

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

"At Calvary"

Wilson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
"Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

*Psalm 122, one of the 'songs of ascent' sung by the Israelites
on their way up to Jerusalem*

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and nourished for our 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

SERMON TEXT (*pg. 112—NT*)

John 18:12-27

SERMON

Peter's Denial

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 223 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is it that we trust?

In life and in death we belong to God.

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

"Lenten Song"

Stairs

*DOXOLOGY # 607

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*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 to give you thanks...

...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 # 515

"I Come with Joy"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Departing Blessing"

Stainer

*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.*

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.

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.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—MARCH 11

This month's After Church Lunch's theme will undoubtedly prove to be a new favorite: DEEP SOUTH! Start planning. Will it be Memaw's chicken and dumplings? Or Papa's barbecue ribs? Maybe Aunt Martha's banana pudding? We'll be sharing some memories and good food at our fellowship tables, for sure.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION

Holston Camp and Retreat Center: August 24 – 26, 2018

Registration for Covenant's All Church Retreat continues through April! **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. You may turn your registration form, which can be found in the Narthex, along with your payment, in the offering plate or to Tina in the church office. The cost this year will be \$125/person, children are still free. Questions? Call Tina in the office or Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES:

- ◆ Join us in the Library this afternoon from 3—5 PM for **Armchair Travelers!**
- ◆ **Mom Power** is going very well. Several Covenant members are working together to support the work of Families Free and ETSU Psychology in this intensive parenting education effort. **Thank you to all who sent in donations!** Our nurseries are now well-supplied. **No Mom Power this week** as it is the ETSU spring break. There will be 7 more weekly sessions starting March 13.
- ◆ As Spring approaches and we get closer to the **Habitat Faith Build for the Harrison family**, our efforts to sign up volunteers are going extremely well! Of more than 80 volunteer spots, more than sixty have been filled! **Our assigned work days are March 21-24 (Wednesday-Saturday)** and we will build and erect the interior walls and install windows and doors! If you would like to sign up, please go to <http://donate.holstonhabitat.org/campaigns/5621-ryan-olivia-s-build/join> and click on the Volunteer button. On the next page scroll down until you come to the portion labeled "Covenant Presbyterian". Click the check boxes next to the dates and activities you want to support. Click "NEXT" at the bottom of the page and follow the instructions. If you have already volunteered, thank you for doing so!
Monetary donations are also needed for this project and we thank you for your contributions. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 which will help to buy the windows and doors we will install! You can drop a check or cash into the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Please make sure that your donation is marked "For Habitat Build."
If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to call Tony Madden at 423-557-8873. Thank you all and God bless you! The Mission and Outreach Committee
- ◆ The annual **Chasing Snakes 10K Road Race & 4K Family Walk** will be held on **Saturday, March 17th** 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 7:30am and you should be finished by 10:00am. 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 at 423-262-8135 or mjkkelley250@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Save the Date: Blood Drive at Covenant, Sunday, April 8.** The American Red Cross will park the bloodmobile bus in the front driveway and accept donations from **Noon-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 423-612-6559, or go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and reserve your time.
- ◆ **Presbyterian Women's Circles:**
Red Tent Circle: Thurs., March 8 at 7:00p at BJ King's home
Friendship Circle: Tues., March 13 at 1:30p in the Church Library
Joy Circle: Tues., March 20 at 7:00p in the Bible Discovery classroom

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:
Accompanist:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Amy Kelley
Anne Smith
Philip Hagelberg

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 4—10, 2018.

Mark Jones, who had surgery on Friday to remove his left eye.
Pat Smith, who is recovering from back surgery.
Butch Carr, who met 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.
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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March 4, 2018
3rd Sunday in Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**We gather as God's beloved children –
However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.
We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –
So this becomes a place where all are welcome.
We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other –
Let us worship God. Amen.**

~~Beth Merrill Neel

Remember to SPRING FORWARD next Saturday night before you go to bed!!!

The Lunch Bunch in March:

Wed., **March 7** at 11:30a: Longhorn Steakhouse, 2280 N. Roan St.

Wed., **March 21** at 11:30a: Wok and Hibachi, 101 E. Unaka Ave.

RSVP to Victory Cooper at 282-4641 so she can make reservations.

Black/White Dialogue: Monday, March 12 from 6–8 PM at new venue: Carver Park Center, 322 W. Watauga Avenue. Topic will be “Intersectionality in the Women’s Movement”. Everyone is invited – bring a friend!!

Movie-Go’ers Group??? Do you like going to the movies? Perhaps enjoying lunch or dinner, then seeing a movie with a group of like-minded people? **If you are interested in participating (*or leading*) this group activity,** please contact Tina in the church office at 423-282-5324 or office@cpcjc.org. She will add your name to the list. Be sure to check future bulletins and newsletters for follow-up announcements.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, March 4 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	Confirmation Class
3:00p – 5:00p	Armchair Travelers
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, March 5

10:30a	Melting Pot
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, March 6

NO Mom Power this week

6:00p	Christian Education Committee Meeting
6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting
7:00p	AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

9:30a	Worship Committee Meeting
11:30a	The Lunch Bunch at Longhorn Steakhouse
6:00p	GROW
6:00p	Handbell Choir
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, March 8

8:00a	Men’s Bible Study
Noon	AI-Anon Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge/Other Games
6:00p	CoDA Meeting
6:00p	“Hope Grows” Cancer Support Group
7:00p	Red Tent Circle

Friday, March 9

1:30p	N.A. Meeting
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Saturday, March 10 (Set clocks FORWARD one hour tonight!!!)

12:30p	CCL Meeting (Library)
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