

## 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

I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
**Forgiven, loved, and free.**  
In awe and wonder to recall  
**His life laid down for me.**  
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
**Each proud division ends.**  
The love that made us, makes us one.  
**And strangers now are friends.**  
And thus with joy we meet our Lord,  
**His presence always near,**  
Is in such friendship better known:  
**We see and praise Him here.**

from *I Come with Joy*, a hymn by Brian Wren

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 260

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

#### 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.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and loved!

**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.  
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

OLD TESTAMENT READING (p. 501—OT) Psalm 22:25-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING (p. 127—NT) Acts 8:26-40

SERMON The Breadth of God's Love Rev. Daniel Kreiss

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 703 *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

\*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 *“Eden's Song”* arr. Mark Schweizer

\*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: It is truly right and joyful ...  
...joining our voices with the residents of Heaven, 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: Blessed are you, O God, ...

...we remember the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Blessed is your Holy Spirit, ...

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF SENDING # 246

*“Christ Is Alive!”*

\*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.

**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.

**This morning we welcome the Rev. Daniel Kreiss to the pulpit.** Dan has served as the director of the Youth Ministry degree and the Dean of the Peeke School of Christian mission at King University from January 2005 – May 2019. He was ordained in the Holston Presbytery in March of 2018 after completing his M Div at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan College. He is currently completing his D Min at Portland Seminary in Leadership in Global Perspectives and anticipates graduating in May 2020. Dan is the father of 4 amazing children and the husband of Cindy for nearly 30 years. They currently reside in Bristol, TN, but with the completion of his time at King are open to see what God has in store for this next season of their lives.

### NO GROW

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

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—TODAY!

Gather with us from **3p—5p this afternoon** as we continue our travel to Eastern Europe with Rick Steves' Travelog from the comfort of the sofa and chairs in our Library.

### BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

The next Black/White Dialogue meeting is on **May 13**, from 6—8:00 PM, at the Carver Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC. Details in May Courier.

### PW CIRCLES IN MAY

- **Friendship Circle:** Tuesday, May 14 at 1:30 PM in the library.
- **Joy Circle:** Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom.
- **Red Tent Circle:** (*rescheduled—see BJ for date*) at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King.

### FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

We're pushing it back! The **May After Church Lunch** is being pushed back until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May (the 19<sup>th</sup>) 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.

### THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on **Wed., May 15<sup>th</sup>** at **11:30a at Yong Asian House**, 405 Ray Martin Road in Gray. **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 AND to let her know if you need a ride or directions.

### 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: Jim Starr  
Liturgy written by: the Rev. Pat Willard  
Liturgist: Hal Hunter  
Nursery: David/Maureen Knechtel

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul Helphinstine  
Music Director: Jessica Siple  
Office Administrator: Tina Simon  
Administrative Assistant: Shirley Barrett  
Custodian: Marie Britt  
Nursery Worker: 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. **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 May 5—11, 2019.

Paul Helphinstine, who is recovering well at home after back surgery.  
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 is doing well at home after PT.  
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.



### 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.*

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**MAY 5, 2019**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**



### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bless us, O God,  
with a reverent sense of your presence,  
that we may be at peace  
and may worship you  
with all our mind and spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER TIME – EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

Please join us at our Prayer Time as a group of us seek God’s intercession for our church family and its ministries. We meet each Sunday from 9:30–9:50 AM in the high school Sunday School Classroom.

### NEW GROUP STUDY BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 12

Members, Guests and Friends: Please consider joining us for an 8-week group study of Richard Rohr’s new book entitled “**The Universal Christ.**” Father Rohr teaches us to see Christ in everything and everyone! We will use a variety of methods to dive deeply into this book such as group discussion, paired sharing and individual contemplation. We will start on May 12 with an introduction to the themes of the book.

You will need to purchase the book but you do not need to attend all 8 sessions! The book is available in paperback, hardback and Kindle edition on Amazon. A comprehensive study guide is free and will be distributed as a .pdf in class. All are welcome! We will meet in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall at 10 am on Sunday.

If you want more info or have questions, contact Dr. David Wood at dr.davidwood@gmail.com or 904-236-8311.

### BASEMENT CLEAN-UP DAYS COMING UP

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> will be the next “Basement Cleanup” day. If any committee/individual has items stored in the basement that they want to keep, and you have not yet tagged those items, please do so today!!** Unmarked items may be tossed out or given away.

### THE FIRST ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER FOR BABMOC!

What: **Blues & BBQ for BABMOC**  
When: **Saturday, May 18 from 1 - 4 PM**  
Where: at the home of the Cary's,  
601 Douglas Drive in J.C.  
Who: **Everyone is invited!**

### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES – MAY 18

Join us in the Library Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for Saturday Night at the Movies, this month showing “**THE BUCKET LIST**”. Billionaire Edward Cole (Jack Nicholson) and car mechanic Carter Chambers (Morgan Freeman) are complete strangers, until fate lands them in the same hospital room. The men find they have two things in common: a need to come to terms with who they are and what they have done with their lives, and a desire to complete a list of things they want to see and do before they die. Against their doctor’s advice, the men leave the hospital and set out on the adventure of a lifetime. Directed by Rob Reiner (2007) Running time: 97 minutes. We’ll save you a great seat!

### MOM POWER

**Mom Power wrapped up this week.** We had fewer mothers participating, but the influence on each of them and their children will be long-lasting. We will have a more complete report for you soon.

If you donated a rocking chair, pack ’n play or high chair – **THANK YOU!** You may pick them up from the storage room 2 doors down from the kitchen.

The Mom Power staff has thanked us so many times for Covenant’s loving hospitality. We really are making a difference in our community!

### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

#### Today, May 5

9:30a – 9:55a  
9:45a  
11:00a  
**3:00p – 5:00p**  
7:00p

#### Monday, May 6

8:30a  
**10:30a**  
6:30p  
7:00p

#### Tuesday, May 7

8:30a  
6:30p  
7:00p  
7:00p

#### Wednesday, May 8

9:30a  
6:00p  
7:00p  
7:00p

#### Thursday, May 9

**8:00a**  
Noon  
**2:00p – 4:00p**  
*Red Tent Circle moved to another date. Check with BJ King.*

#### Friday, May 10

Noon  
1:30p

#### Saturday, May 11

9:00a  
12:30p

Weekly Prayer Group  
Sunday School  
Worship Service  
**Armchair Travelers**  
N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting  
**Melting Pot**  
SAFG  
NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting  
Cub Scouts  
Property Committee Meeting  
Al-Anon Meeting

Worship Committee Meeting  
Handbell Choir  
Chancel Choir  
N.A. Meeting

**Men’s Bible Study**  
Al-Anon Meeting  
**Bridge & Games in the Library**

CoDA Meeting  
N.A. Meeting

LEAD Meeting  
CCL Meeting