

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

Celebrate with joy and singing,

Alleluia be our song.

Jesus Christ has risen to save us,

Praises to our Christ belong.

Through great love has come the victory,

Life, not death can be our claim.

Let us now declare Christ's greatness,

Spread good news, proclaim Christ's name.

Come and worship! Come and worship!

Worship Christ our risen Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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

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 # 240, v. 2 *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

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

GOSPEL READING (*p. 108—NT*)

John 13:31-35

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*p. 130—NT*)

Acts 11:1-18

SERMON

Discernment

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

*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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Don Coble

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 317

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*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.

We welcome Paul back to the pulpit today!!

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – TODAY!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for After Church Lunch. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

NO GROW

GROW will not meet this week. Paul needs another week or so of recovery. Tentative date to start back up is Wednesday, June 5. Check your bulletins for updates.

GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received **next Sunday, May 26.** This month they need: **Fruit! Canned and/or Cups!** Thank you for your continuing generosity!

THANK YOU, COVENANT!

Amy Hecht is making good progress at NHC. Thanks to all of you for your visits, cards, and good wishes. They have played an important role in her recovery.

Amy will be moving to an assisted living facility near David in Columbia, Maryland. David and Ruthie will be driving her up on June 1st. Her new mailing address will be:

Amy Hecht
Sunrise of Columbia, Room 119
6500 Freetown Rd.
Columbia, MD 21044

Her email will remain the same: amyvhecht@gmail.com. We will let you know as soon as she has a phone number.

Please stay in touch! She will miss her church family very much.

Thanks to all,

David Hecht and Ruth Wilson

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, May 19

9:30a – 9:55a
9:45a & 10:00a
11:00a
12:30p
1:30p
7:00p

Weekly Prayer Group
Sunday School
Worship Service
After Church Lunch
Session Meeting
N.A. Meeting

Monday, May 20 – FINAL COURIER DEADLINE

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

N.A. Meeting
SAFG
NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

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

N.A. Meeting
Cub Scouts
Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

6:00p
7:00p
7:00p

Handbell Choir
Chancel Choir
N.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 23

8:00a
Noon
2:00p – 4:00p

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

Friday, May 24

Noon
1:30p

CoDA Meeting
N.A. Meeting

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.*



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.



TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy written by:
Liturgist:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
David Miller
Julie Wood

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 19—25, 2019.

Amy Hecht, who is at NHC in room 141. Visitors are encouraged before she moves to Maryland on June 1st to be near her son.
Paul Helphinstine, as he continues to recover after back surgery.
Jan Paveglio, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
Jim Paveglio, who is suffering from cancer as well as stage 4 kidney failure.
Bob Hart, who is doing well at home after PT.
Sally Nagel, who has resumed her chemotherapy treatments.
Lori Simon, Tina's sister, who began chemo again on May 15.
Geoffrey Bergman, Lori Simon's boyfriend, who will have hernia surgery on May 20.
Charlie Leonard, Patti Coble's friend's uncle, who was diagnosed with bone cancer.

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

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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MAY 19, 2019
15TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dear God,
silence all voices within our minds but your own.
Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.

May our prayers be joined
with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,
that together we may glorify your name
and enjoy your fellowship forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.