

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

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

from Psalm 138

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 1 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grant unto us, O God,
the fullness of your promises.
Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;
where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;
where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;
where we have been dead, grant us your life.
Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing,
in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, remember that each one of us is made in the image of God.
As such, and with God's help, we are sufficient for our calling.
We are cleansed and made new through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord!
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 169, vs. 2 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them,
without a word rise up and follow thee.

*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. 635—OT)* Isaiah 6:1-8

GOSPEL READING *(p. 62—NT)* Luke 5:1-11

SERMON Let Down Your Nets Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

*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.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory Anthem "For Love Shall Be Our Song" D. Wagner

*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 # 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

*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.

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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:

David Bright Benner—February 1, 2019

The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Sharon Benner in the death of her husband, Dave, to Eileen Madden and LaVerne Castillo in the loss of their father, and to all of the Benners, Maddens and Castillos in their time of loss.

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

THE CHILI GATHERING—TODAY FROM 3P—5P

Building on the success of our first "The Gathering" in October, pastors from several churches are honing their skills for a church chili cook-off! The pastors from a number of local congregations are either preparing or assisting in the preparation of chili to enter into the contest. **The Chili Gathering will take place at the Carver Recreation Center (322 W. Watauga Ave.) today from 3:00—5:00 PM.** Although the weather may be "chilly", The Chili Gathering promises to be a warm and friendly event.

The Gathering is a small step, but a significant one, where we seek to know, not just our neighbors, but our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Johnson City. The Gathering is an intergenerational, inter-racial FUN event where we will laugh together, play together, sing together, and of course EAT TOGETHER. Many churches have been invited and all are welcome as we seek to regain even just a glimpse of the Church that Jesus had in mind.

Plan to attend, and plan to celebrate the joy, the beauty, and the richness of the Church of Jesus Christ with friends in Johnson City. The Chili promises to be good, too! Come to The Chili Gathering!

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—FEBRUARY 24

The Good Sam Offering will be received on Sunday, February 24. This month they need: **Soup! Canned and dry; single-serve and family-sized!** Thank you, as always, for your continuing generosity to this important local mission organization.

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.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

FEBRUARY 16 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY

Join us Saturday, February 16 at 7:00 PM for a post-Valentine's Day showing of *Sleepless in Seattle* (1993, rated PG), starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, written and directed by Nora Ephron. After the death of his wife, Sam Baldwin (Tom Hanks) moves to Seattle with his son, Jonah (Ross Mallinger). When Jonah calls in to a talk-radio program to find a new wife for his father, Sam grudgingly gets on the line to discuss his feelings. Thousands of women, including Annie Reed (Meg Ryan) hear Sam speak and fall for him. Unsure where it will lead and inspired by *An Affair to Remember*, Annie writes Sam a letter asking him to meet her at the Empire State Building on Valentine's Day. Bring a snack to share if you like and remember, we'll save you a good seat!

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN FEBRUARY

The Lunch Bunch gathers at various restaurants on the 1st and 3rd 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. 20: Zaap Lai (Thai and Laotian cuisine), 2244 N. Roan St.

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!

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 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.



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
Kathi Cary
Maureen 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. This will help us pray more specifically and be more intentional in our prayers for one another. Thank you.

Week of February 10—16, 2019.

Ivy Finn, infant daughter of friends of Dave & Julie Wood, who has a severe heart condition. Ivy's life-saving heart surgery is scheduled for Feb. 11.
Tracy Stanfiel, Sharon Miller's sister, who is having a difficult time recovering from bilateral knee replacements.
Robbi Meluso, Tina's mom, who is recovering after having a colectomy.
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.
Jim Paveglio, who is suffering from cancer as well as stage 4 kidney failure.
David DeWeese, who continues to recover from his hospitalization.
Reg Murphy, who is home, 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, Erersyn, and her parents, Heidi and Katie.
Bonnie Mae Miller, Marie Britt's sister-in-law, who is back in the hospital after a heart attack and stroke.
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,
Audrey Thompson, 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 10, 2019
5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Like Isaiah, like Simon Peter, and like all the others who go before us, we are called in the midst of our daily lives to serve in God's mission for the world. Cast your nets, write your papers, teach your students, balance financial accounts, design the buildings, pour the concrete, make the lattes, lead the meetings, administer the IVs, answer the phones, sing the arias. Do what you know how to do, and Jesus will use it to draw others into the kingdom of God.

-Lauren Dow Wagner, published in *The Christian Century*

NEEDED FOR 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, or speak to Ann Freeman.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2018 Annual Report is available in pdf form on the church website, 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.

ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at 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.*

VISITING FAMILY

Tina will be out of town from **Feb. 12 thru Feb. 26**. She will be back in the office on Feb. 27. Shirley Barrett will be in the office during this time.

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. 10

9:30a – 9:55a
10:00a
11:00a
12:30p
3:00p – 5:00p
7:00p

Monday, Feb. 11

8:30a
Noon
6:00 – 8:00p
7:00p

Tuesday, Feb. 12

8:30a
10:00a
11:30 – 4p
6:30p
7:00p
7:00p

Wednesday, Feb. 13

1:30p
6:00p
6:00p
6:30p
7:00p
7:00p

Thursday, Feb. 14

8:00a
Noon
2:00p – 4:00p
7:00p

Friday, Feb. 15

Noon
1:30p

Saturday, Feb. 16

7:00p

Weekly Prayer Group
Sunday School
Worship Service
Session Meeting
The Chili Gathering (Carver)
N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting
A Few Preachers Having Lunch
Black/White Dialogue (Carver)
NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting
Theologian-in-Residence
Mom Power
Cub Scouts
Joy Circle
Al-Anon Meeting

Friendship Circle
GROW
Handbell Choir
SAFG
Chancel Choir
N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study
Al-Anon Meeting
Bridge & Games in the Library
Red Tent Circle

CoDA Meeting
N.A. Meeting

Saturday Night at the Movies