

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving Creator of all, we come to you today deeply grateful for your creation. As we look around us, we are amazed at the greatness and majesty of all that you have made. Nature around us speaks of your greatness – the vast expanse of the sky, the mountains, trees, lakes and streams speak of your great design. You have given us such beauty in the colors of the rainbow, the beauty of flowers and fields. Words cannot adequately express the magnificence of all you have created. We join in praise with the writer of the psalms when he says, “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.” May we show our love and reverence to you, our Lord, by caring for all that you have created. We humbly give you praise and thanks. Amen.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SONG (*see insert*)

"Come All You People"

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God created the heavens, star-spattered with beauty, and the earth, teeming with life.
And God set us on the Earth, alive and wide-eyed, able to see and hear,
feel and taste life's beauty, able to dream and plan,
create and build out of the richness of the earth.

(all singing)

Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

God gave us families to love us,
teachers to teach us, elders to guide us, and leaders to inspire us.
God gave us His son
to save us from the path of destruction and sin,
and to be a strengthening presence in our trials and temptations.

(all singing)

Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

Every good thing that fills our souls with gladness
and our lives with light is a gift from God.
We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches.
For this, let us come before God in Thanksgiving and grateful praise.

(all singing)

Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE # 14 (*see insert*)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:

**Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,
that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,
paths that lead to dread and death.**

**Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,
life that is abundant and eternal,
life that began at the creation of all things.**

**Forgive us, turn us to the right path,
and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.**

We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news:

When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins
and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong.

Trust and remember today that your sins are forgiven.

Live and celebrate in the joy of that truth!

Thank you, God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 647

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

THE PEACE

Leader: As people forgiven by the abundant grace of God,
we are at peace with God,
and we long 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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:19-21

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:51-62

SERMON

First Things First

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 726 (*see insert*)

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory Songs (*all sing*)

"This Little Light of Mine"

This Little Light of Mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
This Little Light of Mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
This Little Light of Mine,
Yes, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

"This is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day.
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

Doxology # 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings 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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION AND PRAYER FOR LUNCH

HYMN OF SENDING # 749 (*see insert*)

“Come! Live in the Light!”

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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 stay after today’s service and have lunch with us!

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS: A CONVERSATION

We hope you can join us this afternoon from 3:00-5:00 PM at the Willow Tree Coffeehouse and Music Room in downtown Johnson City.

If you were able to join us for the “Women in Politics” conversation in March, then you’ll be glad to know we’re following it up with **“Women Entrepreneurs.”** We’ll be talking to three wonderful women who decided to start their own successful businesses, and hear their take on what it’s like to be their own boss. Conversationalists are Kat Latham of Johnson City Brewing Company, Valentina Escobar-Gonzales of Beyond Engagement: Social Media Solutions, and Teri Doshier of the Willow Tree Coffeehouse and Music Room (and our host for these events!).

This event is free and open to the public so invite your friends. We encourage folks of all backgrounds to attend, and hope to have a diverse audience.

JULY COURIER

The **July Courier** has been mailed to those who normally receive a printed copy. There will be extra printed copies on the table in the Narthex next Sunday for those who want one. The newsletter and calendar are also available on our website at www.cpcjc.org. Please read it to see what’s happening in July!

CHOIR SUMMER BREAK

Chancel Choir will take a break from practice until Wednesday, July 31st.

Handbells won’t meet again until September.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:

Jim Starr

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

Music Director:

Jessica Siple

Office Administrator:

Tina Simon

Administrative Assistant:

Shirley Barrett

Custodian:

Marie Britt

Nursery Worker:

Jeanne Gamble

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week of June 30—July 6, 2019.

Bob & Betty Thompson, Phyllis Thompson's parents

Helen Davis

Jim Paveglio

Ed Wolff

*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, Bob Hart, 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

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.*



Covenant Presbyterian Church is proud to have received the designation of being an Earth Care Congregation, through the PC(USA).

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, June 30

11:00a

Worship in the Park

12:30p

Lunch in the Park

3:00p – 5:00p

**Women Entrepreneurs: A Conversation
*at the Willow Tree downtown***

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Monday, July 1

8:30a

N.A. Meeting

10:30a

Melting Pot

6:30p

SAFG

7:00p

NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, July 2

8:30a

N.A. Meeting

2:00p – 4:00p

Bridge & Games in the Library

6:30p

Cub Scouts

7:00p

Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, July 3

6:00p

GROW

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day – Church Office Closed

8:00a

Men's Bible Study

Noon

Al-Anon Meeting

Friday, July 5

Noon

CoDA Meeting

1:30p

N.A. Meeting

6:30p

Al-Anon Meeting

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.