

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

### RIUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### GREETING

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

#### INTROIT

*"Festive Praise"*

Susan Geschke

#### PRELUDE

*"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"*

Covenant Youth/Children

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is king;

**let the peoples tremble!**

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;

**let the earth quake!**

The LORD is great in Zion;

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

**Holy is he!**

Mighty King, lover of justice,

**you have established equity;**

you have executed justice

**and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the LORD our God;

**worship at his footstool.**

**Holy is he!**

**Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;**

**for the LORD our God is holy.**

*from Psalm 99*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 630

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion,

**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

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

we are a people set aside, a people to whom much has been revealed

and from whom much is expected;

we are forgiven, renewed, and strengthened for the journey.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 169, vs. 5 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still, small voice of calm!

#### 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. 81—OT*)

Exodus 34:29-35

GOSPEL READING (*p. 44—NT*)

Mark 9:2-8

SERMON

Roadside Religion

Dr. Brian Alderman

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 662 *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"*

arr. Linda Lamb

\*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

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right and good ...

...who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Blessed is your son, O God, ...

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF SENDING # 297

*"In Christ Called to Baptize"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"Hornpipe"*

John Dixon

\*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.

**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 Margie McGonagle Hughes in the death of her husband, Carl Hughes, on February 23, 2019.*

### 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Come forward with your Offering during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

**This morning we welcome to the pulpit Dr. Brian Alderman.** Dr. Alderman, a native of Galax, VA, serves as Chaplain and Associate Professor of Religion at King University. He has taught at McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Lee University, and Hiwassee College. He also served as

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pastor of Madisonville Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, TN, and as chaplain at Hiwassee College. Brian lives in Bristol, TN with his wife, Monica, and their daughter, Ella Kate.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Armchair Travelers will meet this afternoon from 3—5 PM in the Library.

### ANNUAL SENIOR BRUNCH—FRIDAY, MARCH 8 AT 9:30 AM

**Sign up TODAY if you plan to attend the Annual Senior Brunch!** (*Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, March 5, so that we know how many to expect.*) Cost is only \$4 per person, payable by cash or check at the door on Friday. We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, regular visitors, those who haven't reached senior status yet, and even those who just like to eat good food and share in some fun. Come enjoy the food and the fellowship. We hope to see you on Friday at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall! (*You may also sign up by emailing or calling the church office.*)

### MARCH NEWSLETTER

The March Courier is on the table in the Narthex. More information on March events shown on the calendar will be detailed in upcoming bulletins. Please be sure to pick up your Courier and read it!

### ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 6

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, the Worship Committee is hosting a light lunch followed by an Ash Wednesday service. We will begin serving lunch at 11:45, followed by the service at 12:25(ish). Please join us for this special time as we observe the beginning of the Lenten season.

### THE LUNCH BUNCH IN MARCH

The Lunch Bunch will not meet on March 6 (Ash Wednesday). The next gathering will be on **Wednesday, March 20 at Sahib Indian Restaurant**, 1803 W. Market Street. Please contact Victory Cooper to let her know you are coming.

### PW CIRCLES IN MARCH

- **Friendship Circle:** Tuesday, March 12 at 1:30 PM in the library.
- **Joy Circle:** Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom.
- **Red Tent Circle:** Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King.

### ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at [cpcjc.org](http://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.*

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.



### TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:  
Liturgy written by:  
Liturgist:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Don Coble  
Jane Deaton

Covenant Bells

### 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.*

### Week of March 3—9, 2019.

Butch Carr, who is under hospice care.  
Susan & Michael Clark's daughter, Emily, who had knee surgery.  
Robbi Meluso, Tina's mom, whose rehab after a having a colectomy has been quite difficult.  
Jim Paveglio, who is suffering from cancer as well as stage 4 kidney failure.  
Tracy Stanfiel, Sharon Miller's sister who is in rehab after having bilateral knee replacements  
Carolyn Shaw, Angus Shaw's wife, is going to have outpatient neck surgery.  
David DeWeese, who continues to recover from his hospitalization.  
John and Allison Sharpe's (Harry Powell's daughter) infant goddaughter, Erersyn, and her parents, Heidi and Katie.  
Ivy Finn, infant daughter of friends of Dave & Julie Wood, who has a severe heart condition.  
Reg Murphy, who is home, recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
Bonnie Mae Miller, Marie Britt's sister-in-law, who has been in the hospital and may have to be placed in assisted living.  
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, CB Willis

*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

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## MARCH 3, 2019 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.

## AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – SUNDAY, MARCH 10

**Something wonderful will be happening at our After Church Lunch on March 10.** Here's what you need to bring to our fellowship tables: your open heart. No food. Nothing but your open heart. The Local and Worldwide Missions team will be serving a Melting Pot meal to our church family.

The team will try, as much as possible, to duplicate the experience of a Melting Pot meal service so that we can learn more about this ongoing, vital outreach ministry. You'll see the team's hands and hearts for service for yourself. You may want to add your hands and heart for service to theirs in the future.

Your generosity has supported this ministry for years. Here's your opportunity to experience its powerful impact firsthand.

*(Read about the Melting Pot in your Courier!)*

**For your calendar: Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Please remember to "Spring" your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

### 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, March 3

9:30a – 9:55a

10:00a

11:00a

**3:00p – 5:00p**

7:00p

### Monday, March 4

8:30a

**10:30a**

7:00p

### Tuesday, March 5

***DEADLINE to sign up for ANNUAL SENIOR BRUNCH***

8:30a

**11:30 – 4p**

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

### Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday

**11:45a**

**6:00p**

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

### Thursday, March 7

**8:00a**

Noon

**2:00p – 4:00p**

### Friday, March 8

**9:30a**

Noon

1:30p

### Saturday, March 9

9:00a

12:30p

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

**Armchair Travelers**

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

**Melting Pot**

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

**Mom Power**

Cub Scouts

Property Committee Meeting

Al-Anon Meeting

**Ash Wednesday Lunch and Service**

**GROW**

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

**Men's Bible Study**

Al-Anon Meeting

**Bridge & Games in the Library**

**Annual Senior Brunch**

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

LEAD Meeting

CCL Meeting