

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT

"Rushing Mighty Wind"
"A Pentecost Prayer"

Tammy Waldrop
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RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

"Siyahamba"

arr. Hal Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (LITANY FOR PENTECOST)

Holy spirit, Creator,
in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life.
Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy spirit, Counselor,
by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy spirit, Power,
you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy spirit, Sanctifier,
you created us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy spirit, Giver of life,
you guide and make holy the church you create;
you give gifts –
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety,
the spirit of the fear of the Lord,
that the whole creation may be transformed.

Come, Holy Spirit!

True and only Light,
from whom comes every good gift:
Send your Spirit into our lives
with the power of a mighty wind.
Open the horizons of our minds
by the flame of your wisdom.
Loosen our tongues to show your praise,
for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace
and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ and through the coming of the Spirit,
we are renewed individually and united together.

Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #733 (verse 3)

"We All Are One in Mission"

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

*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

ANTHEM "A Mighty Wind"

Simon Andrews

SCRIPTURE READINGS (p. 119 & 198—NT)

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON The Great Story: Chapter One

Philippians 4:4-7

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 279** "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God:

who welcomes our laughter and moves us to wonder...

We believe in Christ:

who welcomes our questions and loves us to trust...

We believe in Spirit:

who welcomes our doubts and loves us to faith.

This we believe! Amen!

from *Reformed Worship*, written by Jeffery S. Gains

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.

David Miller

MINUTE FOR MISSION

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Tongues of Fire"

H. Hopson

*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.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 285

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

*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.

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy
to Melanie Jones in the death of her mother, Mary Lou Gammo.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Janet Powell by Harry Powell and family.*

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!

2018 PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering will be received this morning. 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.

Bibles for our High School grads are on the table in the Narthex, ready for you to write a note of congratulations and encouragement!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 GRADUATES!

Philip Hagelberg will graduate from Science Hill High School on May 26, 2018. He plans to major at ETSU in Communication/Journalism. (2925 Antioch Road, Johnson City, TN 37604)

Grace Maxine Madden will graduate from Science Hill High School on May 26, 2018. She will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and will major in Architecture. (1406 Woodmont Drive, Johnson City, TN 37601)

Blake Jones graduated from ETSU May 5 with a BS in ARTs and Science with a Math Major Concentration in Statistics. He has been accepted into the College of Business Master of Science Business Analytics program at the University of Tenn. which will begin in August. Blake will be moving home over the summer till grad school begins. (201 Sterling Springs Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604)

Sarah Cox, Dwight & Marilyn Sherman's granddaughter, graduated summa cum laude from Milligan College on May 5, 2018.

HUMOR ME! – TODAY, MAY 20 FROM 3—5 PM

Please join us in the library at 3:00 this afternoon for **HUMOR Me!** Laughing is good for your health, so the idea behind this group is to laugh, have fun and feel better!

GOOD SAM OFFERING—MAY 27

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

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

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

54 people (adults and kids) are 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 is \$125/person, children are still free. Questions? Call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

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!**

Covenant Presbyterian Church has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



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.

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

Covenant Handbell Choir
Covenant Children's / Youth Choir

Pastor:
Music Director:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:
Custodian:
Nursery Worker:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Anne Smith
Liz Dollar
John Deaton

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 20—26, 2018

C.B. Willis, who is at NHC for rehab after hip surgery. Visitors are welcome. Nina Cockerham, Donna Bridwell's mother, who has been, and still is, in the hospital with pneumonia and heart issues. A large cancerous tumor was found on Tuesday on one of her lungs and colon cancer is also suspected. No invasive procedures are planned due to her age, her heart problems, and her wishes. Her 90th birthday is June 20. The family is working with Hospice.

Beth DeTroyer and Renee McCandless, Shirley Barrett's daughters, both of whom have health issues.

Lori Simon, Tina's sister, who found out that her cancer spread to her brain. She had cyberknife surgery on Friday. Lori is specifically asking for prayer that her side effects are minimal this time.

Kendall Harris' 20-year-old grandson, Josh Orren, whose father died on May 10th and whose mother was Corilee Orren, Kendall's daughter who died 2 years ago.

Richard McCray, Ruth Laster's father, who was scheduled to go home after rehab on Thursday.

Sue Thompson, a friend of Patti Coble, who was just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Carson Cox, Helen Davis' grandson, who is recovering well from surgery after a soccer injury.

Butch Carr, who is awaiting further treatment.

Barbara Kirkpatrick, Frankie Wolff's sister, diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

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).

TODAY AT COVENANT

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Anne Smith
Liz Dollar
John Deaton

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MAY 20, 2018



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of Spirit

We give thanks that when you sent your Advocate, the apostles were empowered to speak about your deed of power in all languages, for every people. Give us boldness to share the Spirit's power with our neighbors. Amen.



THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	After Church Lunch
1:30p	Session Meeting
3:00 – 5:00p	Humor Me!
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, May 21

1:00p	A Few Preachers Having Lunch
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, May 22

6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, May 23

6:00p	GROW
6:00p	Handbell Choir
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 24

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge/Other Games
6:00p	CoDA Meeting
6:00p	“Hope Grows” Cancer Support Group

Friday, May 25

1:30p	N.A. Meeting
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