

*(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

Hal Hunter

#### GREETING

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!  
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 282

*"Come Down, O Love Divine"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord  
People: **when we drift in the wrong direction, when we allow privilege to numb us, when we allow complexity to paralyze us, when we allow labels and slogans to blind us, when we allow conformity to imprison us, when we allow discouragement to defeat us, when we allow people to be reduced to objects.**

**Wake us up, we pray, reorient our journey, set us on your path, open our eyes that we may see privilege as a tool to use for good, complexity as a challenge to be solved, labels and slogans in their rightful place, conformity as useful but not obligatory, failure as an opportunity to learn, and people as our brothers and sisters. Make us truly your people, sheep of your pasture, citizens of the world and members of your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and free to redirect our lives!  
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.

**\*\*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 *"This Is My Father's World"* arr. Mary McDonald

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*p. 186—OT*) Deuteronomy 30:15-20

GOSPEL READING (*p. 4—NT*) Matthew 5:21-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Godly Decisions Rev. Daniel Kreiss

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 697

*"Take My Life"*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 Solo *"Because Of Who You Are"* Farrell/Smiley

\*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 (*see insert*)

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

#### \*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 flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been given to the glory of God and to celebrate Claudia Rosselot having taken the oath of allegiance to become a United States citizen this week.*

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

**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.

### 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 **next Sunday, February 23**. This month they need: **SOUP. Cans, packets, liquid, dry.** Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

### 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.

### AFTER CHURCH LUNCH IN MARCH

The March After Church Lunch has been moved up to **March 1<sup>st</sup>** so that we can welcome our new Interim Pastor, Dr. Michael Phoenix, with a tasty meal and fellowship after worship. We've chosen a theme favorite for this day. **Italian!** Lasagna, spaghetti pie, antipasto, garlic bread, salad caprese, or meatballs, maybe? It's guaranteed that your favorite will be someone else's favorite, too!

To help welcome Michael, there will be baskets of cards, envelopes, and pens on the tables at the After Church Lunch. Everyone is encouraged to either bring a note to place in the basket on their table or use the note cards provided to say, **"Welcome to Covenant!"**

### SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MARCH 8

The Local & Worldwide Missions Committee invites you join us on **Sunday, March 8 during the Sunday School period** to meet with Father Tim Holder of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Elizabethton. Father Tim will tell us about the exciting **Latin X mission** that their church is involved in and discuss ways that we can partner with them in that mission. We plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall and snacks will be provided.

### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Join us for prayer in the High School room. We meet to lift up to the Lord concerns of our church family, our community and our world. Sundays before Sunday School at 9:30 AM.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join us in Sunday School as we explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. We are using Brian McLaren's book We Make the Road by Walking. Email Dave Wood if you have any questions. Woodfamily5@bellsouth.net. 10:00 AM. Classroom off the Fellowship Hall.

### 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.

### 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.*

### 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/Soloist:  
Gateway:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Hal Hunter  
Shawn Hale  
Julie Wood  
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 16—22, 2020

Dave & Julie Wood's grandson, Maximus, who was hospitalized this week with pneumonia.  
Don Wolf, Julie Wood's father, who has moved to rehab to build up his strength. He celebrated his 90th birthday this week!  
Kristen Johnson, friend of Betsy Moakler, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.  
Jan Paveglio, who is recovering from knee surgery at NHC.  
Mona Barron, who has moved to Hillview Rehab in Elizabethton.  
Suzanne Vesterfelt, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.  
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. She will undergo radiation under her arm for 3 weeks, 5 days a week. The enlargement of the brain tumor may be from scar tissue. 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!**



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 16, 2020**

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

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dear God,

silence all voices within our minds but your own.

Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.

May our prayers be joined  
with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,  
that together we may glorify your name  
and enjoy your fellowship forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

