

(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

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God,
who revealed the law to Moses.
People: **The Lord our God is holy!**
Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God,
who has spoken through the prophets.
People: **The Lord our God is holy!**
Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God,
who came to us in Jesus Christ.
People: **The Lord our God is holy!**
Leader: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts.
People: **The Lord our God is holy!**
Leader: The one who comes and does not keep silence
now speaks in our midst.
People: **The Lord our God is holy!**
All: **Now we have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
The Lord our God is holy!**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of Compassion,
People: **in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in
our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
Believe the good news.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
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 TIME

Rev. Edward Wolff

****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 *“Amen, Amen”* arr. Lloyd Larson

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*p. 236—OT*) 2 Peter 1:16-21

GOSPEL READING (*p. 18—NT*) Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Listen Rev. Edward Wolff

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 456

“Listen, God Is Calling”

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Leader: O Lord our God, you are great indeed...

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 *“Give Me Jesus”* arr. Mark Hayes

*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 # 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

*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.

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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.

This morning we welcome the Rev. Edward Wolff to the pulpit.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

NO COMMUNION IN MARCH

The **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will not be celebrated during Lent.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—MARCH 1ST

The March After Church Lunch has been moved up to **next Sunday, March 1st**, 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!”**

[As always, we need and value help with cleanup after our church lunches. Many hands really DO make light work. See you in the kitchen.]

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MARCH 8: 9:45—10:45 AM

The Local & Worldwide Missions Committee invites you join us on **Sunday, March 8, during the Sunday School period (9:45—10:45)** 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 will meet in the Fellowship Hall and snacks will be provided.

NEWSLETTER

The **MARCH COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex. **Please be sure to read it!** You will also find the newsletter and March's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

THANK YOU!

The Local and Worldwide Missions Committee would like to thank the **Red Tent Circle** and the **Joy Circle** for their generous donation of time and effort in support of the Family Promise Mission this week. We would also like to thank **Ann Freeman** and **Matt Cary** for their willingness to serve as over-night hosts. The families involved were able to experience the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ by their presence. Thanks again for your willingness to serve.

Our next opportunity to support **Family Promise** will be **the week of May 3rd**. Please mark this date on your calendar and consider being a part of this worthwhile mission.

Local and Worldwide Missions Committee

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!**

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!

A TIP FROM TINA

If you are on our e-mail distribution list, **please** check your SPAM or JUNK file often. Several of you told me that you discovered e-mail from Covenant in those folders instead of your Inbox. Please get in the habit of checking your SPAM or JUNK folder on a regular basis, as there is no way for me to prevent that from happening. Thanks.

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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
Ron Smith
Shawn Hale
Gina Long
Philip Hagelberg

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 23—29, 2020

Sharon Miller, who is recovering after knee replacement surgery.
Dave & Julie Wood's grandson, Maximus, who is recovering at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia.
Lori Simon, Tina's sister, who will begin a round of radiation on Feb. 24.
Kristen Johnson, friend of Betsy Moakler, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
Suzanne Vesterfelt, who has esophageal cancer and has started chemo.
Don Wolf, Julie Wood's father, as he continues to recover.
Bob & Betty Thompson, Phyllis' parents.
Linda Sisk, who is at Cornerstone in room 603. Visitors are welcome.
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

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.



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 23, 2020

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, glorious and faithful,
to those who seek you with a sincere heart
you reveal the beauty of your face.
Strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transfiguring power;
that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk the path of discipleship
as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jewelry Sale to benefit The River: Sunday, March 22 from 3 – 5 PM!!

\$\$ IMPORTANT \$\$: With the cold weather, please make an extra effort to keep doors closed, turn off heaters and lights after classes or meetings, and generally be aware of ways you can help keep electric costs down. **Keeping the doors closed as much as possible in the Sanctuary, and the Fellowship Hall while the heat is on can make a \$500 - \$1,000 difference on our monthly bill.** If you get cold easily, remember to bring a jacket, dress in layers, or use one of the blankets available just inside the entrance to the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Feb. 23

9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a/10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	Local & World Missions Committee Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)

Monday, Feb. 24

5:00p	UKirk Meal
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting (<i>library</i>)

Tuesday, Feb. 25

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

Wednesday, Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday

10:00a	Tusculum-In-Residence (<i>Tusculum</i>)
5:30p	Ash Wednesday Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
6:00p	Handbell Practice
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting (<i>F'ship Hall</i>)

Thursday, Feb. 27

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

Friday, Feb. 28

10:00a – 2:00p	Mom Power
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. 29

Noon – 1:00p	Visitation with family
1:00p	Memorial Service for CB Willis
<i>Following service</i>	<i>Interment at Monte Vista</i>