

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,
“Glory!”
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!
Come and Worship! Come and Worship!
Worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Psalm 29, The God of Glory, a doxology

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 15 (vs. 1, 3, 4, 6) “All Creatures of Our God and King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul and mind;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We forget your commandments,
stray from your way, and follow other gods.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!
Through the blessings of the Triune God we are forgiven and made new.
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING (p. 635—OT) Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON TEXT (p. 158—NT) Romans 8:12-17

SERMON Invited Into Something Big Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 84 (vs. 1 & 4) “Creator of the Stars of Night”

*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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering
Offertory (Adagio) Beethoven

*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 # 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*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.*

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

NEWSLETTER

The **JUNE COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex, so if you have not already received it via email, please pick up your copy. There are extra copies on the table if you want a printed one, but **first look to see if there's one with your name on it.** You will also find the newsletter and June's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

2018 PENTECOST OFFERING

The **Pentecost Offering** was received last week. There is still time to give. 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.

A Golden Opportunity to See an Exhibition of World-Renowned Dale Chihuly's spectacular Glass Art at the Biltmore House and Gardens in Asheville, NC

(See full details in email, the June Courier, or on the board in the Narthex.)

Contact either Kendall Harris (423-943-8866) or Victory Cooper (423-282-4641) if you are interested in going as a small group. The cost is \$57 per ticket. They need to have a headcount by no later than Monday, June 4, in order for Kendall to purchase your tickets 7 days in advance. They will need to select one of the 4 following dates for the trip:

Mon., June 11, Tues., June 12, Wed., June 13, OR Fri., June 15

Please contact Kendall or Victory at least by Sunday, May 27 and inform us of what one or two of the 4 days mentioned would work for you, so that they can choose the date that facilitates as many going as possible.

The **Men's Bible Study** meets in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday morning from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. All men of the church are welcome, no need to reserve a spot – just show up!!

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day holiday.

ARE YOU GOING TO SIGN UP?? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

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

60 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 be \$125/person, children are still free. Questions? Call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

THANK YOU

Harry Powell and his family express their heartfelt appreciation to the congregation for the love and support shown in so many ways during this time of the loss and celebration of the life of Janet Powell, their beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother.

Special thanks are extended to those who participated in the choir and everyone involved with the wonderful music which expressed beautifully Janet's life and faith.

CHURCH KEYS

Just doing another "key inventory". If you have a key and **no longer need it**, please return it to the church office. Thank you!

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!**



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
Bill Hyers
David/Sharon Miller

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 27—June 2, 2018.

Carrie Lynn Denny, who is in the hospital with a severe infection following abdominal surgery. Carrie is a friend of Liz Dollar and her parents, David & Lyndell Denny, are long-time friends of Mike & Hope Lee.

Nina Cockerham, Donna Bridwell's mother, who has lung cancer, heart disease, and dementia.

C.B. Willis, who is at NHC for rehab. Visitors are welcome.

Glady Hood, who is back home.

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

Pat Zembower, Christian's mother in Winchester, VA, who had back surgery and was having some complications.

Mary Derouen, who is having some health issues.

Lori Simon, Tina's sister, who is doing well after cyberknife procedure on her brain. She will have another MRI in 3 months to find out results.

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.

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

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

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 27, 2018 TRINITY SUNDAY



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy, holy, holy God,
we worship and adore you—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Today in our worship we long for a glimpse of your glory,
seen perfectly in Christ, our Lord.
As we worship, may we gain new insight
about the mystery and wonder of your love.
And may we sense new ways
to mirror that love in our world,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, May 27 – Trinity Sunday

9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship Service
12:30p Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p N.A. Meeting

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

7:00p NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, May 29

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

Wednesday, May 30

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

Thursday, May 31

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, June 1

1:30p N.A. Meeting

Saturday, June 2

9:00a Presbytery Mtg. at First Pres., Eliz.