

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kathi Cary

### GREETING

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed!**

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Alive! Let Christians sing.  
**The cross stands empty to the sky.**  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
**Love drowned in death, shall never die.**  
Not throned afar, remotely high,  
**Untouched, unmoved by human pains,**  
But daily, in the midst of life,  
**our Savior in the God-head reigns.**  
**Come and worship! Come and worship!**  
**Worship Christ our risen Lord.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 366

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### 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.**

*Attributed to Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Jesus Christ came that we might live more abundantly.  
Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven  
and enabled to see our world in a different way.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #733 (verse 1) *“We All Are One in Mission”*

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

#### \*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

SERMON TEXT (*pg. 196—NT*)

Philippians 1:1-18a

SERMON Look at How They Love One Another

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 828

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

#### \*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, At Your Holy Table”*

arr. L. Larson

#### \*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: Holy, holy, holy Lord...

...we declare your praise, 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: Thank you, Lord...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: Spirit, come...

### Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

### Prayer after Communion

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

#### \*HYMN OF SENDING # 298

*“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

#### \*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.*

### 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.

## ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—TODAY AT 3:00P

Join us in the Library this afternoon from 3—5 PM as we travel to Spain and Portugal (from the comfort of our armchairs or the sofa!). Bring a light snack to share.

## AFTER CHURCH LUNCH, CLEAN-UP, & SNACKS

- ◆ Grab your calendars and make a note: The **May After Church Lunch is being pushed back to the third Sunday of the month, May 20**, because Mother's Day falls on our usual second Sunday lunch day. Always a favorite, **the theme for May is Breakfast Foods!** We all have our favorites, so let's share them as we gather around our Fellowship tables with our church family.
- ◆ We will need help with **cleaning the kitchen afterwards**. Please do pitch in. We need you and we'll be GLAD to show you how to help.
- ◆ **Thank you** to those who have signed up to bring snacks for **After Church Refreshments**. We still have several Sundays that need to be covered so please take a look at the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex, maybe talk to a friend, and sign up together!

## DID YOU SIGN UP?? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

### **Holston Camp and Retreat Center: August 24 – 26, 2018**

**49** people (adults and kids) have signed up to attend this year's Retreat! There is still time to join them. **Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center** is a beautiful site surrounded by mountains, trees and two lakes. Biking, swimming, zip-lining, crafts, campfires, worship and fellowship with your church brothers and sisters will be on the agenda. Just fill out and turn in a **registration form**, which can be found on the table in the Narthex, along with your payment, in the offering plate or to Tina in the church office. The cost this year will be \$125/person, children are still free. Questions? Call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

## 2018 PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering will be received on **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church as a whole to encourage, develop and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Offering will remain with Covenant and will be given to a local mission project to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. Please give generously.

## GOOD SAM OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Offering will be received **on Sunday, May 27**. This month they need: **Fruit Cups and Canned Fruit**. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

## 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!**

## 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:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Mischele Hart  
Philip Hagelberg

## 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 May 6—12, 2018.

Lori Simon, Tina's sister, who found out that her cancer spread to her brain. She will have surgery using cyberknife ASAP. Lori is specifically asking for prayer that her side effects are minimal this time.  
Richard McCray, Ruth Laster's father, who fell and is recovering after surgery for 2 femur and 2 hip fractures. He will most likely go to Quillen for rehab.  
Beth DeTroyer, Shirley Barrett's daughter, who has health issues.  
Carson Cox, Helen Davis' grandson, who is recovering from surgery after a soccer injury.  
Glady Hood, who continues to recover.  
Bob Hart, as he continues to recover.  
Butch Carr, who is awaiting further treatment but is back with us at church.  
Mary Derouen, who is having numerous health issues.  
Barbara Kirkpatrick, Frankie Wolff's sister, diagnosed with Alzheimer's.  
Dear Covenant,  
My sister, Mary Lynn Moser, completed her check up and her report is that she is currently clear of any metastasis and her brain lesions are stable. We thank God for this report and thank everyone for their continued prayers.  
Peace to you, *BJ King*

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

Vi Block; Jeter Collins, Helen Fletcher

*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.



# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**May 6, 2018**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy Lord,

May our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## GROW SCHEDULE

GROW begins a new book this week. Paul has chosen the novel *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene. It is widely considered Graham Greene's, author of *Brighton Rock* and *The End of the Affair*, finest novel. The novel is dark and beautiful with deeply Christian themes explored. Following is the schedule:

- Wed., May 9—Discussion of the author and other background information concerning the novel
- Wed., May 16—Discussion of Part 1 of the novel
- Wed., May 23—**No Grow this evening**
- Wed., May 30—Discussion of Part 2 of the novel
- Wed., June 6—Discussion of Part 3 of the novel
- Wed., June 13—Discussion of Part 4 of the novel and concluding conversation

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES (ALL ARE WELCOME!)

The **Friendship Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Tues., May 8, at 1:30 PM** in the Church Library. (Contact for this Circle is Sally Nagel: 423-928-0853.)

The **Red Tent Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thurs., May 10, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King: 423-791-0254.)

The **Joy Circle** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Tues., May 15, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler: 423-314-7143.) (*NOTE: I got this wrong on the May calendar!!*)

## BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE

**Monday, May 14 from 6–8 PM at Carver Park Center, 322 W. Watauga Avenue.** This month's focus will be on comments and questions from last month's meeting with mayoral candidates. You do not have to have been at that meeting to attend this one. Everyone is invited – bring a friend!!

## THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering of "The Lunch Bunch" will be on **Wednesday, May 16, at 11:30 AM** at Main Street Pizza, downtown Johnson City. **Contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

## HUMOR ME! – MAY 20 FROM 3—5 PM

**HUMOR ME!** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 3—5 PM in the Library at Covenant. Laughing is good for your health, so the idea behind this group is to laugh, have fun and feel better! We are using a variety of humor resources and we look forward to laughing with you! (Consistent attendance is not required—drop-in's are welcome!!)

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

### Today, May 6

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

### Monday, May 7

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

### Tuesday, May 8

**1:30p**  
6:30p  
6:30p  
7:00p

### Wednesday, May 9

**6:00p**  
6:00p  
6:30p  
7:00p  
7:00p

### Thursday, May 10

8:00a  
Noon  
**2:00p – 4:00p**  
6:00p  
6:00p  
**7:00p**

### Friday, May 11

1:30p

### Saturday, May 12

12:30p

Sunday School  
Worship Service  
**Armchair Travelers**  
N.A. Meeting

**Melting Pot**  
NarAnon Meeting

**Friendship Circle**  
BABMOC Meeting  
Cub Scouts  
Al-Anon Meeting

**GROW**  
Handbell Choir  
SAFG  
Chancel Choir  
N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study  
Al-Anon Meeting  
**Bridge/Other Games**  
CoDA Meeting

"Hope Grows" Cancer Support Group  
**Red Tent Circle**

N.A. Meeting

CCL Meeting