

(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

Don Coble

GREETING

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

People: **whom shall I fear?**

Leader: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

People: **of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the LORD,

People: **that will I seek after:**

Leader: to live in the house of the LORD

People: **all the days of my life,**

Leader: to behold the beauty of the LORD,

People: **and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter

People: **in the day of trouble;**

Leader: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

People: **he will set me high on a rock.**

Leader: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

People: **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,**

Leader: be gracious to me and answer me!

All: **“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 401

“Here in This Place”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: I bind unto myself today

People: **the power of God to hold and lead,
God's eye to watch, God's might to stay,
God's ear to hearken to my need,
the wisdom of my God to teach,
God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
God's heavenly host to be my guard. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new!

People: **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

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(p. 166—NT)* 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

GOSPEL READING *(p. 3—NT)* Matthew 4:12-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Call and Response Rev. Lee Clements

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 726 *“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967, 9.20, 9.22, 9.31*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

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 *“This Is My Father's World”* Mary McDonald

*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 # 757 *“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”*

*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.

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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.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION—JAN. 26

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**. Highlights of 2019 will be reviewed, the 2020 budget will be presented, and we will elect members of the church Nominating Committee as well as officers of the corporation. Please join us! It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what's happening at Covenant.

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

We hope you will join us 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.

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/email Julie Wood at 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

Covenant's next opportunity to serve with Family Promise will be the week of February 16, 2020. The specific days that we are responsible for are Monday, Feb. 17th and Tuesday, Feb. 18th. On both of those days we need to provide an evening meal and 2-3 people to host. Hosting involves setting up the meal, clean up after and then being there to visit with the guests if they wish to talk. The time of service would be from 5:30-8:30. Covenant also provides two overnight hosts, but Ann Freeman and Matt Cary have already agreed to fill those positions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve a much-underserved population. These folks are working hard to recover from a series of personal and economic "catastrophes" and the Family Promise organization offers them a helping hand to get back on their feet.

The last time we did this one of the Sunday school classes took a night and one of the Women's Circles took the other. We can use either group or individual volunteers. If you have never done this before, Patti or I would be glad to give you some guidance and we have written training material provided by Family Promise.

Please feel free to contact me either by phone (423-483-6493) or email at dwcoble1@gmail.com

Don Coble

Family Promise volunteer coordinator

2020 THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE

Wading Into the Prophetic Tradition

Theologian-In-Residence at Tusculum University will meet on Wednesdays (not Tuesdays) during February 2020. The dates are February 5, February 12, February 19, and February 26. Each session begins at 10:00 AM, followed by a luncheon at 12:15 PM. There are no fees for this event, however donations for Theologian-In-Residence are greatly appreciated. For more information or to make reservations, you may email nrader@tusculum.edu or call 423-636-7303. There are brochures available on the table in the Narthex.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us as we lift up our church, community and world missions at our weekly time of intercessory prayer. We meet before the Sunday School hour at 9:30 AM in the High School Classroom next to the Fellowship Hall entrance from the office.



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!

NOTE: If you didn't pick up your 2019 Giving Statement last week, it has been mailed to you. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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:
Gateway:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Mischele Hart
Shawn Hale
Julie Wood
David/Sharon Miller

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 26—February 1, 2020

C.B. Willis, who is at NHC for rehab following foot surgery.
Suzanne Vesterfelt, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.
Mona Barron, who has been at Princeton for rehab in room 614.
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.
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, Helen Davis, 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

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!**



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 26, 2020

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

NEWSLETTER

The **FEBRUARY COURIER** may be on the table in the Narthex. If not, it will be mailed/ emailed to you early this week. Please be sure to read it! You will also be able to find the newsletter and February's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

COVENANT AV CLUB

It has been suggested on numerous occasions that it would be helpful to have a group of men and women who are knowledgeable about the operation of Covenant's various audio/visual equipment. With that thought in mind, we are asking for volunteers. This would not be a full-time commitment, but you would be used on more of an on-call or as-needed basis. Hal Hunter has graciously volunteered to share his knowledge with us and we welcome anyone else who has special knowledge in these areas that they are willing to share. The training would include the audio equipment in the Sanctuary, setting up the projector, the various TV's we have and any other equipment that I don't know about that makes a sound or shows a picture.

So if you are, were, or always wanted to be, an A/V geek, please contact me at dwcoble1@gmail.com. The date and time of the training will be set depending on the response. I don't envision this requiring a huge time commitment.

Don Coble

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN FEBRUARY

The first Wednesday, **February 5**, we will meet at **12:30 PM at Yum Sushi Burrito and Poke**, 1735 W. State of Franklin. 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.

The third Wednesday, **February 19**, we will meet at **12:30 PM at Logan's Roadhouse**, 3112 Brown's Mill Rd. Please contact **Carlyn Sue Hoffman at 202-7281** for more information and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Jan. 26

9:30a – 9:55a
9:45a/10:00a
11:00a
12:15p
5:30p
7:00p

Monday, Jan. 27

5:00p
7:00p

Tuesday, Jan. 28

2:00p – 4:00p
5:00p – 9:30p
7:00p

Wednesday, Jan. 29

6:00p
7:00p
7:00p

Thursday, Jan. 30

8:00a
Noon
5:30p

Friday, Jan. 31

Noon
1:30p
6:30p

Weekly Prayer Group
Sunday School
Worship Service

Annual Meeting of the Congregation (F'ship Hall)
CELTIC EVENSONG (Sanctuary)
N.A. Meeting (F'ship Hall)

UKirk Meal
NarAnon Meeting (library)

Games in Library/Bridge in Classroom
Foster Parent Training (F'ship Hall)
Al-Anon Meeting (library)

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)