

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!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you love us,
but we have not loved you.
You call,
but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
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.

****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. 692—OT*)

Isaiah 62:1-5

GOSPEL READING (*p. 93—NT*)

John 2:1-11

SERMON

Water to Wine

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 156

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

*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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Ron Smith

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“The Prayer”

*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 # 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*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.

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.

****2018 GIVING STATEMENTS** can be found on the table in the Narthex. Help us save postage—be sure to pick up your statement today!***

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION—JANUARY 27

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held following worship next **Sunday, January 27th**. Highlights of 2018 will be reviewed, the 2019 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.

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*

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, FEB. 10, 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 10th from 3:00—5:00 PM. (*note date was change!*) 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 today's bulletin insert.**

GROW—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

GROW will begin a new book and discussion on **Wednesday, January 23rd**. The book is *Prayer, Does It Make Any Difference?* by Philip Yancey. Cost is \$10 each. Books are on the table in the office.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—JAN. 27

The Good Sam Offering will be received next Sunday, January 27. This month they need: **Cereal! Lots and lots of Cereal!** Thank you, as always, for your continuing generosity to this important local mission organization.

NEW COFFEE FOR A NEW YEAR

Two new drip-grind coffees are available on the **EQUAL EXCHANGE** coffee cart. Try a new variety or stock up on your old favorites. Check out the SALE shelf.

♦ **ORGANIC MAMA TIERRA COFFEE:** These one-pound bags of medium roast coffee are from the heart of Oaxaca, Mexico. Proceeds support work of Catholic Relief Services to restore and protect coffee communities across southern Mexico and Central America with clean water, healthy soil and resilient farmers.

♦ **ORGANIC SISTERS' BLEND COFFEE:** With these one-pound bags, Equal Exchange honors women coffee farmers who are active in their cooperative and women across faith-based denomination in the U.S. who advocate for small farmers.

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** will be on the table in the Narthex again this week. After today, they will be in the church office. 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!

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.

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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy written by:
Liturgist:
Soprano:
Baritone:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Ron Smith
Liz Dollar
Joe Gumina
John Deaton

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 Jan. 20—26, 2019.

Reg Murphy, who had successful knee replacement surgery on Wednesday.
Ivy Finn, infant daughter of friends of Dave & Julie Wood, who has a severe heart condition and has had 3 surgeries so far. Ivy recently had a heart cath and did very well.
Carl Hughes, Margie McGonagle's husband, who is home recovering.
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).

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



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JANUARY 20, 2019
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the light of the world.
May your people,
illuminated by your Word and Sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

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On March 31, 1968, just days before his assassination, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words from the pulpit of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.:

“We must face the sad fact that at eleven o’clock on Sunday morning when we stand to sing ‘In Christ there is no East or West,’ we stand in the most segregated hour of America.”

We don’t have to look very far in our world, and sadly in our own community, to realize that not much has changed since Dr. King spoke these words over fifty years ago. Realizing that we don’t want our children and grandchildren to regretfully say the same thing fifty years from now, representatives from Thankful Baptist Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church began meeting together a few months ago to create an event to remind us that the Church is best when the Church is whole. That event is simply called **The Gathering**.

The Gathering is a small step, but a significant one, where we seek to know, not just our neighbors, but our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Johnson City. **The Gathering** is an intergenerational, inter-racial FUN event where we will laugh together, play together, sing together, and of course EAT TOGETHER. Many churches have been invited and all are welcome as we seek to regain even just a glimpse of the Church that Jesus had in mind.

Building on the success of our first “The Gathering” in October, pastors from several churches are honing their skills for a church chili cookout! The pastors from a number of local congregations are either preparing or assisting in the preparation of chili to enter into the contest. The Chili Gathering will take place at the Carver Recreation Center (322 W. Watauga Ave.) on Sunday, February 10th 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 event.

All I ask now is that you put **The Gathering** on your calendar. Plan to attend, and plan to celebrate the joy, the beauty, and the richness of the Church of Jesus Christ with friends in Johnson City. The Chili promises to be good, too! Come to **The Chili Gathering!**

Blessings,

Paul

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Jan. 20

9:30a – 9:55a

10:00a

11:00a

1:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Monday, Jan. 21

8:30a

7:00p

Tuesday, Jan. 22

8:30a

6:30p

7:00p

Wednesday, Jan. 23

6:00p

No Handbell Choir

6:30p

No Chancel Choir

7:00p

Thursday, Jan. 17

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

Friday, Jan. 18

Noon

1:30p

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

N.A. Area Meetings

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Cub Scouts

Al-Anon Meeting

GROW

SAFG

N.A. Meeting

Men’s Bible Study this week

Al-Anon Meeting

Bridge & Games in the Library

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting