

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free.
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me.
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one.
And strangers now are friends.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord,
His presence always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here.

from *I Come with Joy*, a hymn by Brian Wren.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days
that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them-- they are more than the sand;
I come to the end-- I am still with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news. You were created by God.
Your life is interconnected with that of the Triune God.
You are loved and cherished and forgiven and renewed!
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 288

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*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. 162—OT)

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

GOSPEL READING (p. 36—NT)

Mark 2:23-3:6

SERMON

Rest that Restores

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 824

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

*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

"Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. A.L. Page

*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.

*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: Eternal God, holy and mighty, ...
...glory of your name, 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: You are holy, O God of majesty, ...
...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: Gracious God,...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(# 515 *"I Come with Joy"*; #500 *"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"*)

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 494 (v. 1,2,4,5) *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*

*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.

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.

2018 PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering was received a couple of weeks ago. 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.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—JUNE 10

The theme of next Sunday's After Church Lunch will be Salads. Now, there's a wide open theme for you. At the risk of sounding like a character from Forrest Gump, you've got your **green salads**, your **veggie salads**, your **chicken salads**, your **bean salads**, your **quinoa salads**, your **pasta salads**, your **congealed salads**, your **potato salads**, your **fruit salads**, your **shrimp salads**, etc... You'll rise to the occasion and have some fun with this one!

A little help with **clean up** will be so appreciated. And please sign up for **snacks!** We need **YOU!**

NEWSLETTER AND CHURCH DIRECTORY

There are extra copies of the **JUNE COURIER** and the latest **CHURCH DIRECTORY** on the table in the Narthex. You will also find the newsletter and June's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

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
Julie Wood
Jane 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.

Week of June 3—9, 2018.

Vi Block, who fell recently, broke 4 ribs, and is at NHC for rehab.
Carrie Lynn Denny, who is home after being 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 but may be home by now.
Glady Hood, who is back home, again.
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.
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 has 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:

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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JUNE 3, 2018
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Scripture tells us that God blessed and hallowed the seventh day "because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation" (Genesis 2:3) God's rest has nothing to do with fatigue... Rather, it has to do with the intense joy and peace, the supreme delight and contentment that followed from God's life-giving work. When people think of Sabbath they tend to think in terms of exhaustion: rest is a break, the time to escape from the harried pace of life. For God, however, rest is best understood as God's complete entrance into life and as God's availability to and joy in the beauty and goodness that is there. . . *God rests because there is no other place God would rather be.* God rests because the place God is is the place of God's love and concern and work, and there simply is no other place worth going to.

Norman Wirzba, *Food & Faith: A Theology of Eating*
(New York: Cambridge University Press), 45-46.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—TODAY AT 3:00P

Join us in the Library this afternoon from 3—5 PM as we travel to faraway places from the comfort of our armchairs or the sofa! Bring a light snack to share.

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN JUNE

“The Lunch Bunch” will gather on **Wednesday, June 6, at 11:30 AM at Southern Craft BBQ**, 601 Spring St. On **Wednesday, June 20, at 11:30 AM**, they will gather at **Bella Vita**, 2927 N. Roan St. Contact **Victory Cooper at 423-282-4641** for more information and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

“All Circle Dinner” will be on **Tuesday, June 12, at 6:00 PM at the Olive Garden.**

- **The Friendship Circle** will meet on **Tues., June 12, at 1:30 PM in the Church Library.** (Contact for this Circle is Sally Nagel: 423-928-0853.) Summer break in July & August.
- **The Red Tent Circle** will meet on **Thurs., June 14, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King**, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King: 423-791-0254.) Summer break in July & August.
- **The Joy Circle** will not meet in June, July or August. We will resume meeting in September.

CHURCH RETREAT

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

If you haven't signed up yet, and you want to go, please let us know as soon as possible! **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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, June 3

9:45a
11:00a
3:00 – 5:00p
7:00p

Monday, June 4

8:30a
10:30a
7:00p

Tuesday, June 5

8:30a
5:00p
6:30p
7:00p
7:00p

Wednesday, June 6

9:30a
11:30a
6:00p
6:30p
7:00p
7:00p

Thursday, June 7

8:00a
Noon
2:00p – 4:00p
6:00p
6:00p

Friday, June 8

1:30p

Saturday, June 9

12:30p
4p – 9p

Sunday School
Worship Service
Armchair Travelers
N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting
Melting Pot
NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting
Christian Education Committee Meeting (?)
Cub Scouts
Property Committee Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting

Worship Committee Meeting
The Lunch Bunch at Southern Craft BBQ
GROW
SAFG
Chancel Choir
N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study
Al-Anon Meeting
Bridge/Other Games
CoDA Meeting
“Hope Grows” Cancer Support Group

N.A. Meeting

CCL Meeting
AA Meeting