

*(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** Frankie Wolff

### **GREETING**

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

**PRELUDE** "Bist Du Bei Mir" Bach/Helvey

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Eternal God,  
People: **you are the power behind all things:  
behind the energy of the storm,  
behind the heat of a million suns.**

Leader: Eternal God,  
People: **you are the power behind all minds:  
behind the ability to think and reason,  
behind all understanding of the truth.**

Leader: Eternal God,  
People: **you are the power behind the cross of Christ:  
behind the weakness, the torture and the death,  
behind unconquerable love.**

Leader: Eternal God,  
People: **we worship and adore you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 41** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Gracious God,  
People: **our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgement.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 184** "Calm to the Waves"

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."  
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### **\*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**

**ANTHEM** "Thy Will Be Done" Joyce Elaine Eilers

**HEBREW BIBLE READING** (p. 2—OT) Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

**\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 735** "I Need Thee Every Hour"

**EPISTLE READING** (p. 156—NT) Romans 5:12-19

**GOSPEL READING** (p. 3—NT) Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*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 Duet** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Thygerson

**\*Doxology # 606** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING # 816** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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**\*\*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.

### **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!

### **SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY!**

The Local & Worldwide Missions Committee invites you join us next **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.

### **MONDAYS WITH MICHAEL (AND A SATURDAY)!**

Let's get to know Interim Pastor Michael Phoenix and let him get to know us! **Each Monday in March from 12:00–1:00pm** various groups are invited to gather for a brown bag lunch and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. The idea is for us to gather with small groups of people we regularly meet with (just because it's fun), but feel free to come to any Monday lunch that suits your schedule.

**March 2:** Michael is invited to help with Melting Pot

**March 9:** Issues & Discovery Adult Sunday School Classes. Estelle Armistead, hostess

**March 16:** Choir & Handbells. Ann Freeman, hostess

**March 23:** Other Adult Sunday School Class (meets in classroom off Fellowship Hall and searching for a name) and Local & Worldwide Missions Committee. Hal Hunter, host

**March 30:** Congregational Life Committee. Michele Hart, hostess

**Saturday, March 21, 5:30pm:** Anyone who wants to come! Potluck supper at the home of Gwen and Hal Hunter, 512 W. Maple St. Theme: Theological discussion of Michael's choosing.

### **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](http://www.cpcjc.org).

## **JEWELRY SALE FOR THE RIVER: SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

Please join us for Cynthia Erdei's Bi-Annual Jewelry Sale on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3—5 PM (2503 Wynn Drive, J.C., 469-233-6469). There will be goodies, laughter, friends to visit, and lots of necklaces and earrings to pick from. As always, **all profits go to The River Ministry**, where women help women help themselves.

*The River provides women in poverty both a safe place to meet basic needs on a daily basis and additional support programs that educate and empower women for independent living while sharing loads of God's love.*

### **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.

### **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:  
Liturgist:  
Section Leader:  
Pianist:  
Baritone Soloist:  
Duet:  
Gateway:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
Frankie Wolff  
Shawn Hale  
Lucas Schmidt  
Joe Gumina  
Liz Dollar, soprano & Shawn Hale, tenor  
Victory Cooper  
Philip Hagelberg

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor, Interim:  
Music Director:  
Office Administrator:  
Administrative Assistant:  
Custodian:  
Nursery Worker:

Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix  
Jessica Siple  
Tina Simon  
Anne Webb  
Marie Britt  
Jeanne Gamble

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

#### **Week of March 1—7, 2020**

Sharon Miller, who is recovering after knee replacement surgery.  
Sophie Miller, David & Sharon's granddaughter, who was in the hospital earlier in the week for some health problems.  
Dave & Julie Wood's grandson, Maximus, who is recovering at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia.  
Lori Simon, Tina's sister, who began a 15-day round of radiation on Feb. 26.  
Kristen Johnson, friend of Betsy Moakler, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.  
Suzanne Vesterfelt, who has esophageal cancer and has started chemo.  
Jan Pavaglio, who is home after rehab for her recent knee surgery.  
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



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.



# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### **CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY**

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## **MARCH 1, 2020**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

### Today, March 1

9:30a – 9:55a                      Weekly Prayer Group  
9:45a/10:00a                      Sunday School  
11:00a                                Worship Service  
**after worship**                      **PY First Sunday (youth)**  
**after worship**                      **After Church Lunch** (*F'ship Hall*)  
**3:00p – 5:00p**                      **Armchair Travelers** (*library*)  
7:00p                                N.A. Meeting (*F'ship Hall*)

### Monday, March 2

**10:00a**                                **Melting Pot**  
7:00p                                NarAnon Meeting (*library*)

### Tuesday, March 3

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

### Wednesday, March 4

**12:30p**                              **The Lunch Bunch** (*new Cootie Brown's*)  
6:00p                                Handbell Practice  
7:00p                                Chancel Choir  
7:00p                                N.A. Meeting (*F'ship Hall*)

### Thursday, March 5

**8:00a**                                **Men's Bible Study** (*F'ship Hall*)  
Noon                                Al-Anon Meeting (*library*)  
4:30p                                Holston Camp Committee Mtg. (*library*)  
5:30p                                Cub Scouts (*F'ship Hall*)

### Friday, March 6

**10:00a – 2:00p**                      **Mom Power**  
Noon                                CoDA Meeting (*classroom*)  
1:30p                                N.A. Meeting (*F'ship Hall*)  
6:30p                                Al-Anon Meeting (*library*)

### Saturday, March 7

9:00a                                Presbytery Meeting (*1<sup>st</sup> Bristol Pres.*)  
10:00a – 2:00p                      Library reserved