

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

PRELUDE “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr.: Raymond Hann

***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.

Hymn by Brian Wren, 1968 version

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 395** “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

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 empowered to sing as people of hope.
Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 240, v. 1**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
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. 109—NT) John 14:23-29

NEW TESTAMENT READING (p. 136—NT) Acts 16:9-15

SERMON Our Plans vs. God’s Plans Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 177** “I Will Come to You”

***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 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” arr.: Bill Ingram

***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 # 546** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

***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.

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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.

The Church Office will be **closed on Monday, May 27th** for Memorial Day.

NO GROW

Tentative date to start back up with **GROW is Wednesday, June 5.** Check your bulletins for updates.

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*

NEWSLETTER

The **JUNE COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex. **Please be sure to read it!** You will also find the newsletter and June's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

2019 PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, June 9th. 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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, May 26

9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a & 10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	Local & World Missions Committee Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, May 28

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, May 29

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

Thursday, May 30

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge & Games in the Library

Friday, May 31

Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting

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
Cynthia Erdei
Gina Long

Covenant Handbell Choir

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 26—June 1, 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 has also resumed chemotherapy.

Geoffrey Bergman, Lori's boyfriend, who is recovering from hernia surgery.

Charlie Leonard, Patti Coble's friend's uncle, who was diagnosed with bone cancer.

Ron & Pat Smith, who are going to England and Scotland and ask for traveling mercies.

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.



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MAY 26, 2019
6TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving God,
for each one who leads us in worship today,
we pray that they may be so filled with your Spirit
that they will clearly reflect the glory of Christ
in all they say and do.

We pray that everyone in this place
will know you are with us
and be drawn to bring you all honor and praise.
Amen.