant Presbyterian Church is proud to have received the designation of being an Earth Care Congregation, through the PC(USA).

Covenant Presbyterian Church has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



### MISSION STATEMENT

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels; Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service; the Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ's will for our lives and the life of our church, and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.



# Covenant

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## JANUARY 5, 2020

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – JANUARY 12**

The theme for the January 12 After Church Lunch is **Soup and Sandwiches**. Comfort food guaranteed to warm your tummy and your heart on a cold day. Bring your crock pot and we'll plug it in. Bring your soup pot and we'll keep it warm on the stove. Bring sandwiches and we'll keep 'em as hot or cold as you like.

Thank you to those folks who have been signing up for snack fellowship, setting up the Fellowship Hall for meals, and pitching in to help with the all-important clean up. Thank you for your loving service to our church family.

### ***From the staff at Covenant,***

We would like to express our gratitude to all of you for your kindness and awesome generosity at Christmas time. It is our pleasure to serve such a selfless and generous congregation. Your concern for us and your respect of our work, our time, and our lives is much appreciated, all throughout the year. Peace and Blessings to you all,

*Jessica, Marie, Jeanne, Anne, & Tina*

## **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

### Today, Jan. 5

9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a/10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
<b>3:00p – 5:00p</b>	<b>Armchair Travelers</b>
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

### Monday, Jan. 6

<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Melting Pot</b>
5:00p	Christian Ed Committee Meeting (?)
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

### Tuesday, Jan. 7

<b>2:00p – 4:00p</b>	<b>Games in the Library</b>
5:00p – 9:30p	Foster Parent Training ( <i>F'ship Hall</i> )
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

### Wednesday, Jan. 8

<b>DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS!</b>	
9:00a – 1:00p	Garden Club ( <i>F'ship Hall</i> )
<b>1:30p</b>	<b>Friendship Circle</b> ( <i>library</i> )
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

### Thursday, Jan. 9

<b>8:00a</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
5:30p	Cub Scouts
<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Red Tent Circle</b> ( <i>at BJ's</i> )
<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Joy Circle</b> ( <i>at Anne's</i> )

### Friday, Jan. 10

Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting
6:30p	Al-Anon Meeting

### Saturday, Jan. 11

12:30p – 3:00p	CCL Meeting ( <i>library</i> )
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