

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Anne Smith

### GREETING

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

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**  
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
**The LORD will keep your going out  
and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

*Psalm 121, one of the psalms of ascent,  
which were sung by the Israelites as they went up to Jerusalem.*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 722

*“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,  
Sometimes when I need to be kind, I am not.  
Sometimes when I need to listen, I can't and I don't.  
There are times when I need to express my love,  
and I do so ineffectively.  
When I need to be loved, I often do not seek it.  
Help me to see others more clearly,  
teach me to care for their needs;  
Help me to know myself better,  
encourage me to care for my own needs;  
For it is in loving ourselves and our neighbors as ourselves  
that we follow the wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the good news!  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven  
and washed clean for the Lenten journey.  
**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

#### SOLO

*“Eternal Life”*

Joe Gumina

#### SERMON TEXT (*pg. 107—NT*)

John 13:1-17

#### SERMON

Do you know what I have done for you?  
Rev. Paul Helphinstine

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 203

*“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of the chosen people, during this time of preparation,  
we remember with grateful hearts,  
the life and work of your Son, Jesus the Messiah.  
**He came to teach us how to live life fully and faithfully.**  
**He showed us that obedience to your will  
does not always lead down painless paths,  
but does end in rewards beyond our imagining.**  
**Give us the courage to follow faithfully,  
knowing that your steadfast love will be with us forever. Amen.**

#### \*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

#### \*Doxology # 711 (v. 3)

*“Lord of All Good”*

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

#### \*HYMN OF SENDING # 738

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

#### \*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.

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

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Victory Cooper  
in the death of her aunt in New York, Marilyn Athoe.*

### BARB EDEMA'S NEW BOOK—DEADLINE IS TODAY!

If you wish to be part of our **ONE-TIME group order of Barb Edema's new  
book, For Richer or Poorer: Book Three in the Pastor Maggie Series**, please  
sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office ASAP. Our group discount  
price is \$14.75/ea. **The order will be placed Tuesday morning.**

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD – MARCH 21 – 24

There are still openings available for **volunteers** to help build a new home for  
a local family! Find Tony Madden or another member of the Mission &  
Outreach Committee at the Habitat display table in the Narthex after worship  
for details or you can sign up online at:

<http://donate.holstonhabitat.org/campaigns/5621-ryan-olivia-s-build/join>  
or call Mandy at Holston Habitat at 423-239-7689, ext. 0. **If you wish to  
donate monetarily to this project, please do so through the church so that  
your donation will count towards Covenant's commitment.** You may  
make your check payable to “Covenant Presbyterian Church” and note  
“Habitat” on the memo line. Thank you!

**GROW will not meet this Wednesday, February 28.** Paul will be out of  
town at a conference. He will be back in town late Thursday. If you have an  
emergency, please call Tina in the church office at 423-282-5324 or on her cell  
at 423-342-8351.

## NEWSLETTER

The **MARCH COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex, so if you have not already received it via email, please pick up your copy. There are extra copies on the table if you want a printed one, but first look to see if there's one with your name on it. You will also find the newsletter and March's calendar on our website: [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org).

Please be sure to read it as **MOST** of the information you need to know about for March is in the Courier and is **NOT** in this week's bulletin! A **FEW** of the events you'll learn about are listed below. Enjoy!

- ◆ After Church Lunch
- ◆ The Lunch Bunch
- ◆ Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
- ◆ Black/White Dialogue
- ◆ PW Circles

## EASTER LILIES—ORDER DEADLINE IS MARCH 18

The Worship Committee will be placing lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1. They will be de-pollen-ed and hypoallergenic for the comfort of our members who have allergies. The lilies will cost \$10 each. Order forms are in your bulletin and on the table in the Narthex; the lilies may be gifted to the church in honor of or in memory of family or loved ones. **Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, March 18.** Lily donations will be noted with a special insert on Easter Sunday.

## CHASING SNAKES

The annual **Chasing Snakes 10K Road Race & 4K Family Walk** will be held on **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** in Johnson City. The race is sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church with proceeds going to Family Promise. If you would like to participate watch the Johnson City Press for details or call Family Promise. Also, we need volunteers to assist St. John's in putting on the race. You should be available at 7:30 am on the 17<sup>th</sup> and you should be finished by 10:00 am. Volunteering basically involves being at different intersections to ensure the safety of participants. If you would like to help you may contact Mary Jane Kelley for specific details at 423-262-8135 or [mjkelly250@gmail.com](mailto:mjkelly250@gmail.com).

## SIGN UP FOR 2018 ALL CHURCH RETREAT

**Sign-Ups Are Beginning for the 2018 All-Church Retreat: August 24—26, 2018!** Covenant's All-Church Retreat will again take place at **Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center**, a beautiful site surrounded by mountains, trees and two lakes. Biking, swimming, zip-lining, crafts, campfires, worship and fellowship with your church brothers and sisters will be on the agenda. **We know it's rather early in the year, but we want to see how many people are interested in attending.** Sign-ups and payments will be **from February 11—April 15.** You may turn in your registration form, which can be found on the table in the Narthex, to Tina in the church office. The cost this year will be \$125/person, children are still free. Questions about scholarships, transportation or accommodations? Call Tina in the office or Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Save the Date: Blood Drive at Covenant, Sunday, April 8, from Noon – 4:00.** The American Red Cross will park the bloodmobile bus in the front driveway and accept donations from 12:00 – 4:00pm. Appointments are encouraged so it goes faster for you. For more information or to set an appointment contact Gwen Hunter [grhunter1951@gmail.com](mailto:grhunter1951@gmail.com) 423-612-6559, or go to [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and reserve your time.

## 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!**

## TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:  
Liturgy written by:  
Liturgist:  
Baritone:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Harry Powell  
Joe Gumina  
Jane Deaton

## 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. Updates can be submitted on a weekly basis or, if the need is singular and temporary, the name and the concern will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. This will help us pray more specifically and be more intentional in our prayers for one another. Thank you.*

## Week of February 25—March 3, 2018.

Pat Smith, who had back surgery on Thursday.  
Butch Carr, who is meeting with doctors at Vanderbilt on March 1. Surgery is tentatively scheduled for the first week in April.  
Mary Lynn Moser, BJ King's sister. Scans have revealed new spots on her brain requiring radiation treatment, which is scheduled for March 12-18.  
Ken Brumit, Betsy Moakler's father, who is very ill.  
Mark Jones, who is waiting on another appointment at Duke for his eye.  
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.

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**February 25, 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, Creator of Life,  
you call us out of our dark places,  
offering us the grace of new life.  
When we see nothing but hopelessness,  
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.  
Call us out of our complacency and routines,  
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,  
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace.  
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

Today, February 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**DEADLINE to sign up to “special order” Barb’s book!**

9:45a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship Service  
12:30p Confirmation Class  
12:30p Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting  
7:00p N.A. Meeting

Monday, February 26

7:00p NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

10:00 Theologian-in-Residence at Tusculum  
**11:00a – 4:00p Mom Power**  
6:30p Cub Scouts  
7:00p Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, February 28

**NO GROW this week**

6:00p Handbell Choir  
6:30p SAFG  
7:00p Chancel Choir  
7:00p N.A. Meeting

Thursday, March 1

8:00a Men’s Bible Study  
Noon Al-Anon Meeting  
**2:00p – 4:00p Bridge/Other Games**  
6:00p CoDA Meeting  
6:00p “Hope Grows” Cancer Support Group

Friday, March 2

1:30p N.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 3

9:00a Presbytery Meeting at Tusculum