

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

PRELUDE

“Bell Peal for Easter”

Michael Burkhart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glorious Easter Morning!

Early on the first day of the week.

Wondrous Easter Morning!

The stone has been rolled away from the tomb.

Luminous Easter Morning!

Two men clothed in dazzling white appear

“He has risen” they say.

Celebrated Easter Morning!

Peter runs to see for himself.

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Easter Morning,

we confess that this is a hard Easter for us.

We feel surrounded by loss,

**loss of potential, loss of treasures,
life and objects so quickly gone.**

Perhaps this is the type of desolation

felt by the women and the apostles,

the feeling of Friday, the emptiness of Saturday.

God of Exodus and Easter,

God of homecoming and forgiveness,

God of fierceness and peaceableness,

we are finally driven to your miracles.

This day hear our urgency and do among us

what none of us can do.

Do your Friday—Sunday act yet again and make us new.

We pray out of the shattering death

and the shimmering new life of Jesus,

whose name we bear.

Make real to us today the words of St Paul

“I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,

nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. Suffering will be followed by hope. Joy comes in the morning. We are loved by the Lord our God. We are forgiven, cherished and given value.

Halleluia! Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 240, v. 2 *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING (*pg. 90—NT*)

Luke 24:1-43

SERMON

What if it’s true?

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

*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

“The Majesty & Glory of Your Name”
Fettke/Johnson

*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

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 # 236

“The Strife Is O’er”

*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.

Note: The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 22, 2019.

HOLY WEEK LABYRINTH

Walking a labyrinth can provide a time for prayerful reflection and meditation. Again this year we have one on the lawn in the front of the church. 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.

EARTH DAY EVENT—MONDAY, APRIL 22, 6:00P

Social Advocacy Witness of Northeast Tennessee and Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church GreenFaith are sponsoring an Earth Day event tomorrow, **Monday, April 22nd, from 6:00—8:00 PM at The Willow Tree** in downtown Johnson City.

Communities are demanding action on climate change. Join us for a presentation on the impacts, solutions, and what you can do to help drive action. Experience the possibility of actually reversing global warming. Accelerate the knowledge and growth of what is possible. Learn more about Pachamama Alliance, Project DRAWDOWN, Citizens Climate Lobby, and Climate Reality Project. Meet others in our community who are already actively working toward making a difference. Learn how you can change the conversation about global warming from “game over” to “game on!”

Presented by Dr. Rebecca Keeler and Lee Clements D.Min. both of Jonesborough. Dr. Keeler is retired from the practice of law and from teaching constitutional law. Lee Clements is a retired naval officer and Presbyterian Church minister.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—APRIL 28

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received **next 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.)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—NEXT 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.

SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY, MAY 18

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

TODAY AT COVENANT

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

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Kathi Cary
Kelsey Runion
Brett McCluskey
Jane Deaton

Covenant Handbell Choir

CHURCH STAFF

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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 21—27, 2018.

Jan Paveglio, who had shoulder surgery on Thursday.
Amy Hecht, who is at NHC in room 141 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 was in the hospital this week and is waiting on test results.
Jim Paveglio, who is suffering from cancer as well as stage 4 kidney failure.

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.

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April 21, 2019
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter

WHY do you LOOK
for the LIVING 
among the DEAD?
HE is not HERE.
 HE HAS
R.I.S.E.N!
L U K E 2 4 : 5

BASEMENT CLEAN-UP DAYS COMING UP

A “**Heads-up**” to all committees!! Saturday, May 4th and Tuesday, May 14th will be “Basement Cleanup” days. If any committee/individual has items stored in the basement that they want to keep, **please tag/flag those items BEFORE May 4th**. Unmarked items may be tossed out or given away.

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!**

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.*

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, April 21 – Easter Sunday

7:00a	Easter Sunrise Service
9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Traditional Worship Service
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, April 22

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
5:00p	UKirk Meal
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
11:30a – 4:30p	Mom Power
6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

6:00p	GROW
6:00p	Handbell Choir
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, April 25

8:00a	Men’s Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge & Games in the Library
5:00p	Old Timers Hiking Club Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 26

Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting