

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and oceans ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.
Come and worship! Come and worship!
Worship Christ our risen Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 265

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

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, Believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and united with our risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 240, v. 3

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever.

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. 111—NT*)

John 17:20-26

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*p. 136—NT*)

Acts 16:16-34

SERMON

Paul and Silas in Philippi

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 92

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the
Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is a right and joyful thing...

...and join the everlasting hymn, saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Blessed are you and blessed is your Son, ...
...we remember the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 542

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*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.

Please join us in the library immediately following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Glay Hood in the death of his 109-year-old sister, Opal Minnie Hood Leedy, on May 27, 2019.

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Come forward with your Offering during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

NO GROW THIS WEEK

GROW will resume on Wednesday, June 12.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!!

The Melting Pot team needs some extra help tomorrow morning, June 3rd. Several people that normally volunteer with this group are on vacation. **Openings are available for the 10:00 AM food prep and also for serving. Serving folks need to be there around 11:15 AM.** Everything is usually finished between 12:15 and 12:30. Please contact Bill Hyers at hyerswd@chartertn.net or 423-543-4926 for details.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—TODAY!

Gather with us from **3p—5p this afternoon** as we continue our travel from the comfort of the sofa and chairs in our Library. This month we will enjoy visiting Budapest: The Best of Hungary, and Croatia: Adriatic Delights.

2019 PENTECOST OFFERING—JUNE 9, 2019

The Pentecost Offering will be received next 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 Rise Up!**, a local mission project that makes an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, including Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) and Ministries for Youth. Please give generously.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on **Wed., June 5th at 11:30a at Bob Evans**, 2801 Boones Creek. **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. (3rd Wednesday, June 19, the restaurant will be **Red Meze Downtown**, 109 Buffalo St.)

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.

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
Mischele Hart
John Deaton

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 June 2—8, 2019.

Paul Helphinstine, as he continues to recover after back surgery.
Marilyn Sherman, who is recovering after a brief stay in the hospital for heart issues.
Amy Hecht, who is still recovering from hip surgery and has moved to Maryland to be closer to her son.
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.

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.



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.*

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JUNE 2, 2019
7TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God our creator, earth has many languages,
but your gospel proclaims your love
to all nations in one heavenly tongue.
Make us messengers of the good news
that, through the power of your Spirit,
all the world may unite in one song of praise;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH: June is a busy month, filled with travels, etc. and Worship in the Park is scheduled for June 30th (see below), so the After Church Lunch has been cancelled. We'll resume the normal schedule, 2nd Sunday of the month, in July.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTE: Please check the cart in the Fellowship Hall to see if you have dishes there!

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE: The next Black/White Dialogue meeting is on **Monday, June 10**, from 6—8:00 PM, at the Carver Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC. Everyone is welcome. The topic this month:

One of the most pervasive dynamics of racism is **White Privilege**. It is so pervasive, that much of the time “White people” don’t know they are benefitting from white privilege or relating to people of color in a privileged way. After all, “White people” have the power just because “White people” have been in control of our nation’s culture since the beginning.

Kathy Rowles will be facilitating a discussion of **White Privilege** at our June meeting. Kathy resides in Pennington Gap, VA. Together with Ron and Jill Carson, they provide a one or three day workshop on “Dismantling Racism.”

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Please join us in the Harris Pavilion at **Rotary Park on Sunday, June 30 for Worship in the Park.** (*This will be in place of our June After Church Lunch.*) Come one, Come all! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us. We all enjoy this service because it allows us to enjoy the beauty of nature while we worship. Dress is very casual (you might bring a light sweater if you tend to get cold). We will have a pavilion that is surrounded by trees, it’s a very pleasant setting and because of the shade it isn’t too hot. We will have lunch together after the service. The Worship Committee will provide BBQ, buns and beverages. Please bring a salad, dessert or your own specialty to share. We do have access to a kitchen, but with limited refrigerator space so plan accordingly. You may consider bringing a small cooler if your dish needs to be kept cold.

The LUNCH Sign-Up Sheet is in the Narthex. There is a place on the sign-up sheet should you prefer a **veggie burger instead or require a gluten-free bun.** PLEASE let us know the total number of people who will be coming with you so we will have enough for everyone.

We hope you will join us! (Directions are shown below and maps will be available on the table in the Narthex and will be posted on the church door for anyone who shows up at our door that morning needing directions and an explanation as to where we are.)

Directions FROM THE CHURCH to Rotary Park, 1001 N. Broadway St.: If you are not familiar with the area, the simplest way to go is to take Sunset Drive past N. Roan Street (Sunset turns into Princeton Rd.) to Oakland Avenue and turn right. Follow Oakland Ave. to Woodland Ave. and turn left. Drive one block and turn right onto Broadway Street. Rotary Park will be on your right.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: National Treasure—Showing Saturday, June 15th at 7:00

Historian and code-breaker Ben Gates (Nicolas Cage) has been searching his whole life for a rumored treasure dating back to the creation of the United States. Joining an expedition led by fellow treasure hunter Ian Howe (Sean Bean), Gates finds an ice-locked Colonial ship in the Arctic Circle that contains a clue linking the treasure to the Declaration of Independence. But when Howe betrays him, Gates has to race to get to the document ahead of his so-called colleague. Rated: PG, running Time: 131 minutes.

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MEN’S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: All men of the church (and friends of the men in the church) are invited to the Men’s Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. We meet every week in the Fellowship Hall, rain or shine. The coffee is hot and the discussion is lively. We’d love to have you join us, even if you aren’t able to come every week. More participation equals more perspective, and more perspective can lead to a greater understanding of the Bible.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00p – 4:00p

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00a – 4:00p

The office is closed on Friday.

Messages may be left on the church voicemail at any time, 423-282-5324. Press “2” to leave a message for Tina; press “1” for Paul.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING: The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, June 23rd**. This month they need: **Peanut Butter! If you want to bring Jelly, too, they’ll take it!!** Thank you!



NAME TAGS: Please wear your name tag 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!**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, June 2

COVENANT AT FAMILY PROMISE: JUNE 3 – 5

9:30a – 9:55a

9:45a & 10:00a

11:00a

3:00p – 5:00p

7:00p

Monday, June 3

8:30a

10:30a

6:30p

7:00p

Tuesday, June 4

8:30a

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Wednesday, June 5

11:30a

6:00p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, June 6

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

Friday, June 7

Noon

1:30p

Saturday, June 8

9:00a

12:30p

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

Armchair Travelers

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Melting Pot

SAFG

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Cub Scouts

Property Committee Meeting

AI-Anon Meeting

The Lunch Bunch at Bob Evans

Handbell Choir

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Men’s Bible Study

AI-Anon Meeting

Bridge & Games in the Library

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

LEAD Meeting

CCL Meeting