

## 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

Blessed are the people who do not walk  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
**stand in the way of sinners  
or sit in the seat of mockers.**  
But their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
**and on his law they meditate day and night.**  
They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
**which yields fruit in season  
and whose leaves do not wither.**  
Others went out on the sea in ships;  
**they were merchants on the mighty waters.**  
They saw the works of the LORD,  
**his wonderful deeds in the deep.**  
For he spoke and stirred up  
**a tempest that lifted high the waves.**  
They mounted up to the heavens  
**and went down to the depths;  
in their peril their courage melted away.**  
They reeled and staggered like drunken men;  
**they were at their wits' end.**  
Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
**and he brought them out of their distress.**  
He stilled the storm to a whisper;  
**the waves of the sea were hushed.**  
They were glad when it grew calm,  
**and he guided them to their desired haven.**  
Let them give thanks to the LORD  
**for his unfailing love  
his wonderful deeds for men.**  
Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people  
**and praise him in the council of the elders.**

*from Psalm 107*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 8

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises.  
**Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;  
where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;  
where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;  
where we have been dead, grant us your life.  
Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing,  
in and with you we can do all things. 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. 3 "Great God of Every Blessing"

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,  
transforming broken people into the holy church.  
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:  
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.

**\*\*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

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*p. 181—NT*) 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

GOSPEL READING (*p. 39—NT*) Mark 4:35-41

SERMON What and who are we looking for? Rev. Edward Wolff

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

#### \*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 Anthem "Shepherd Me, O Gentle Lamb" J.M. Martin

\*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 # 720

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

\*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 flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Charles Trifiletti  
to the glory of God and in memory of his parents, Angelo & Julia Trifiletti,  
and one of his shepherds, Janet Powell.*

**We welcome the Rev. Edward Wolff to the pulpit this morning.** Paul will return to the pulpit next week.

### INVITATION FROM THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study group has had the pleasure of studying with one of "our" missionaries, **Jon Christiansen**, who has been attending the group while recovering from back surgery. Jon and Kathy will be heading back to Zimbabwe in July so this coming **Thursday, June 28**, will be his last visit for about 2 years. The Men's Bible Study group has thoroughly enjoyed Jon's participation in the Bible study and he will be missed. **They invite everyone to join them on Thursday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 8—9 AM.**

### WORSHIP IN THE PARK—JULY 8, 2018

Please join us in the Harris Pavilion at **Rotary Park on Sunday, July 8 for Worship in the Park.** (*This is in place of our monthly 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 are 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.) *continued on back*

**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.

### 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.

### 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.*

### CHURCH RETREAT AT HOLSTON CAMP: AUGUST 24 – 26

If you haven't **filled out and turned in your Registration Form** or submitted your payment for the Church Retreat at Holston Camp, **please do so as soon as possible!** The cost this year is \$125/person, children are still free. Questions? Call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143.

### 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  
Shaunda Fales  
Knechtel 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. Updates can be submitted on a weekly basis or, 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. Thank you.*

### Week of June 24—30, 2018.

Butch Carr, who is awaiting further treatment.  
C.B. Willis, who is recovering at 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.  
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.  
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 24, 2018  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The story of Jesus stilling the storm, according to the Gospel of Mark, is one of the most popular stories of Jesus in the Bible. When we read it, it reminds us of Jesus being with us to still the storms of our lives, be it physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual.

But is there more to the story than that? Does the entire story of Jesus' ministry from the Gospel of Mark open our minds and hearts to other thoughts and challenges? Read 2 Corinthians in today's lesson; we might ask ourselves if we could state experiences in life similar to Paul's that create storms.

**NOTE: GROW will not meet again until July 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

Today, June 24

9:45a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship Service  
7:00p N.A. Meeting

Monday, June 25

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

Tuesday, June 26

8:30a N.A. Meeting  
6:30p Cub Scouts  
7:00p Al-Anon Meeting  
**7:00p 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Prayer at The River**

Wednesday, June 27

**NO GROW**  
6:30p SAFG  
7:00p Chancel Choir  
7:00p N.A. Meeting

Thursday, June 28

8:00a Men's Bible Study  
Noon Al-Anon Meeting  
**2:00p – 4:00p Bridge/Other Games**  
6:00p CoDA Meeting

Friday, June 29

1:30p N.A. Meeting