

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters, and God said

“Unbind creation and let her out!”

and God declared it to be Good.

God said, “let there be light”

and called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.”

God spoke the word to call the land from the water,

gathering the Watauga, the Holston,

and the Nolichucky into channels

and raising the Appalachians and Tannery Knob above the waters,

and in God's eyes they were Good.

God's word called to life the green bean and the milk cow,

the robin and the earthworm,

the honey bee and the gray wolf, the microbe and the swimming trout,

and God's heart saw them to be Good.

Then God spoke a final time,

making creatures who carry the divine image—us.

Forming humans by holy word, male and female together,

to tend and steward all that God had made.

And God saw that it was all Very Good.

And God declared that it is all Very Good.

On the seventh day, God rested.

And on this seventh day,

we come to worship and remember our role as partners in creation.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,

Our beautiful blue and green home

is an awesome, awesome gift.

Yet we seem willing to trade clean air

for the power of convenience,

clean water for easy waste disposal

and resource extraction,

and wilderness for elbowroom.

We marvel also at our inventions

and well we should for many of them are good,

but bought at what price?

Teach us both to create the new

and to protect Your Very Good.

We pray we can be a part of bringing

creation and the things we build

into harmony and peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given another chance. We are given strength for the continuing journey.

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

A READING FROM PSALMS (pg. 492—OT)

Psalm 8

OLD TESTAMENT READING (pg. 2—OT)

Genesis 2:4b-15

SERMON

Home or Vocation?

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 19

“God of Great and God of Small”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God;

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 Solo

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Kenton Coe

*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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*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.

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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.

Blood Drive TODAY! Walk in's welcome. Bring photo ID or American Red Cross donor card.

Note: Paul will be having back surgery tomorrow and will be out of the office for about 2 weeks. Please contact Tina in the church office in the event of an emergency.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

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

NEWSLETTER

The **MAY COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex. Please be sure to read it! You will also find the newsletter and May's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

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!**

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

We're pushing it back! The **May After Church Lunch** is being pushed back until the 3rd Sunday in May (the 19th) because of Mother's Day, so please be sure to note this on your calendars. The theme will be **Breakfast**. Yum! Will it be a French toast casserole, porridge, sausage and egg casserole, cheese grits, croissants, or maybe hash browns? All of those sound good, don't they?

We need help with **After Church Snacks**. This snack time is important in the life of our church because it provides an opportunity for us to spend time with one another and welcome visitors. Please sign up. We don't need fancy snacks, but we do need YOU.

NO GROW

GROW will not meet again until Paul recovers from his back surgery. Check your bulletins for updates.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on **Wed., May 1st at 11:30a at Main Street Pizza**, 300 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.

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.

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!**

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.*

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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

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

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Lauri Zembower
Mark Merriman
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 April 28—May 4, 2019.

Paul Helphinstine, who is having back surgery tomorrow.
Charlie Leonard, Patti Coble's friend's uncle, who was diagnosed with bone cancer.
Jan Paveglio, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
Amy Hecht, who is at NHC in room 141 for rehab following partial hip replacement surgery. Visitors are welcome.
Bob Hart, who was scheduled to go home on Friday.
Sally Nagel, who has resumed her chemotherapy treatments.
Lori Simon, Tina's sister, who is home 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

and Ministries of the Presbytery:

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry)
Holston Presbytery Camp



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.



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April 28, 2019
2nd Sunday of Easter



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Young and old and everyone in between—
we envision a world where all live in harmony
with each other and with God's wonderful creation.

We look forward to a time when Christ's love
permeates all that we say and do.

We renew our commitment together,
with God's grace, to respect the gifts
that have been given to us
and to use those gifts for the
good of the poor and vulnerable of this earth.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, April 28

9:30a – 9:55a Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship Service
Noon – 4:00p Red Cross Blood Drive
12:30p Local & World Missions Committee Meeting
7:00p N.A. Meeting

Monday, April 29

8:30a N.A. Meeting
1:30p Congregational Life Committee Meeting
4:30p Admin & Budget Committee Meeting
7:00p NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

11:30a The Lunch Bunch at Main St. Pizza
6:00p Handbell Choir
6:30p SAFG
7:00p Chancel Choir
7:00p N.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 2

8:00a Men's Bible Study
Noon Al-Anon Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p Bridge & Games in the Library

Friday, May 3

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