

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he has mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O LORD,
have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn
of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.
Have mercy upon us, O LORD,
have mercy upon us.

*Psalm 123, one of the 'songs of ascent' sung by the Israelites
on their way up to Jerusalem*

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

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 guided along the Lenten journey.
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 417 (vs. 1)

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

*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

Cynthia Erdei

****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 18:28-40

SERMON

Jesus Before Pilate

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 218 (v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

*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 *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* Daniel Gawthrop

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

*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 # 209

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

*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.

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 Jan Paveglio
in the death of her sister, Sandy Nelson, on Wednesday, March 7.*

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!

NOTE: Several months ago, *you* brought a cake, pie, or other dish to a church
meal or, in the spirit of love and compassion, to someone's home in response
to the loss of a loved one. **The cake plate and other assorted serving dishes
are still here.** We do not know who they belong to so we cannot call you to
pick them up. These items have been moved from the Fellowship Hall to the
table in the church office so that you may claim them, **so please take a look in
the office** as you pass by to enjoy lunch with your church family. Thank you.

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. Cost is \$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 next Sunday, March 18.**

CHASING SNAKES—MARCH 17

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 help you may contact Mary Jane Kelley at 423-262-8135 or
mjkelley250@gmail.com.



PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

In place of GROW:

Movie: Celui Qui Doit Mourir (He Who Must Die)
March 28, 5:30 PM in the Library. (See insert for details.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29, 6:00 PM

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Passover meal (Seder). Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church has been invited to join us. **Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling or e-mailing the church office by March 26 (282-5324 or office@cpcjc.org).**

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30, 6:00 PM

There will be a Tenebrae Service/Service of Shadows at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:00 PM. (610 E. Watauga Ave., J.C.) We encourage everyone to attend.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1

Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM

This will be a brief service. Meet in the Narthex.

Traditional Service at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ **BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE – MARCH 12**
NEW VENUE: Black/White Dialogue will be meeting at the Carver Park Center on March 12, and will continue meeting there in the months ahead. The address is 322 W. Watauga Avenue. Topic this month is: **INTERSECTIONALITY IN THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT—FROM THEN TILL NOW.** (details are in the March Courier) Everyone is invited. Please come, and bring a friend!
- ◆ **HUMOR ME! – MARCH 18**
Join us in the Library **next Sunday** from 3—5 PM for **Humor Me!**
- ◆ **THE LUNCH BUNCH:**
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.
- ◆ **GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING – MARCH 25**
Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, March 25.** This month they need: **Canned Meats (Vienna Sausage, beef stew, etc.).** Thank you for your continuing generosity!
- ◆ **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.

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:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Don Coble
Emily Helphinstine

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 11—17, 2018.

Corrina Casson, Linda Sisk's daughter and wife of Pastor Casson at Wesley UMC, who is waiting on test results for cancer and Lupus.
Mark Jones, who is recovering from eye surgery.
Frankie Wolff, who is recovering from thyroid surgery.
Pat Smith, who is recovering from back surgery.
Butch Carr, who is scheduled for a procedure the first week in April.
Mary Lynn Moser, BJ King's sister, who will begin radiation treatments again, 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 11, 2018
4th Sunday in Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of Truth,
too often we try to make the truth
what is convenient for us.
Show us how to recognize and follow your truth,
shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus.
Amen.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

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

ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION

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

Deadline to Register is Sunday, April 29

Sure it's early, but it's time to SIGN UP so we can confirm our reservation at Camp! **Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center is 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 on the table 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 Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.**

Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30p

In place of GROW during Holy Week, the following movie will be shown in the Library:

Celui Qui Doit Mourir (HE WHO MUST DIE) is arguably the best 'Christ Story' ever filmed. This French movie was produced in 1957 and released in this country in 1958. It is black and white with English subtitles and is approximately 122 minutes long.

The story is set in a small Greek village during the 1920s when Greece was occupied by the Turks. There is conflict between the Turks and the Greeks and conflict between the intact, but occupied, village and the villagers from a burned out village trying to relocate nearby.

Easter is approaching and the village is preparing for its annual passion play. Starring Jean Servais, Pierre Vanneck, and Melina Mercouri, this movie was part of the 1957 Cannes Film Festival.

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.

HABITAT FAITH BUILD

Our assigned work days for the Habitat Faith Build for the Harrison family are **March 21-24 (Wednesday-Saturday)**. There are still opportunities to volunteer. If you would like to sign up, please go to

<http://donate.holstonhabitat.org/campaigns/5621-ryan-olivia-s-build/join>

Scroll down until you come to the portion labeled "Covenant Presbyterian". Monetary donations are also needed for this project and we thank you for your contributions. **We've nearly achieved our goal 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, payable to Covenant with *Habitat Build* on the memo line. If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to call Tony Madden at 423-557-8873.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, March 11 – 4th Sunday in Lent

9:30a

9:45a

11:00a

12:30p

Following lunch

7:00p

Monday, March 12

1:00p

5:00p

6:00p – 8:00p

7:00p

Tuesday, March 13

11:00a

1:30p

6:30p

7:00p

Wednesday, March 14

6:00p

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, March 15 – COURIER DEADLINE

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

6:00p

6:00p

Friday, March 16

1:30p

Saturday, March 17

Chasing Snakes 10k Road Race & 4k Family Walk

Confirmation Class

Sunday School

Worship Service

After Church Lunch

Session Meeting

N.A. Meeting

A Few Preachers Lunch

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Black/White Dialogue at Carver Center

NarAnon Meeting

Mom Power

Friendship Circle

Cub Scouts

Al-Anon Meeting

GROW

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

Bridge/Other Games

CoDA Meeting

"Hope Grows" Cancer Support Group

N.A. Meeting