

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

### PRELUDE

*"The King of Glory Comes"*

J. Ferguson  
Covenant Youth Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 132:13-18

For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
**he has desired it for his habitation:**  
"This is my resting place forever;  
**here I will reside, for I have desired it.**  
I will abundantly bless its provisions;  
**I will satisfy its poor with bread.**  
Its priests I will clothe with salvation,  
**and its faithful will shout for joy.**  
There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David;  
**I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.**  
**His enemies I will clothe with disgrace,**  
**but on him, his crown will gleam."**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 196

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

### 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 comforted  
as we near the end of 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.

**\*\*Gateway to Worship** (*Children can meet the Gateway leader in the back of  
the sanctuary near the entrance doors.*)

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### ANTHEM

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

John Carter

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### \*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 216

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

### GOSPEL READING (pg. 86—NT)

Luke 22:14—23:56

### SERMON

The Passion

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*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

### \*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

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \*HYMN OF SENDING # 221

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

### \*BENEDICTION

*Lent is a season of quiet reflection. As an act of corporate fasting,  
our service will end without a 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.

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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!

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL & SERVICE

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00 PM on Maundy  
Thursday, April 18, for a Passover meal (Seder).** For meal preparation  
purposes, we need to know how many people will be coming so **please sign  
up TODAY in the Narthex!! (Deadline to sign up is tomorrow, April 15.)**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### PALM SUNDAY (TODAY)

### 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.

***(GROW will not meet.)***

### 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.***

## COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated next Sunday (Easter). Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

## NO GROW THIS WEEK

GROW will not meet this week. (See Holy Week schedule.)

## THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on **Wed., April 17<sup>th</sup> 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! (ALL foods are appreciated, so if you wish to bring cereal, canned meats, soups, veggies, pasta, beans, please do so.)

## SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY, MAY 18

The **"First Annual BBQ Fundraiser for BABMOC"** is set for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1 - 4 PM, at the home of the Cary's, 601 Douglas Drive. Come join us for **Blues and BBQ for BABMOC!**

## 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!**

## 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.*

## TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:  
Liturgy written by:  
Liturgist:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Covenant Youth  
David/Sharon Miller

## 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 14—20, 2019.

Amy Hecht, who is at NHC for rehab following partial hip replacement surgery. Visitors are welcome.  
Bob Hart, who is in rehab at NHC. Visitors are welcome.  
Sally Nagel, who is recovering well at home.  
Lori Simon, Tina's sister, who recently had a PET scan and is undergoing further testing to see if her original thymic carcinoma may again be active.  
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.

***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 14, 2019  
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Everlasting God,  
in your tender love for the human race  
you sent your Son to take our nature,  
and to suffer death upon the cross.  
In your mercy  
enable us to share in his obedience to your will  
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## **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](mailto:grhunter1951@gmail.com) or by phone at 423-612-6559, or go to [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://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 14 – Palm Sunday**

9:30a – 9:55a  
9:45a  
11:00a  
**12:30p**  
1:30p  
7:00p

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

### **Monday, April 15 – Deadline to sign up for Seder**

8:30a  
7:00p

N.A. Meeting  
NarAnon Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 16**

8:30a  
**11:30a – 4:30p**  
6:30p  
7:00p

N.A. Meeting  
**Mom Power**  
Cub Scouts  
Al-Anon Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 17**

**11:30a**  
**NO GROW**  
6:00p  
6:30p  
**7:00p**  
7:00p  
7:00p

**The Lunch Bunch** at Sabores

Handbell Choir  
SAFG  
**Joint Worship Service at Watauga Ave. Pres.**  
Chancel Choir  
N.A. Meeting

### **Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday**

**8:00a**  
Noon  
**2:00p – 4:00p**  
**6:00p**

**Men's Bible Study**  
Al-Anon Meeting  
**Bridge & Games in the Library**  
**Seder Meal & Service** (Fellowship Hall)

### **Friday, April 19 – Good Friday**

Noon  
1:30p  
**6:00p**

CoDA Meeting  
N.A. Meeting  
**Tenebrae/Service of Shadows at Watauga Ave. Pres.**

### **Saturday, April 20**

**7:00p**

**Saturday Night at the Movies (Library)**