

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

PRELUDE

"My Lord, What a Morning"

H.T. Burleigh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glorious Easter Morning!

Early on the first day of the week.

Wondrous Easter Morning!

The stone has been removed from the tomb.

Luminous Easter Morning!

Two angels in white are sitting where his body was laid.

Celebrated Easter Morning!

In the garden, Mary met the risen Christ!

Glory to God! Glory to God!

Glory to God in the Highest!

Glory to God on Earth!

Glory to God in the tomb, in the garden, in our hearts!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!

Come and worship on this the greatest day in Christendom!

Glorious Easter Morning!

*OPENING PRAYER

*CHORAL INTROIT

"A Festive Introit"

D. Besig

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Attributed to Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and united with our risen Lord on this Easter Sunday.

Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 247 (v. 3)

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Forth he came at Easter lie the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

*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

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Out of the Stillness"

Shephard/Draper

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING (pg. 114—NT)

John 20:1-18

SERMON

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 236

"The Strife Is O'er"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Laying On of Hands

Blessing

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT / CONFIRMATION

*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

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 ANTHEM

"The Day of Resurrection"

L. Larson

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

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: With joy we praise you, gracious God,...

...to proclaim the glory of your name, saying:

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: We thank you and praise you, O God,,...

...we remember the great mystery of our faith:

All:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 826

"Lift High the Cross"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata from Symphony No. 5"

Widor

*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.

{Please check below and read the inserts.
The April Courier will be mailed / e-mailed to you this week.}

A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 2, 2018.
- ◆ Armchair Travelers and Humor Me! will not meet in April.
- ◆ The Lunch Bunch will meet at First Watch, 1150 W. State of Franklin, on April 4. Contact Victory Cooper for reservations.
- ◆ Please join us at 9:45 AM next Sunday, April 8, for a special **joint** Sunday School session with the Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema!! Barb, longtime friend of Covenant, recently published her THIRD book, entitled *For Richer or Poorer: Book Three in the Pastor Maggie Series*. Barb will share selected readings from the new book, and answer questions about the book and the journey of writing her novels. You won't want to miss it! As always, there will be coffee and donuts!
- ◆ ALSO next Sunday: Blood Drive at Covenant. 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.
- ◆ **BABMOC's school in Liberia needs books for its library.** If you have any books—fiction or non-fiction—that are appropriate for children and teens, please bring them by Sunday, April 15th. There is a bin in the Narthex. Isaac Mayon, our school director, will be visiting on that Sunday and plans to take the books with him to New Jersey for shipping to Monrovia, Liberia.
- ◆ **Church Spring Clean-Up Day is Saturday, April 15.** (details will be in the April Courier)
- ◆ Sign-Ups have started for the **2018 Church Retreat!** Forms are on the table in the Narthex. **Deadline to sign up is April 29.**
- ◆ 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!**

☎ **A new directory WILL be printed this week and will be on the table in the Narthex next Sunday.** If you have changes to your address, phone number(s), e-mail addresses, or just want to make certain we have all of the correct contact information for you, **please e-mail Tina BY TUESDAY at office@cpcjc.org.** This will not be a pictorial directory and is only made available to the congregation. It will not be posted online.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy written by:
Liturgist:
Soloist:
Trumpet:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Anne Smith
Dustin Odom
D.J. McReynolds
Jane Deaton

Covenant Handbell Choir

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 April 1—7, 2018.

Inez Warfield, Dustin Odom's grandmother, who suffered a very large brain bleed and is in the ICU. Neurologists are optimistic.
Bob Hart, who will have carotid artery surgery on Tuesday.
Butch Carr, who is scheduled for a procedure this week.
Mary Derouen, who is having numerous health issues.
Mary Lynn Moser, BJ King's sister, who is having radiation treatments again.
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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April 1, 2018
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter



**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Confirmation Class of 2018
Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018**

Confirmation is a practice of the Presbyterian Church in which students are presented with the opportunity to reaffirm their baptismal vows, taken on their behalf by their family and by the Church on the day of their baptism. It is meant to be a significant moment in students' lives when those students, who participate, accept their faith as their own, and not simply as that of their family. As the students confirm their baptismal vows, they are signifying to the church that they are moving from the role of passive to active member. Confirmation is simply the completing and perfecting of one's baptismal vows.

Therefore, we periodically offer a Confirmation class, in which matters of faith are discussed openly and questions about one's own faith are encountered honestly and carefully. In this class students learn in a focused way of their life through Jesus Christ and their calling by the Holy Spirit to live in relationship with God. They also learn about the functioning of our particular church body and the practices and polity of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

This year four young people participated in the Confirmation class. They have met and studied together, and at home with their families, over the past ten weeks. Today three of these students are coming before the congregation to confirm their baptismal vows publicly, one is coming to be baptized, and all are being welcomed as full and active members of this church.

These students met with the session of Covenant Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening, March 31, 2018, where they presented their statements of faith and were examined by the session. The elders joyously welcomed these wonderful young people into their new role as active members of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, and today they are presented to you, the congregation, to confirm their baptismal vows, and to be welcomed with the same joy. These students are:

Will Dollar
John Helphinstine
Andrew Long
Tyler Rosselot

Class Leader and Pastor: Rev. Paul Helphinstine
Clerk of Session: Mary O'Keeffe

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, April 1 – Easter

7:00a	Sunrise Service
9:45a	Chancel Choir
9:45a	Sunday School
10:20a	Handbell Choir
11:00a	Traditional Worship Service
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, April 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Tuesday, April 3

11:00a	Mom Power
6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, April 4

11:30a	The Lunch Bunch at First Watch
6:00p	GROW
6:00p	Handbell Choir
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, April 5

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge/Other Games
6:00p	CoDA Meeting
6:00p	“Hope Grows” Cancer Support Group

Friday, April 6

1:30p	N.A. Meeting
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Saturday, April 7

7:00p	Recital
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