

(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

Mary O'Keeffe

GREETING

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

People: **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

People: **worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

People: **the voice of the LORD is powerful;**

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,

People: **and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

People: **the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God,

People: **in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.**

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from the burden of past sins.

Remind us of the promises of our baptism and empower us to live into those promises that we may be your people,

and live together in grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 169, v. 1 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

*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.

CHILDREN'S EARTHCARE MOMENT

Hal Hunter

****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

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(p. 670—NT)*

Isaiah 42:1-9

GOSPEL READING *(p. 3—NT)*

Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jesus' Baptism

Rev. Lee Clements

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 96 *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Leader: Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

People: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

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.

(continued)

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. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism

[You are welcome, at this time, to come forward to the Baptismal Font, touch the water, and remember your baptism. If you are unable to come forward, but would like to remember your baptism, please raise your hand and water will be brought to you by the pastor.]

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 SOLO

"Mary On A Mountain"

Beal/Carter

*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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 159

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

Notes: *All music reprinted under CCLI license*

****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.

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.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – TODAY!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for After Church Lunch. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

This morning we welcome back to the pulpit the Rev. Lee Clements. Lee, a native of Louisville, KY, earned her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (LPTS). She served churches in Lexington, KY, and Martin, TN, until her retirement in 2015. Before attending seminary, Lee completed a career as a U.S. Naval officer. She is married to Stuart, a retired U.S. Naval aviator, who is a ruling elder and deacon in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

CELTIC EVENSONG—SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

(The date for this evening worship service announced in the newsletter has been moved to January 26. Please put the new date on your calendar.)

Join us on Sunday, January 26 at 5:30 PM for Celtic Evensong, a worship service in the Celtic tradition. The service will be followed by a time for refreshments and conversation.

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN JANUARY

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, January 15th 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.



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!

ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at 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/Soloist:
Gateway:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Ron Smith
Shawn Hale
Madden
Pat Smith

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 12—18, 2020

C.B. Willis, who suffered a fall recently, but is still at home.
Mona Barron, who is at Princeton for rehab in room 614. Visitors welcome.
Earle Barron, who has pneumonia but is at home. No visitors, please.
Don Wolf, Julie Wood's father, who has been ill and lacking in energy.
Linda Sisk, who has been at JCMC with heart issues and cellulitis.
Cynthia Erdei, who is recovering from surgery.
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.

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JANUARY 12, 2020
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

EPIPHANY SERVICE AT 4 PM TODAY!

Please join us in the Sanctuary at 4:00 PM this afternoon for the **3rd Annual Epiphany Festival of *Sonshine***, a worship experience based on Epiphany and organized by Carolynn Bailey of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. This special service will feature choirs from several churches. A reception will follow. Everyone is invited!

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—JANUARY 18

Join us Saturday, January 18th for **Finding Neverland**, the story of J.M. Barrie's platonic relationship with a widow and her children – the story that inspired the writer's most beloved story, *Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up*. **Finding Neverland** stars Johnny Depp as J.M. Barrie and Kate Winslet as Sylvia Lewellyn Davies, with cameo appearances by Dustin Hoffman and Julie Christie. Running time:106 minutes. Rated PG.

MOM POWER COMING BACK TO COVENANT!

For 10 weeks, beginning Friday, February 7th, Covenant will work with Families Free and the ETSU Department of Psychology to provide Mom Power for the 3rd year in a row at our facility. This program provides a weekly meal, parenting education and childcare to struggling young mothers and their small children. It has made major impacts on the lives of the families already served because of its nurturing and intensive approach.

We need YOU to help us make it the nurturing experience it is meant to be. Please call or email Julie Wood (904-891-1922 or woodfamily5@bellsouth.net) if you are able to join us in any of these areas: meal prep, hospitality, transportation, and/or childcare. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE DATES FOR 2020

February 17 & 18

May 4 & 5

August 24 & 25

November 30 and December 1

**Please contact Don Coble for further information
and to volunteer to help in 2020!!**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Jan. 12

9:30a – 9:55a

9:45a/10:00a

11:00a

Following worship

Following worship

4:00p

7:00p

Monday, Jan. 13

1:00p

1:00p

6:00p

6:00p – 8:00p

7:00p

Tuesday, Jan. 14

2:00p – 4:00p

5:00p – 9:30p

7:00p

Wednesday, Jan. 15 – COURIER DEADLINE

12:30p

6:00p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, Jan. 16

8:00a

Noon

5:30p

Friday, Jan. 17

Noon

1:30p

6:30p

Saturday, Jan. 18

7:00p

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

After Church Lunch (*F'ship Hall*)

Session Meeting (library)

Epiphany Service

N.A. Meeting (*F'ship Hall*)

A Few Preachers Having Lunch (*library*)

Congregational Life Committee Meeting (*pastor's office*)

Hermitage Manor Board Meeting (*F'ship Hall*)

Black/White Dialogue at Carver

NarAnon Meeting (*library*)

Games in the Library

Foster Parent Training (*F'ship Hall*)

Al-Anon Meeting (*library*)

The Lunch Bunch at Carraba's

Handbell Practice

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting (*F'ship Hall*)

Men's Bible Study (*F'ship Hall*)

Al-Anon Meeting (*library*)

Cub Scouts (*F'ship Hall*)

CoDA Meeting (*library*)

N.A. Meeting (*F'ship Hall*)

Al-Anon Meeting (*library*)

Saturday Night at the Movies (*library*)