

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 "I Know When I Have Believed" arr.: A.L. Page

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the desert.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

*Psalm 126, one of the 'songs of ascent'
sung by the Israelites on their way up to Jerusalem*

*OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN OF PRAISE** # 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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 drawn deeper into 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.

(continued)

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 Ann Freeman

****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. 672—OT) Isaiah 43:16-21

GOSPEL READING (pg. 106—NT) John 12:1-8

SERMON The Anointing at Bethany Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION** # 201 "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

*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 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 ANTHEM "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" arr.: J. Schrader

***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: 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** # 353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** "Fest" Johan Krygell

*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.

*Please join us in the library immediately following worship
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Harriette Carr and her
family in the death of her husband, Butch Carr, on April 3, 2019.*

ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

A. Blaine (Butch) Carr—April 3, 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.

EASTER LILIES—ORDER DEADLINE IS TOMORROW

The Worship Committee will be placing lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21. 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 Monday, April 8.** Lily donations will be noted with a special insert on Easter Sunday.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14

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.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT WATAUGA AVE. PRES.

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Joint Worship Service at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. (610 E. Watauga Ave.) We encourage everyone to attend.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18, 6:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Passover meal (Seder). Watauga Ave. Presbyterian Church has been invited to join us. **Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling or e-mailing the church office by Monday, April 15.**

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19, 6:00 p.m.

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

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

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

Traditional Service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES IN APRIL

- ◇ **Joy Circle:** Tues., April 9 at 7:00p in the Bible Discovery classroom
- ◇ **Friendship Circle:** WED., April 10 at 1:30p in the Church Library
(meeting on Wednesday this month only)
- ◇ **Red Tent Circle:** Thurs., April 11 at 7:00p at BJ King's home

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy written by:
Liturgist:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Shaunda Fales
Chris/Laura Harrington

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.*

Week of April 7—13, 2019.

Bob Hart, who is in rehab at NHC.
Sally Nagel, who is recovering well at home.
Jim Paveglio, who is suffering from cancer as well as stage 4 kidney failure.
Jan Paveglio, whose pain has been caused by a dilated bile duct, and who is looking at rotator cuff surgery or shoulder replacement in the near future.
Tracy Stanfiel, Sharon Miller's sister who is having difficulties following her bilateral knee replacements.

Please remember those in our congregation who are homebound and unable to join us regularly in worship:

Vi Block, Jeter Collins, Lattie Collins,
Mary Derouen, Helen Fletcher, Barbara Quisenberry

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.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 7, 2019
5th Sunday in Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, our redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MON., APRIL 8

The next Black/White Dialogue meeting will be on April 8, from 6—8:00 PM, at the Carver Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC. These two hours should be very thought-provoking:

The past Dialogue meetings have discussed how to reach out in our attempt to dismantle racism. Some have suggested getting out of our comfort zone and experiencing deep dialogue. Others have suggested talking with those who are unaware of racism. (An old adage is, “When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.”) To help us understand the dynamics of those who do not recognize racism, we will provide an audio presentation with Christena Cleveland who discusses the six steps of mutuality. Rufus Houston and Ed Wolff will facilitate the meeting that includes a discussion.

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN APRIL

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on **Wed., April 17th at 11:30a at Sabores**, 202 E. Main St. **Please contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

**Join us at 7:00 PM on April 20 in the Library for
*Last of the Dogmen.***

When bounty hunter Lewis Gates finds the bodies of three escaped convicts he's been tracking in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest, he discovers they were killed with primitive arrows. He has questions, and consults anthropologist, Lillian Sloane, a Native American expert specializing in Cheyenne studies. Together they follow clues through the mountains to discover a heretofore unknown tribe of Cheyenne. Starring Tom Berenger and Barbara Hershey, and narrated by Wilford Brimley. Rated PG. Runtime: 118 minutes.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—APRIL 28

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, April 28**. This month they need: **Mac 'n Cheese! All shapes, all sizes!** Thank you!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—SUNDAY, APRIL 28

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked in the front drive at Covenant on April 28 and will accept donations **from Noon to 4:00 PM**. Appointments are encouraged so it goes faster for you.

For more information or to set up an appointment, contact Gwen Hunter by email at grhunter1951@gmail.com or by phone at 423-612-6559, or go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and reserve your time. Bring a photo ID or American Red Cross donor card.

HOLY WEEK LABYRINTH

Walking a labyrinth can provide a time for prayerful reflection and meditation. Again this year we will have one on the lawn in the front of the church during Holy Week. Labyrinths have been used for centuries in Christian churches as a way to deepen prayer lives. A Labyrinth is like a maze, but it has no dead ends. The walk to the center of the labyrinth represents our life's journeys – there are many twists and turns, but life's path will lead us to the center. The center represents that part of ourselves that is irrevocably connected to God (nothing can “separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”). After prayerful reflection in the center, the walk away from the center represents our taking the grace we have received in our relationship with God out into the world through seeking justice, through acts of loving kindness and through humility.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, April 7

9:30a – 9:55a

9:45a

11:00a

3p – 5p

7:00p

Monday, April 8 – Easter Lily Order Deadline

8:30a

Noon

4:00p

6:00p – 8:00p

7:00p

Tuesday, April 9

8:30a

11:30a – 4:30p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Wednesday, April 10

1:30p

6:00p

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, April 11

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

7:00p

Friday, April 12

Noon

1:30p

Saturday, April 13

9:00a – 11:00a

12:30p – 3:00p

1:00p – 4:00p

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

Armchair Travelers

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

A Few Preachers Having Lunch

Communications Committee Meeting

Black/White Dialogue (Carver)

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Mom Power

Cub Scouts

Joy Circle

AI-Anon Meeting

Friendship Circle

GROW

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study

AI-Anon Meeting

Bridge & Games in the Library

Red Tent Circle

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

LEAD Mtg. (Library)

CCL Mtg. (Library)

Fellowship Hall reserved