

*(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** Mary O'Keefe

#### 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 112

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,

**People: who greatly delight in his commandments.**

Leader: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

**People: the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

**People: they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

**People: who conduct their affairs with justice.**

Leader: For the righteous will never be moved;

**People: they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings;

**People: their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.**

Leader: Their hearts are steady,

**People: they will not be afraid.**

Leader: They have distributed freely,

**People: they have given to the poor;**

Leader: their righteousness endures forever;

**People: their horn is exalted in honor.**

**All: Praise the LORD!**

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 667** *"When Morning Guilds the Skies"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Creator of love and forgiveness,

**People: we do not believe that you see us as miserable sinners, but we know that sometimes we fail you.**

**You have commanded us to love others as we love ourselves, yet sometimes we fail to love ourselves.**

**At other times, we allow self-love to become self-centeredness.**

**When that happens, we no longer place you at the center of our lives, and we can no longer be channels of your love, reaching out to your children close at hand and far away.**

**Forgive us for loving you and ourselves too little.**

**Open us to the most powerful love in the universe, that you may fill our lives and guide our decisions and footsteps, in the name of the greatest gift of love ever given. Amen.**

Sarah Enos Brown from

*Let Us Pray: Reformed Prayers for Christian WORSHIP*, Geneva Press.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are loved, we are forgiven, and we are encouraged to be the people Christ calls us to be!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 555** *"O Lamb of God"*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us, lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

#### **\*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.

**CHILDREN'S EARTHCARE MOMENT** Ann Freeman

**\*\*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** *"Then Sings My Soul"* Mary McDonald

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (p. 688—OT) Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

**GOSPEL READING** (p. 4—NT) Matthew 5:13-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Some Work Remains Rev. Daniel Kreiss

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 377** *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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 Solo** *"It Is Well With My Soul"* Craig Courtney

**\*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 # 65** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

#### **\*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.

**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.

*The congregations expresses its deepest sympathy to Jeanne Gamble and her family in the death of Jeanne's son, Mike Gamble, on February 5, 2020.*

### AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – TODAY!

**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for After Church Lunch.** We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

**This morning we again welcome the Rev. Daniel Kreiss to the pulpit.** Dan has served as the director of the Youth Ministry degree and the Dean of the Peeke School of Christian mission at King University from January 2005 – May 2019. He was ordained in the Holston Presbytery in March of 2018 after completing his M Div at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan College. He is currently completing his D Min at Portland Seminary in Leadership in Global Perspectives and anticipates graduating in May 2020. Dan is the father of 4 amazing children and the husband of Cindy for nearly 30 years. They currently reside in Bristol, TN, but with the completion of his time at King are open to see what God has in store for this next season of their lives.

### FAMILY PROMISE—URGENT PLEA

We are still in need of some volunteers to cover our Family Promise night on **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. We need help preparing a simple meal; I will get the details on the families participating about a week before, and one or two volunteers to act as hosts for the evening. Meals are served around 5:30 and the hosts need to stay until 8:30, when the overnight hosts arrive. I am planning to participate on Tuesday evening, but I really need some help. If you or your group is interested in participating in this enriching mission, please contact me at [dwcoble1@gmail.com](mailto:dwcoble1@gmail.com) or 423-483-6493

*Don Coble*

Family Promise volunteer coordinator

### CORRECTIONS TO THE FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- The Joy Circle is back to meeting on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of the month. This month they will meet on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at the home of Anne Smith, 239 N. Gilmer Park, 423-929-1604.
- The Friendship Circle is not meeting in February.

### THE LUNCH BUNCH IN FEBRUARY

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.

### GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, February 23**. This month they need: **SOUP. Cans, packets, liquid, dry.** Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

### 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.

### 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: 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.

### 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 prepared and arranged by:  
Liturgist:  
Section Leader/Tenor:  
Gateway:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Kathi Cary  
Shawn Hale  
Madden  
Pat Smith

### 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 February 9—15, 2020

Kristen Johnson, friend of Betsy Moakler, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Jan Paveglio, who had knee surgery on Thursday.

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 is still in ICU and is getting better.

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, Linda Sisk

***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!**

### ONLINE GIVING!

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



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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## **FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

## **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Everlasting God,

in whom we live and move and have our being:

You have made us for yourself,

so that our hearts are restless

until they rest in you.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,

that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,

no weakness keep us from doing it;

that in your light we may see light clearly,

and in your service find perfect freedom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

Join us in the library on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for **Somewhere in Time**, a story of love that transcends time, starring Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeve, co-starring Christopher Plummer.

While staying at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Richard Collier, a successful playwright, becomes obsessed with a photograph taken in 1912 of a young woman, Elise McKenna, a woman he met in 1972. Is time-travel possible? According to this story, when love is strong enough, anything can happen. *1980, Rated PG running time: 103 minutes*

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

We will mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary**. Please join us for a service of contemplation and reflection.

### **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

#### Today, Feb. 9

|                                 |                                     |
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| 9:30a – 9:55a                   | Weekly Prayer Group                 |
| 9:45a/10:00a                    | Sunday School                       |
| 11:00a                          | Worship Service                     |
| <b><i>following worship</i></b> | <b>After Church Lunch</b>           |
| 1:30p                           | Session Meeting                     |
| 7:00p                           | N.A. Meeting ( <i>F'ship Hall</i> ) |

#### Monday, Feb. 10

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| 1:00p                | A Few Preachers Having Lunch ( <i>library</i> )  |
| <b>6:00p – 8:00p</b> | <b>Black/White Dialogue (<i>Carver Park</i>)</b> |
| 7:00p                | NarAnon Meeting ( <i>library</i> )               |

#### Tuesday, Feb. 11

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| <b>2:00p – 4:00p</b> | <b>Games in Library/Bridge in Classroom</b>   |
| 5:00p – 9:30p        | Foster Parent Training ( <i>F'ship Hall</i> ) |
| <b>7:00p</b>         | <b>Joy Circle (<i>at Anne Smith's</i>)</b>    |
| 7:00p                | Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>library</i> )            |

#### Wednesday, Feb. 12

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| 10:00a | Tusculum-In-Residence ( <i>Tusculum</i> ) |
| 6:00p  | Handbell Practice                         |
| 7:00p  | Chancel Choir                             |
| 7:00p  | N.A. Meeting ( <i>F'ship Hall</i> )       |

#### Thursday, Feb. 13

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| <b>8:00a</b> | <b>Men's Bible Study (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)</b> |
| Noon         | Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>library</i> )            |
| 5:30p        | Cub Scouts ( <i>F'ship Hall</i> )             |

#### Friday, Feb. 14

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| <b>10:00a – 2:00p</b> | <b>Mom Power</b>                    |
| 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. 15

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| <b>7:00p</b> | <b>Saturday Night at the Movies (<i>library</i>)</b> |
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