

## 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

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing  
**on this church in this place.**  
Here may the faithful find salvation,  
**and the careless be awakened.**  
Here may the doubting find faith,  
**and the anxious be encouraged.**  
Here may the tempted find help,  
**and the sorrowful be renewed.**  
Here may the aged find consolation  
**and the young be inspired.**  
**Here may we worship together,**  
**and love each other.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 275 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you**  
**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**  
**help us amend what we are,**  
**and direct what we shall be,**  
**so that we may delight in your will**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,  
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 169, vs. 1 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

#### 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. 698—OT) Jeremiah 1:4-10

GOSPEL READING (p. 61—NT) Luke 4:14-30

SERMON Rejection Rev. Paul Helphinstine

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 722 *"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"*

\*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 ANTHEM *"Be Thou My Vision"*

\*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

#### 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 # 306 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

#### \*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.*

### 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.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

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

### **\*\*DESCENT AND TRANSFORMATION\*\***

#### **\*\*THE CHILI GATHERING\*\***

\*\*Please read about these upcoming events in your bulletin insert and make plans to join us on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10a—2p and Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 3p—5p!!

## 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](http://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 Lunch Bunch gathers at various restaurants on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 11:30 AM. **Please contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

**Wed., Feb. 6: O'Charley's**, 112 Broyles St.

**Wed., Feb. 20: Zaap Lai** (Thai and Laotian cuisine), 2244 N. Roan St.

## BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The next Black/White Dialogue meeting is on **February 11**, from 6—8:00 PM, at the Carver Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC. Details in Courier.

## PW CIRCLES IN FEBRUARY

- The **Joy Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, February 12** at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom in the hallway near the Sanctuary.
- Due to conflict with Theologian in Residence, the next meeting of **Friendship Circle** will be on **WEDNESDAY February 13** in the Church Library at **1:30 PM**. Estelle Armistead will lead the discussion of Chapter 5, and Linda Sisk will be our hostess.
- The **Red Tent Circle** will meet on **Thursday, February 14** at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King.

## CHILDREN'S EARTH CARE MOMENTS

Covenant Presbyterian Church is a certified Earth Care Congregation. As part of our certification, we provide Earth Care Children's Moments once a month during worship. If you are interested in offering a small Earth Care moment to our young ones in 2019, please contact the church office at [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org), or speak to Ann Freeman.

## ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at [cpcjc.org](http://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.*



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.



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.

## TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:  
Liturgy written by:  
Liturgist:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Ed Wolff  
Jane 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. **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.*

## Week of Feb. 3—9, 2019.

Robbi Meluso, Tina's mom, who is in ICU in California in very serious condition.  
Alice Schmitz, Bill Hyers' sister, who is in rehab after being hospitalized last week with pneumonia.  
Nina Cockerham, Donna Bridwell's 90-year-old mother, who had hip surgery and is in very poor health.  
Dave Benner, who will begin treatment for recurrence of lymphoma.  
Jim Paveglio, who is suffering from cancer as well as stage 4 kidney failure.  
David DeWeese, who has been in Bristol Regional Medical Center.  
Reg Murphy, who has been in rehab recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
Carl Hughes, Margie McGonagle's husband, who is recovering at home.  
John and Allison Sharpe's (Harry Powell's daughter) one-month-old goddaughter is in the ICU with a serious cardiac issue. Please lift up baby Emersyn and her parents, Heidi and Katie.  
Ivy Finn, infant daughter of friends of Dave & Julie Wood, who has a severe heart condition. Ivy's life-saving heart surgery was scheduled for Jan. 29.  
Bonnie Mae Miller, Marie Britt's sister-in-law, who has been in the hospital and may have to be placed in assisted living.  
Martha Francis, Ann Freeman's mother, who is recovering from serious heart and lung issues.  
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 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, CB Willis

***Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:***

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan  
Jon & Kathy Christiansen: Zimbabwe

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**FEBRUARY 3, 2019**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Worship Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, February 6 at 9:30 AM.** This meeting is open to anyone who might be interested in joining this committee.

### BEAR ANOTHERS BURDENS MINISTRY OF CHRIST

Help! BABMOC is looking for folks from Covenant to serve on our Board. You can be involved as much or as little as you want. There is not a skill-set that we do not need. Tasks we could use help with include jobs like stuffing envelopes, helping organize events, school curriculum review, business accounting skills, and digital media, among others. If you think you are being called to be a part of another cause to help others, or are ready to make a change in your volunteer work, contact Matt Cary at [mcarymd@aol.com](mailto:mcarymd@aol.com), 423-737-5379 or Virginia Farr at [Vsfarr@aol.com](mailto:Vsfarr@aol.com), 423-914-8140. or Like us on Facebook: Isaac's Dream for Liberian Kids Babmoc or visit us at [www.babmoc.org](http://www.babmoc.org).

### 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2018 Annual Report is available in pdf form on the church website, [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org). Click on the tab labeled "MORE" to find it. There are a few printed copies in the office should you want one. We didn't print as many copies this year in order to support our commitment to being an Earth Care congregation.

### 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, Feb. 3

9:30a – 9:55a

10:00a

11:00a

**3:00p – 5:00p**

7:00p

Monday, Feb. 4

8:30a

**10:30a**

7:00p

Tuesday, Feb. 5

8:30a

**10:00a**

**Noon – 4p**

4:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Wednesday, Feb. 6

9:30a

**11:30a**

**6:00p**

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, Feb. 7

**8:00a**

Noon

**2:00p – 4:00p**

6:00p

Friday, Feb. 8

Noon

1:30p

**\*\*Saturday, Feb. 9\*\***

**10:00a – 2:00p**

12:30p

**\*\*Sunday, Feb. 10\*\***

**3:00p – 5:00p**

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

**Armchair Travelers**

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

**Melting Pot**

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

**Theologian-in-Residence**

**Mom Power training day (Library)**

Communications Committee Meeting

Cub Scouts

Property Committee Meeting

Al-Anon Meeting

Worship Committee Meeting

**The Lunch Bunch at O'Charley's**

**GROW**

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

**Men's Bible Study**

Al-Anon Meeting

**Bridge & Games in the Library**

Franklin Square Condo Board Mtg.

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

**Descent and Transformation (F'ship Hall)**

CCL Meeting (Library)

**The Chili Gathering (Carver Park)**