

## 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

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
**your judgments are like the great deep;**  
**you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**  
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
**All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
**and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
**in your light we see light.**  
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
**and your salvation to the upright of heart!**  
**Let us worship the Lord, our God.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 662

*“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of possibilities,  
forgive our clinging to impossibilities.  
Your freedom causes us to tremble,  
for you become unmanageable and unpredictable  
by our deductions, definitions, and calculations.  
When we seek to reduce you, you dance beyond our grasp.  
When we decide to make you head of our committee,  
you don't attend the meetings.  
**Lord, help us to discover the wonder of your ways  
and find our delight in your freedom. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is this:  
Christ entered the world to free us, to accept us, and to love us,  
to love us into being the women and men we were created to be.  
Friends, through the love of Christ,  
we are forgiven and welcomed home.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 314 (chorus)

*“Christ, Be Our Light”*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

#### \*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.

#### CHILDREN'S EARTHCARE MOMENT

**\*\*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. 93—NT*)

John 2:1-11

SERMON

Water to Wine

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 534

*“Now the Silence”*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.**

#### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology # 607

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

#### GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF SENDING # 265

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

\*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!

This morning we welcome **Andrew Counts** as our **guest accompanist.**

#### NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Next Sunday, January 21, Covenant will welcome our new Director of Music, Jessica Siple.** Throughout Jessica's career, she has served the Church as a Director of Christian Education, Organist, Choir Director, and Children's Choir Director in Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee in several denominations. Jessica holds a B.A. from Meredith College, has done five years of piano graduate studies at Middle Tennessee State University, and has done advanced training in Suzuki Method Piano.

As Covenant's Music Director, Jessica will provide organ and piano accompaniment, choir direction, bell choir direction, music selection (in partnership with the pastor), and oversight of the Children's Choir (in partnership with Anne Smith).

We are so excited to welcome Jessica and to support her as she shares with us her experience and talent, and as she helps us to build on the beautiful, musical foundation that exists at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please help us welcome her. Jessica will direct her first Chancel Choir practice this coming Wednesday evening at 7 PM, so if you've been looking for a good opportunity to join or rejoin the choir, this is it!

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION—JANUARY 28

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held following worship on **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**\*\*2017 Giving Statements can be found on the table in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up your envelope.\*\***



**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!

#### Gentle Reminder:

The **deadline** for articles, etc., for the February issue of the Courier is **Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>!**

## CHURCH KEYS

In order to provide our new elders with keys to the church, we're asking anyone who **no longer has need** of theirs to return it to the church office. We have no more extras and want to avoid the added expense of having more made. Thank you!

## MOM POWER

Covenant has a wonderful opportunity to partner with Families Free and ETSU Psychology Department in implementing **Mom Power**, a trauma-informed parenting and self-care skills group designed for mothers of young children (ages 0-5). This 10-week program begins here at Covenant on **Tuesday, February 6. Please call Julie Wood at 423-328-0788 if you would like to be a part of this exciting outreach.** Specifically, we are looking for people to help prepare the noon meal, and others to provide transportation. More information is available in the Narthex or in the church office. Thank you!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Friendship Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, January 16** 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.

## GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING – JANUARY 28

This month's Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, January 28**. They need: **cereal, hot/cold, including baby cereal**. Thanks for your generosity!

## THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE AT TUSCULUM

**When?** Tuesdays in February (6, 13, 20, & 27) at 10:00 AM

**Where?** Chalmers Conference Center at Tusculum

The 2018 Theologian-in-Residence series will join with people around the world in commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. To make reservations, call 423-636-7303 or e-mail [bsell@tusculum.edu](mailto:bsell@tusculum.edu) or visit <https://web.tusculum.edu/church/theologian-in-residence/> for more details. There are also brochures on the table in the Narthex.

## 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 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.



## TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:  
Liturgy written by:  
Liturgist:  
Guest Accompanist:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Cynthia Erdei  
Andrew Counts  
Emily Helphinstine

## CHURCH STAFF

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

Rev. Paul Helphinstine  
Jessica Siple  
Tina Simon  
Shirley Barrett  
Marie Britt  
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. Updates can be submitted on a weekly basis or, if the need is singular and temporary, the name and the concern will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. This will help us pray more specifically and be more intentional in our prayers for one another. Thank you.*

## Week of January 14—20, 2018.

Jerry Nagel, who is recovering from back surgery.  
Jean Freeman, Bill's mother, who has moved from the hospital to Hillview Health Center in Elizabethton.  
Butch Carr, who continues chemotherapy.  
Betty Maletich, who is recovering from a stress fracture in her leg and knee.  
Martha Francis, Ann Freeman's mother, who continues to recover 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.

## 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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**January 14, 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus did this,  
the first of his signs,  
in Cana of Galilee,  
and revealed his glory;  
and his disciples believed in him.

## **HUMOR ME! – JANUARY 21 FROM 3 – 5 PM**

Laughing is good for your health, so the idea behind this group is to laugh, have fun and feel better! We are using a variety of humor resources and we look forward to laughing with you! **We meet in the church library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 3p – 5p.** Everyone is welcome.

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

The new year has begun and with that comes the need for **ushers** and for **elders to volunteer to serve communion**. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please use them to let us know when you will be available to help out. Many thanks.

**After Church Refreshments:** The Congregational Life Committee will provide lemonade and coffee. We're asking members of our church family to buddy up and provide snacks. You'll find a Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex. Grab a friend, sign up, and provide some very **SIMPLE** snacks. We'll have snacks only on the days folks sign up, but we'll always have beverages. Please step forward and sign up to provide snacks for this important time of fellowship with your church family and the visitors among us.

❁ The **2018 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board in the hall outside the sanctuary. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary to honor or remember someone or a special occasion. (Ordering instructions are posted next to the calendar.) ❁

### **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

#### Today, January 14

#### **Covenant at Family Promise January 14 - 21**

9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
<b>12:30p</b>	<b>After Church Lunch</b>
1:30p	Session Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

#### Monday, January 15

#### **COURIER DEADLINE**

7:00p	NarAnon Meeting
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#### Tuesday, January 16

<b>1:30p</b>	<b>Friendship Circle</b>
6:30p	Cub Scouts
<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Joy Circle</b>
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 17

<b>11:30a</b>	<b>The Lunch Bunch at Ruby Tuesday</b>
<b>6:00p</b>	<b>GROW</b>
6:00p	Handbell Choir (?)
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

#### Thursday, January 18

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
<b>2:00p – 4:00p</b>	<b>Bridge/Other Games</b>
6:00p	CoDA Meeting
<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Red Tent Circle</b>

#### Friday, January 19

1:30p	N.A. Meeting
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