

(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

Pat Smith

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 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,
my soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
People: **my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
Leader: Happy are those who live in your house,
People: **ever singing your praise.**
Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
People: **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**
Leader: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
People: **give ear, O God of Jacob!**
Leader: Behold our shield, O God;
People: **look on the face of your anointed.**
All: **For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 159

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
People: **Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**
**O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.**
**For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
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

ANTHEM *“For Where Love Is, There Is God”* Douglas Wagner

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(p. 219—NT)* Hebrews 2:14-18

GOSPEL READING *(p. 59—NT)* Luke 2:22-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Brian Alderman

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 146

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the
Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“We Bow Down”

Twila Paris

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and joyful ...
...joining our voices with the residents of Heaven, saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, ...

...we remember the mystery of our faith:

All: **Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Blessed is your Holy Spirit, ...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 545

“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

*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.

ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

Clayton “C.B.” Willis, Jr. —January 29, 2020

*The congregation expresses its deepest
sympathy to the family of C.B. Willis.*

Please join us in the library immediately following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Come forward with your Offering during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

This morning we welcome to the pulpit Dr. Brian Alderman. Dr. Alderman, a native of Galax, VA, serves as Chaplain and Associate Professor of Religion at King University. He has taught at McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Lee University, and Hiwassee College. He also served as pastor of Madisonville Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, TN, and as chaplain at Hiwassee College. Brian lives in Bristol, TN with his wife, Monica, and their daughter, Ella Kate.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—TODAY!

Gather with us from **3p—5p this afternoon** as we continue our travel from the comfort of the sofa and chairs in our Library.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The **FEBRUARY COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex, so if you have not already received it via email, please pick up your copy. There are extra copies on the table if you want a printed one, but **first look to see if there's one with your name on it.** You will also find the newsletter and February's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org. Please be sure to read it as **MUCH** of the information you need to know about for February is in the Courier and may **NOT** be in this week's bulletin!

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.

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.

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!

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgy prepared and arranged by: the Rev. Pat Willard
Liturgist: Don Coble
Section Leader: Shawn Hale
Gateway: Victory Cooper
Nursery: Philip Hagelberg

CHURCH STAFF

Music Director: Jessica Siple
Office Administrator: Tina Simon
Administrative Assistant: Anne Webb
Custodian: Marie Britt
Nursery Worker: Jeanne Gamble

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week of February 2—8, 2020

Mona Barron, who has moved to Hillview Rehab in Elizabethton.
Suzanne Vesterfelt, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.
Don Wolf, Julie Wood's father, who has been ill and lacking in energy.
Linda Sisk, who has heart issues and cellulitis.
Bob & Betty Thompson, Phyllis' parents.
Lori Simon, Tina's sister, whose scan results showed the tumor in her brain and the one under her arm have both grown. Doctors are pushing for more radiation treatments. The chemo-induced peripheral neuropathy in her feet and her hands continues to worsen.
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

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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FEBRUARY 2, 2020 **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,
you have set a table before us,
and called us to feast with you.

Prepare us in mind and spirit
to worship you with whole hearts,
and to honor your Son,
our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PW CIRCLES IN FEBRUARY

The **Red Tent Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King.

The **Friendship Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, February 12** at 1:30 PM in the church library.

The **Joy Circle** will meet on **Thursday, February 13** at 7:00 PM at the home of Anne Smith.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – FEBRUARY 9

The theme of the February 9 After Church Lunch will be Deep South. We're going back to traditional Southern cuisine for dishes like chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, greens, squash casserole, dressing, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, pecan pie, pound cake, etc... You get the idea.

NEW ADDRESS

Harry Powell

3207 Bristol Hwy., #319, JC, TN 37601

Cell: 423-612-2628. (No landline)

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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Feb. 2

9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a/10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
3:00p – 5:00p	Armchair Travelers (Library)
7:00p	N.A. Meeting (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)

Monday, Feb. 3

10:00a	Melting Pot
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting (<i>library</i>)

Tuesday, Feb. 4

2:00p – 4:00p	Games in Library/Bridge in Classroom
5:00p – 9:30p	Foster Parent Training (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>library</i>)

Wednesday, Feb. 5

9:00a	Garden Club (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)
10:00a	Tusculum-In-Residence (<i>Tusculum</i>)
12:30p	The Lunch Bunch at Yum Sushi Burrito & Poke
6:00p	Handbell Practice
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)

Thursday, Feb. 6

8:00a	Men's Bible Study (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>library</i>)
5:30p	Cub Scouts (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)
6:30p	Franklin Sq. Condo Mtg. (<i>library</i>)
7:00p	Red Tent Circle

Friday, Feb. 8

10:00a – 2:00p	Mom Power
Noon	CoDA Meeting (<i>classroom</i>)
1:30p	N.A. Meeting (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)
6:30p	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>library</i>)

Saturday, Feb. 9

12:30p	CCL Meeting (<i>library</i>)
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