

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Don Coble

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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 # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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 renewed for our Lenten journey.
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 447

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*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.

CHILDREN'S EARTHCARE MOMENT

Lynnea Hunter Salinas

****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 (*pg. 180—OT*) Deuteronomy 26:1-11

GOSPEL READING (*pg. 61—NT*) Luke 4:1-13

SERMON Wilderness Temptation Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 166

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

*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 Anthem

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

*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 # 735

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Ballade”

John Helphinstine

*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.

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!

NO GROW THIS WEEK

Paul is attending a conference this week and will not return to the office until Thursday, March 14, so **GROW will not meet** this week.

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.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

MARCH 16 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY

Join us in the library on March 16th to see “The King's Speech”, based on the true story of Queen Elizabeth II's father, Prince Albert, and his struggle with a debilitating stammer. His impromptu ascension to the throne of the British Empire upon his brother's abdication in 1936 inspires his wife to engage Lionel Logue, the unconventional speech therapist who helps him overcome his stammer. Cream tea will be served at intermission!

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN MARCH

The next gathering of the Lunch Bunch 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.

2017—2018 COVENANT PHOTOBOK

A print copy of the 2017 – 2018 Covenant photobook is now available in the church office! The photobook depicts some of the many ways our church family worships God; serves and cares for others, each other, and the earth; and enjoys spending time together.

Shutterfly, the online software used to create the photobook, also allows online “sharing” of the photobook, which you may view on your smart phone, tablet, or computer via the link below.

<https://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0AZtGbdo4YsmLDTg&cid=SHAR-PBAPP>

NOTE: When viewing the photobook on a screen that is larger than a phone or tablet, such as a computer, Shutterfly shows the photobook pages in only a small size. Shutterfly says to click the “Control” and “+” keys on the computer at the same time to enlarge the pages. (The photos lose some of their resolution/clarity when the page size is increased for viewing on a computer screen. Press “Control” and “-“ at the same time to reduce the pages back to their original viewing size.)

Sincere thanks to those of you who sent pictures to me, and to the many of you who kindly allowed your picture to be taken!

Sincerely,

Donna Bridwell

GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received **on Sunday, March 24**. This month they need: **Canned Meats (Vienna Sausages, Beef Stew, Tuna, etc.)**. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

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!

ONLINE GIVING!

Online Giving is available through our website at **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.*

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!**

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
Hal Hunter
Madden Family

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 March 10—16, 2019.

Butch Carr, who is under hospice care.
Robbi Meluso, Tina’s mom, who is scheduled to go home on Monday.
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.
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 is in assisted living.
Betty Porter, Marie Britt’s sister, who has been diagnosed with 3 aneurisms.
Bob Hart, who has been ill and is asking for prayer to regain his energy.
Kendall Harris, who continues treatment for his blood condition.
David DeWeese, who continues to recover from his hospitalization.
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.

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 has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



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March 10, 2019
1st Sunday in Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

It rained forty days and forty nights while Noah was on the ark.

(Genesis 7:4);

The children of Israel wandered forty years in the wilderness.

(Exodus 16:15 et al);

The Israelites were under the oppression of the Philistines for forty years before Samson was born (Judges 13:1);

Elijah prepared for ministry for forty days and nights (1 Kings 19:8);
Jonah warned Nineveh that it had forty days in which to repent (Jonah 3:4);

Jesus fasted and was tempted for forty days (Luke 4:2 et al);

There are forty days from Resurrection to Ascension (Acts 1:3).

Lent is the forty day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Sunday, the day of Resurrection, is never a fast day so the forty days of Lent exclude the Sundays.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE-MON., MARCH 11 FROM 6-8P

The next Black/White Dialogue meeting will be on Monday, March 11, at the Carver Recreation Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave. from 6 to 8 PM. This month's program is described below. Everyone is welcome.

The Ferguson unrest began the day after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer on August 9, 2014, in Ferguson, Missouri. The unrest sparked a vigorous debate in the United States about the relationship between law enforcement officers and African Americans, the militarization of police, and the use of force-law nationwide.

The Johnson City Police Chief at that time, Mark Sirois, was concerned about the impact in our area. In consultation with Bill Coleman, the Johnson City Community Roundtable was formed. Its primary purpose was to provide a relationship between the Johnson City Police Department and the city's community, focusing on the Johnson City black community.

Police Chief Karl Turner of Johnson City will facilitate a discussion of the Police Department's commitment to a positive community relationship, the challenges that exist, and the community's opportunity to strengthen its relationship with the department. A special focus will be on the commitment of the community and the Police Department to embrace the communities of color.

SPRING CONCERT-MON., MARCH 11 AT 7:00P

Musical Dedications by The Johnson City Community Concert Band in the Indian Trail Intermediate School Auditorium. Dr. Christian Zembower, Conductor. Performing music of W.C. Handy, Gordon Jacob, Giacomo Puccini, John Philip Sousa, Frank Ticheli, Peter Tchaikovsky, and Clifton Williams. Admission is free. Donations welcomed.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, March 10

9:30a – 9:55a
10:00a
11:00a
12:30p
1:30p
7:00p

Monday, March 11

8:30a
1:00p
6:00p – 8:00p
7:00p
7:00p

Tuesday, March 12

8:30a
9:30a
1:30p
4:00p
6:30p
7:00p
7:00p

Wednesday, March 13

NO GROW
6:00p
6:30p
7:00p
7:00p

Thursday, March 14

8:00a
Noon
2:00p – 4:00p
7:00p

Friday, March 15

Noon
1:30p

Saturday, March 16

7:00p

Weekly Prayer Group
Sunday School
Worship Service
After Church Lunch
Session Meeting
N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting
A Few Preachers Having Lunch
Black/White Dialogue
Spring Concert
NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting
Worship Committee Meeting
Friendship Circle
Communications Committee Meeting
Cub Scouts
Joy Circle
Al-Anon Meeting

Handbell Choir
SAFG
Chancel Choir
N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study
Al-Anon Meeting
Bridge & Games in the Library
Red Tent Circle

CoDA Meeting
N.A. Meeting

Saturday Night at the Movies

**Sunday, March 17 thru Sunday, March 24:
Covenant at Family Promise**