

## 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 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**  
For the LORD is a great God,  
**and a great King above all gods.**  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
**the heights of the mountains are his also.**  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
**and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**  
**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,**  
**and the sheep of his hand. Let us worship our God.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 494 (v. 1, 2, 4 & 5)    *“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”*

#### 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 # 626

*“As the Deer”*

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

#### \*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.

**\*\*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. 94—NT*)

John 4:1-32

SERMON

Woman at the Well

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 182

*“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**  
**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,**  
**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**  
**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,**  
**whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God;**  
**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**  
**teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,**  
**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,**  
**eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,**  
**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**  
**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain**  
**and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,**  
**breaking the power of sin and evil,**  
**delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,**  
**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**  
**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

\*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

### 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...

...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 great 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 # 65

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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\*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.

*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.

◆ If you did not pick up a February Courier last week, or receive one in the mail or via email, please pick up a copy today. It has expanded details on all this month's events!! It is also available on our website at [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org). ◆

- ◆ The next gathering of "The Lunch Bunch" will be on **Wednesday, February 7, at 11:30 AM at Ruby Tuesday**. Contact **Victory Cooper at 282-4641** if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.
- ◆ Please join us in the Library **this afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for Armchair Travelers!**
- ◆ **Next Sunday, February 11**, we will have a **special joint Sunday School** session at 9:45 AM with **Jon & Kathy Christiansen**, our missionaries in Zimbabwe. Come and learn more about the Christiansens and their work. There will be coffee & donuts!!
- ◆ **Also next Sunday, February 11**, we invite you to our **After Church Lunch!** The theme this month is a new one: **Asian!** Share your favorite Japanese, Chinese, Thai, Korean, etc., dish at our community table in the Fellowship Hall. It's BYOC (bring your own chopsticks), if you have good eye/hand coordination. Domo arrigato in advance!
- ◆ **On Ash Wednesday, February 14**, the Worship Committee is hosting a light lunch (soup) followed by an Ash Wednesday service. We will begin serving **lunch at 11:30, followed by the service at 12:15(ish)**. Please join us for this special time as we observe the beginning of the Lenten season. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex.
- ◆ Our **Annual Senior Brunch** will be on **Friday, February 23 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. If you would like to join us, please **sign-up in the Narthex** (or by contacting the church office) **by February 19<sup>th</sup>**. Visitors are urged to join us and get to know more of the folks at Covenant and share in the fellowship. You don't have to be a "senior"!! Our promise to you is that for **\$4.00/person** (payable at the door), you will get a home-cooked breakfast that is **unbeatable** and a whole lot of fun. Hope to see YOU there.
- ◆ Being a liturgist should be more than reading words on a page. Liturgists are worship leaders! If you enjoy helping to lead worship as a liturgist or would like to begin helping in this important way, then you are invited to join us at Covenant, in the library, on **Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm for a Liturgist Workshop and Training** led by Rev. Pat Willard. This is an opportunity to grow deeper in your understanding of what we do in worship, and what it is that makes our worship unique. It is also an opportunity to learn how to be a better leader in worship. So, whether you're a liturgist on a regular basis or you've never been one before but would like to, please plan on joining us. There will be coffee, breakfast snacks, and doughnuts. Grow deeper in your faith and work at Covenant.

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES (ALL ARE WELCOME!)**

The **Red Tent Circle** meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**. The next meeting will be on **Thurs., February 8, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King**, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King: 423-791-0254.)

The **Friendship Circle** meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**. The next meeting will be on **Tues., February 13, at 1:30 PM in the Church Library**. (Contact for this Circle is Sally Nagel: 423-928-0853.)

The **Joy Circle** meets on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month**. The next meeting will be on **Tues., February 20, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler: 423-314-7143.)

### **TODAY AT COVENANT**

Morning Greeter:  
Liturgy written by:  
Liturgist:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Christian Zembower  
Knechtel

### **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.*

#### **Week of February 4—10, 2018.**

Mark Jones, who had an appointment at Duke to determine the best treatment for his eye, which had become very painful.  
Madeleine Wood, Dave & Julie's 4-mo.-old granddaughter, who isn't gaining weight as she should. Also prayers for her mother, Tristan.  
Janet Powell, who is recovering from having a pacemaker implanted.  
Butch Carr, who is finished with chemo and is waiting for kidney surgery.  
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.  
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.

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.

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**February 4, 2018**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**



### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.**

*John 4:28-30*

### REV. DR. BARBARA EDEMA'S NEW BOOK

Rev. Dr. Barb Edema, longtime friend of Covenant, recently published her **THIRD** book, entitled *For Richer or Poorer: Book Three in the Pastor Maggie Series*. Her **second** book, *To Love and To Cherish: Book Two in the Pastor Maggie Series* has been updated to include a new character and a fun new storyline. All 3 of her books are available in both paperback and Kindle edition on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and on <http://www.pen-l.com/ForRicherForPoorer.html>.

We will **not** be selling the books at Covenant on the day Barb visits (April 8), but if you'd like one to read ahead of time, we will be placing a **group order** through the church directly to the publisher; the price will be **\$14.75/book**. (Direct price is \$15.97 + s/h.) If you'd like to be included in that order, we need you to do two things. **Deadline to sign up is February 25.**

- (1) There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please place your name on the sheet along with the number of copies of each book you'd like to order. (Barb's first and second books are available, too.)
- (2) There is an envelope attached to the sheet where you can place your payment. Please make your check payable to "Covenant Presbyterian Church" and note "Edema Book" on the memo line.

You can also sign up and pay through the church office.

**This ONE-TIME order will be placed on Tuesday, February 27.**

### GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, February 25**. This month they need: **SOUP**. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

### BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Black/White Dialogue will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, February 12, from 6—8:00 PM**. The discussion will be facilitated by the local Neighborhood Reconciliation Services, including the concern of schools being the pipeline to correctional institutions and disparage in the educational system. Neighborhood Reconciliation Services, Inc. works with courts, schools, institutions of higher learning, law enforcement agencies, churches, correctional institutions, various organizations, and neighborhoods to introduce the practice of Restorative Justice to the community as an effective instrument of conflict resolution. Everyone is invited to this discussion. Please come, and bring a friend!

### 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!**

### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

#### Today, February 4

9:45a

11:00a

12:30p

**3:00p**

7:00p

#### Monday, February 5

**10:30a**

7:00p

#### Tuesday, February 6

10:00

**11:00a**

5:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

#### Wednesday, February 7

9:30a

**11:30a**

**6:00p**

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

#### Thursday, February 8

8:00a

Noon

**2:00p – 4:00p**

6:00p

6:00p

7:00p

#### Friday, February 9

1:30p

#### Saturday, February 10

12:30p

Sunday School

Worship Service

Confirmation Class

**Armchair Travelers**

N.A. Meeting

**Melting Pot**

NarAnon Meeting

Theologian-in-Residence at Tusculum

**Mom Power**

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Cub Scouts

Property Committee Meeting

Al-Anon Meeting

Garden Club

**The Lunch Bunch** at Ruby Tuesday

**GROW**

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

**Bridge/Other Games**

CoDA Meeting

"Hope Grows" Cancer Support Group

Red Tent Circle

N.A. Meeting

CCL Meeting