

## 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** "Allemanda" from Sonata No. 4 J.E. Galliard

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;**

come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the LORD is God.**

It is he that made us, and we are his;

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

**and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Psalm 100*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I bind unto myself today

**the power of God to hold and lead,**

**God's eye to watch,**

**God's might to stay,**

**God's ear to hearken to my need,**

**the wisdom of my God to teach,**

**God's hand to guide,**

**God's shield to ward,**

**the word of God to give me speech,**

**God's heavenly host to be my guard.**

**Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 694, v. 1 "Great God of Every Blessing"

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you?

Our praise is but a start:

sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

#### \*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.

**EARTHCARE CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Rev. Earle Barron

**\*\*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. 251—OT) 1 Samuel 8:4-20

**SERMON TEXT** (p. 37—NT) Mark 3:20-35

**SERMON** Rev. Paul Helphinstine

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

#### \*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** "Arioso" from Cantata No. 156 J.S. Bach

\*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 # 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Allegro" from Sonata No. 3 J.E. Galliard

\*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.

### 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!

**"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.

### ONLINE GIVING!

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce that Covenant now provides **online giving**. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit the church website, [[www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org)] and click our online giving link. Gone are the days of remembering your checkbook on Sunday (or ever!). *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

### GOOD SAM OFFERING—JUNE 24

Our next Good Samaritan Offering will be received **on Sunday, June 24.** This month they need: **Peanut Butter!** Thank you for your continuing generosity.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Melissa Freeman** graduated from the University of Denver on June 8, 2018, with a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Psychology. (10700 E. Dartmouth Ave., FF107, Denver, CO 80014)

### ADD THIS PHONE NUMBER!

Reg & Mildred Murphy

Home phone: **423-262-0473**

*Please add this to your copy of the latest church directory. If you do not have one, there are extra copies on the table in the Narthex. If you would like one sent to you via email, please let Tina know at [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org).*

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

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

69 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.

## HUMOR ME!—SUNDAY, JUNE 17

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

## THE LUNCH BUNCH IN JUNE

“The Lunch Bunch” will gather on **Wednesday, June 20, at 11:30 AM 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.

## 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:  
Flugelhorn:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Lauri Zembower  
Christian Zembower  
Madden Family

## 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 10—16, 2018.

C.B. Willis, who is finally home!  
Vi Block, who fell recently, broke 4 ribs, and is recovering at home.  
Carrie Lynn Denny, who is recovering from 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.  
Glady Hood, who is also home and still recovering.  
Beth DeTroyer and Renee McCandless, Shirley Barrett's daughters, both of whom have health issues.  
Pat Zembower, Christian's mother in Winchester, VA, who is recovering from back surgery.  
Mary Derouen, who is having some health issues.  
Kendall Harris' 20-year-old grandson, Josh Orren, whose father died on May 10<sup>th</sup> 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:***

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.

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JUNE 10, 2018

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Our hope lies in that minority of people whose lives are less defined by economics than by beauty and the love which attends it.

Wes Jackson

## 223<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At its core, the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a connectional church. That means that, like early Christians, we hold all things in common—including making decisions about who we, as a church, want to be and what we want to do in this life together. Important decisions about where God might be leading us aren't left in the hands of a few to be passed down to presbyteries and churches, but rather are made by churches and presbyteries through elected commissioners who gather together to discern the will of God.

These commissioners are elected every two years from the membership of presbyteries (the regional collection of PC(USA) churches formally and intentionally connected for the purpose of mission and ministry in a particular area). Teaching Elders (Ministers of Word and Sacrament) and Ruling Elders (Elders from individual churches, like Covenant, who are elected to serve on our session) are elected in equal proportion, so that all decisions made most broadly represent the church.

Paul has been nominated and elected to serve as the Holston Presbytery Teaching Elder Commissioner to the General Assembly this year in St. Louis, MO from June 16-23. This is an exciting opportunity and a hefty responsibility. For this reason Rev. Ed Wolff will be preaching and leading us in worship for the next two Sundays.

Paul wants to thank Covenant for allowing him to participate in the work of the larger church, and covets your prayers as he serves in St. Louis. He looks forward to sharing his experience and the decisions of the General Assembly when he gets back.

### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

#### Today, June 10

9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
<b>12:30p</b>	<b>After Church Lunch</b>
1:30p	Session Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

#### Monday, June 11

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
1:00p	A Few Preachers Having Lunch
<b>6:00 – 8:00p</b>	<b>Black/White Dialogue at Carver Park</b>
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

#### Tuesday, June 12

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
<b>1:30p</b>	<b>Friendship Circle</b>
<b>6:00p</b>	<b>All Circle Dinner at Olive Garden</b>
6:30p	BABMOC Meeting
6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

#### Wednesday, June 13

<b>6:00p</b>	<b>GROW</b>
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

#### Thursday, June 14

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
<b>2:00p – 4:00p</b>	<b>Bridge/Other Games</b>
6:00p	CoDA Meeting
<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Red Tent Circle</b>

#### Friday, June 15

1:30p	N.A. Meeting
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#### June 16 – 23

223<sup>rd</sup> PCUSA General Assembly in St. Louis