

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

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

PRELUDE "Keep Me Ever Near"

Rick

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come with joy to meet our Lord,
Forgiven, loved and free.
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for us.
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one.
And strangers now are friends.
We are come to praise!
We are come to be fed!
We are come to worship the Lord!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
**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

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria Patri

*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.
Leader: 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

SERMON TEXT *(pg. 92—NT)*

John 1:35-51

SERMON Can anything good
come from Nazareth? Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 518

"Your Only Son"

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Opening Response

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
**People: There are different ways of serving God,
But it is the same Lord who is served.**
Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**
Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

The same Spirit

**who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

**to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

With believers in every time and place,

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

(Ordained Elders of the church are welcome to come forward at this time.)

Prayer for Ordination

Declaration for Ordination and Installation

Charge Heb. 12:1-4, 12-14

Welcome

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 ANTHEM "Jesus, the Light of the World"

*DOXOLOGY # 143 (v. 4) "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

*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...
...God of 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 upon us...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "The Glory of God" Hyser

*For those who are able, please stand.

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****Gateway to Worship** is our worship program for 4-year olds through first 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.

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.

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.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

This morning **Don Coble, Jon Fales, and Claudia Rosselot** are being ordained as Ruling Elders and installed for 3-year terms on the session of Covenant Presbyterian Church. **Mary O’Keeffe** will be installed for a 3-year term on session. Together we express our gratitude to **Shaunda Fales, Mary Jane Kelley, and Mike Lee** for their faithful and generous service over the past three years.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

The theme for this month’s After Church Lunch is **Soup and Sandwiches**. Doesn’t that sound like wonderful wintery lunch fare? Please bring your tasty favorites to share at our fellowship tables!

As always, your help is needed with cleanup. Please pitch in. Don’t be shy and think you aren’t needed **because you are!** Just pop into the kitchen after lunch and ask what you can do to help. We’ll let you know how to help and we’ll be grateful for that help. Many hands *really do* make light work.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION—JANUARY 28

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held following worship on **Sunday, January 28th**. Highlights of 2017 will be reviewed, the 2018 budget will be presented, and we will elect members of the church Nominating Committee as well as officers of the corporation. Please plan to attend! It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what’s happening at Covenant.

NAME TAGS

If you are a member or a regular visitor, or even if you have just started coming to Covenant, you *most likely* have a name badge hanging on the wall in the Narthex. We’re asking **everyone** to wear their name tags while at the church 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!**

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



TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgy written by: the Rev. Pat Willard
Liturgist: Frankie Wolff
Accompanist: Anne Smith
Interim Choir Director: Dustin Odom
Nursery: David/Sharon Miller

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul Helphinstine
Office Administrator: Tina Simon
Administrative Assistant: Shirley Barrett
Custodian: Marie Britt
Nursery Worker: Jeanne Gamble

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have placed someone on the prayer list, please contact the office with a brief update regarding the name you submitted or let us know that it’s ok to remove that name from the list.

Week of January 7—13, 2018.

Jerry Nagel, who is having back surgery on Monday.
Jean Freeman, Bill’s mother, who is in the hospital with respiratory and heart issues.
Butch Carr, who continues chemotherapy.
Jan Paveglio, who is recovering from surgery.
Betty Maletich, who is recovering from a stress fracture in her leg and knee.
Martha Francis, Ann Freeman’s mother, who is recovering at home after her recent fall.
Kendall Harris, who is battling an ongoing illness.
Frank Wolff, Ed’s brother, who is under hospice care.
Barbara Kirkpatrick, Frankie Wolff’s sister, diagnosed with Alzheimer’s.
Debbie DeMay, Victory’s cousin in Rochester, NY, suffering with ALS.
Virginia McGuire, Lucy Terry’s sister, who has stage 4 cancer.

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

Vi Block; Jeter Collins, Helen Fletcher

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

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



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).

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.

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January 7, 2018—Epiphany Sunday Ordination and Installation of Elders



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

2000 years later, we are still tempted to judge by external appearances.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."...

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK (ALSO SEE “THIS WEEK AT COVENANT):

- **Following worship** – UN-Greening of the Church
- **2p – 6p** Awakening the Dreamer (Fellowship Hall)
- **3p – 5p** Armchair Travelers
- **Monday: 6–8p** Black/White Dialogue Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- **Wed.: 6p** GROW (Library)
- **Thurs.: 2p – 4p** Bridge/Other Games (Library)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Friendship Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 9** at 1:30 PM in the Church Library.

Joy Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 16** at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom in the hallway near the Sanctuary.

Red Tent Circle will meet on **Thursday, January 18** at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane (791-0254).

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering of “The Lunch Bunch” will be on **Wednesday, January 17, at 11:30 AM at Ruby Tuesday**, 1208 Harris Drive (off State of Franklin across from ETSU). **Contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.



Members & Regular Visitors:

Your **2018 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a box of envelopes for 2018, but don’t see your name, please call or e-mail Tina in the church office!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Are you an elder and are you available and willing to help **serve communion** during 2018? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

We also need **ushers** every week. Sign up in the Narthex.

Thank you for your awesome response last year to signups for **After Church Fellowship Snacks!** The 2018 signup sheet is posted in the Narthex. We will not have snacks on the weeks that no one signs up, but the Congregational Life Committee will prepare beverages. If you bring snacks and there’s no one around to receive them, just put them on the service cart in the kitchen and the Committee will gratefully take it from there and get them to the library for you.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, January 7

9:45a

Sunday School

11:00a

Worship Service

followed by Un-Greening of the Church

2:00p – 6:00p

Awakening the Dreamer

3:00p – 5:00p

Armchair Travelers

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Monday, January 8

12 – 2:00p

A Few Preachers Lunch (Library)

6:00p

Vision Meeting

6:00p – 8:00p

Black/White Dialogue Dinner

7:00p

NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

1:30p

Friendship Circle

6:00p

Worship Committee Meeting

6:30p

BABMOC Meeting

6:30p

Cub Scouts

7:00p

Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

6:00p

GROW

6:30p

SAFG

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Thursday, January 11

8:00a

Men’s Bible Study

Noon

Al-Anon Meeting

2:00p – 4:00p

Bridge/Other Games

6:00p

CoDA Meeting

Friday, January 12

1:30p

N.A. Meeting

Saturday, January 13

12:30p

CCL Meeting