

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,
“Glory!”
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!
Come and Worship! Come and Worship!
Worship God! Worship the Holy Spirit!
Worship God's beloved Son in whom God is well pleased!

Psalm 29, The God of Glory, a doxology

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 612

“We Praise You, O God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
forgive us when we are arrogant, and teach us humility.
Forgive us when we are careless,
and teach us to live with attention.
Forgive us when we are selfish and self-centered,
and teach us to expand our interests
to include others and ‘the other’ among our concerns.
Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners,
to seek and save the lost.
May we, who have been baptized in his name,
never turn away from the world,
but reach out in love to rescue the wayward;
by the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember that you are baptized. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
and called to live as baptized people of the kingdom.
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 688 (vs. 5)

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”
Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

*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

Gwen 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. 672—OT)

Isaiah 43:1-7

GOSPEL READING (p. 60—NT)

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

SERMON An Outward Sign of an Inward Change Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 285 *“Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song”*

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.
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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology # 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 297

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*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.

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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.

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!

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering of “The Lunch Bunch” will be on **Wednesday, January 16th, at 11:30 AM at Moto’s Japanese Restaurant**, 2607 N. Roan St. **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.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

JANUARY 19 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY

To welcome the New Year, join us for **Calendar Girls** on Saturday, January 19 at 7:00 PM. After the death of her best friend's husband, Yorkshire housewife Chris Harper (Helen Mirren) hatches a scheme to raise money for a memorial in his honor. Utilizing a tradition from the Woman's Institute Association, Chris encourages Annie (Julie Walters) and their friends to create a calendar -- with a novel twist. Based on a true story. Calendar Girls is rated PG-13. We'll see you at the movies!

MOM POWER RETURNS!

We again have the opportunity to serve alongside ETSU Psychology and Families Free to help struggling mothers in our community through this high-intensity, once-a-week, 10-week-long, parenting program. We will host the mothers and Mom Power counselors every Tuesday starting in February. The Mom Power team will meet for training on February 5, with the mothers and children beginning on February 12. Please call Julie Wood at 904-891-1922 if you can help with child care, meals and/or transportation. If you would like to help specifically with the meals, please call Gwen Hunter directly at 423-612-6559.

This program was a wonderful success here last year, with the women reporting feeling loved and supported by our church members. You will be blessed by getting involved. Thank you! *Julie*

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!

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: Ann Freeman
Nursery: Julie Wood

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul Helphinstine
Music Director: Jessica Siple
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. This will help us pray more specifically and be more intentional in our prayers for one another. Thank you.

Week of January 6—12, 2019.

Ivy Finn, infant daughter of friends of Dave & Julie Wood, who has a severe heart condition and has had 3 surgeries so far. Ivy had a heart cath on Wednesday and did very well.

Carl Hughes, Margie McGonagle’s husband, who is in ICU stepdown at the VA.

Martha Francis, Ann Freeman’s mother, who is recovering from serious heart and lung issues.

Lori Simon, Tina’s sister, who is recovering from pneumonia.

Charlan Freundl, Stacy Larsen’s mother, who has been diagnosed with ALS.

Vi Block, who has been in rehab for blood clots in her legs.

Carrie Beth Swanay, Betsy Moakler’s cousin, whose cancer has spread.

Bob Hart, who has been ill and is asking for prayer to regain his energy.

Kendall Harris, who is continues treatment for his blood condition.

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

Vi Block, Butch Carr, Jeter Collins, Lattie Collins,
Mary Derouen, Helen Fletcher, Barbara Quisenberry,
Audrey Thompson, CB Willis

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 13, 2019 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that all who are baptized into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;
for he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, FEB. 3, FROM 3—5 PM

The Chili Gathering

Building on the success of “The Gathering” in October, pastors from several churches are preparing chili to serve at the Carver Recreation Center (322 W. Watauga Ave.) on Sunday, February 3rd from 3:00—5:00 PM. Although the weather may be “chilly” on the first Sunday of February, The Chili Gathering promises to be a warm and friendly gathering. Please plan to join us! Look for more details in next week’s bulletin.

****2018 Giving Statements can be found on the table in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up your envelope.****

ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at 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.*



Members & Regular Visitors: Your **2019 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a box of envelopes for 2019, but don’t see your name, please call or e-mail Tina in the church office! *(Several of you have told me that you don’t need envelopes this year. If they are on the table, I apologize. Please mark an “X” through your name and I will remove them. Thanks, Tina.)*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

The office is closed on Friday.

Messages may be left on the church voicemail at any time, 423-282-5324. Press “2” to leave a message for Tina; press “1” for Paul.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Jan. 13

9:30a – 9:55a

10:00a

11:00a

12:30p

following lunch

7:00p

Monday, Jan. 14

8:30a

Noon – 2:00p

6:00p – 8:00p

7:00p

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – COURIER DEADLINE

8:30a

6:30p

7:00p

Wednesday, Jan. 16

11:30a

The Lunch Bunch at Moto’s Japanese Restaurant

GROW will begin next week.

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, Jan. 17

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

Friday, Jan. 18

Noon

1:30p

Saturday, Jan. 19

7:00p

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

After Church Lunch

Session Meeting

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

A Few Preachers Having Lunch

Black/White Dialogue (Carver Park)

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Cub Scouts

Al-Anon Meeting

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Men’s Bible Study this week

Al-Anon Meeting

Bridge & Games in the Library

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Saturday Night at the Movies (Library)