

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

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

He is the Lamb of God.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live with him forever.

Come, let us praise the living God.

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Come and worship! Come and worship!

Worship Christ our risen Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 249

"Because You Live, O Christ"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giving and loving God,

There is a song that you have placed within me,

but I do not sing very often.

There is joy in the world hidden for me,

but I seek other treasures that are empty and vain.

There are those who cry out for my help,

but I seek my own safety and comfort instead.

You have given me Christ as my Savior,

but I sometimes look to other gods.

Our notes are flat when there is not enough breath.

Our lives are empty until they are filled with the wind of the Spirit.

Our lives are self-centered until we reach out to others.

Our vision is dim until we see with the light of Christ.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus Christ came, lived, died and rose from the

dead that we might live more abundantly. Believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and awakened to new life.

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.

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

READING FROM PSALMS

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul:

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*p. 128—NT*)

Acts 9:36-43

SERMON

Get Up!

Rev. Deven Hazelwood Johnson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 718 *"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"*

*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 Anthem *"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"* Bach/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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

NOTE: All music reprinted under CCLI license

****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.

(After Church Lunch will be held next week, May 19.)

This morning we welcome the Rev. Deven Hazelwood Johnson to the pulpit. Deven is a Minister-at-large within Holston Presbytery, having served Salem and Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, as well as St. John's Episcopal Church in various Christian Education and Pastoral ministries. As a Chaplain Resident at the Mountain Home VA, Deven found a passion for working with mental health and substance abuse clients. She is currently a Peer Wellness Coach with Frontier Health, facilitating change and teaching self-management classes. She and her partner, Christopher, have four kids together. They enjoy hiking, camping, and talking politics. The kids do not enjoy this as much.

NO GROW

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

UPDATE ON PAUL

Paul is recovering well from his surgery. We hope to have him back by May 19, but won't know for sure until his doctor clears him to return to work. Paul sends a special thanks for all the cards, texts, and calls. All have been so appreciated.

ALL PW CIRCLES MEET ON TUESDAY, MAY 14

- **Friendship Circle:** at 1:30 PM in the library.
- **Joy Circle:** at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom.
- **Red Tent Circle:** at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King.

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. All are welcome!

Program: Michelle Treece, JC School Board member, and Jeff Smith, Inclusion Officer of Northeast State, will present the dynamics of education for people of color and facilitate discussion.

Ms. Treece will present an overview of Johnson City Schools K-12 program based on our School System Report Card from the State of TN and explain the local demographics of our students and teachers as it compares to our community. In addition, Ms. Treece will provide ideas to make change in our communities to impact our youth.

Mr. Smith's perspective will reflect the challenges for people of color to enter higher education, graduate, and secure a career.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—MAY 19

Please join us **next Sunday, May 19, for After Church Lunch.** The theme this month is one of our favorites: **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?

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on **Wed., May 15th 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.

THANK YOU, COVENANT!

A big "Thank You" to each of you for taking the time to send a card or come out to visit me. The flowers you brought have been such a delight! The porch for guests was the reason I chose NHC, although I didn't realize how long I would be here!

Thank you again and again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Amy Hecht

~ ~ ~ ~

Thanks to everyone who gave blood at the Covenant blood drive. Our goal was to have 17 units donated, and we ended up with 20! Since each donation can be separated into various parts it's possible for one unit (about a pint) to help 3 different people. So that's up to 60 people who may be helped because of your gift of life. On behalf of all of them and their families, THANKS!

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:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Ron Smith
Madden Family

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. **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 12—18, 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 beginning chemo again on May 15.
Geoffrey Bergman, Lori Simon's boyfriend, who will have hernia surgery on May 20.
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.



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

603 Sunset Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604

423-282-5324 ♦ fax 423-282-5346 ♦ office@cpcjc.org ♦ www.cpcjc.org

Facebook: "Covenant Presbyterian Church (Johnson City, TN.)"

Instagram: @covenantpcjohnsoncity

MAY 12, 2019
14TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BASEMENT CLEAN-UP DAY COMING UP

Tuesday, May 14th 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 18th 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!

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 TODAY

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, May 12

9:30a – 9:55a
9:45a & 10:00a
11:00a
7:00p

Weekly Prayer Group
Sunday School
Worship Service
N.A. Meeting

Monday, May 13

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

N.A. Meeting
A Few Preachers Having Lunch
Black/White Dialogue at Carver Rec.
Vision Team Meeting
SAFG
NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

BASEMENT CLEAN-UP DAY!

8:30a
1:30p
6:30p
7:00p
7:00p
7:00p

N.A. Meeting
Friendship Circle
Cub Scouts
Red Tent Circle
Joy Circle
Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, May 15 – COURIER DEADLINE

11:30a
6:00p
7:00p
7:00p

The Lunch Bunch at Yong Asian House
Handbell Choir
Chancel Choir
N.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 16

8:00a
Noon
2:00p – 4:00p

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

Friday, May 17

Noon
1:30p

CoDA Meeting
N.A. Meeting

Saturday, May 18

1:00p – 4:00p
7:00p

Blues & BBQ for BABMOC! (601 Douglas Dr.)
Saturday Night at the Movies (Library)