As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please sign the attendance pads at the end of the pew and turn off cell phones.

**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**
“Immortal, Invisible, God-Only Wise” (pt. 1) arr. Shackley

**Call to Worship**
Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Leader: Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth!

People: The God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Let us worship God.

--Psalm 46

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn of Praise # 403**
“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**Call to Confession**
(Few moments of silent prayer)

**Prayer of Preparation**
Leader: O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love.

All: Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clutches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from your wisdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**
Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Thanks be to God!

**Congregational Response # 441 (st. 2)**
“Hear the Good News of Salvation”
All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish, Christ forgives and so I sing: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

**The Peace**
Leader: As people forgiven by the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, we are at peace with God, and we ought to strive to live in peace with one another.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ, by words or actions, 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**

**Sermon Text** (pg. 453—OT) Job 1:1-22

**Sermon**
The Story Rev. Paul Helphinstine

**Responding to God's Word**

**Hymn of Contemplation # 691**
“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

**Affirmation of Faith**
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 Anthem**
“A Jubilant Song” Allen Pote
Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad, Let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song. Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia.

**Doxology** # 712 (st. 3)
“In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your son, help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Going Out to Serve**

**Hymn of Sending # 176**
“If You Only Had Faith”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**
“In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your son, help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done. Amen.

**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 to the glory of God and in memory of Frank Lamons by his daughters, Linda Honaker and Betsy North.

**All Church Retreat 2016**
Just a reminder that Registration forms and fees are due. Please turn in Julie put forms and/or payments in the offering plate. Call Julie Wood if you have questions. 423-328-0788.

**Rotary Club Blood Drive – Tuesday, July 26**
Covenant will be hosting a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 26th from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM in partnership with the Rotary Club of Johnson City and the American Red Cross. Please donate if you are able and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to donate, too.
SHEPHERD’S “DELIGHTFUL DESSERT” MEETING

◆ ◆ Sign up in the Narthex by July 13!! ◆ ◆

A meeting of all Covenant Shepherds (current and new) will be held at 2:30 PM on Monday, July 18th, in the Fellowship Hall, with dessert provided to Shepherds. Covenant’s Shepherd Program will be reviewed during the meeting to orient new Shepherds and to provide a “refresher” for current Shepherds. Also during the meeting, new Covenant members and/or regular visitors will be assigned to a Shepherd.

In coordination with this meeting, Covenant is seeking new Shepherds - men, women, or couples! We are all called as Christians to love and care for others, and this begins at home, within our own Covenant church family. Serving as a Shepherd provides a gratifying opportunity to do this.

Shepherds (current and new), if you plan to attend the luncheon meeting, please add your name by July 13th to the “Shepherd Delightful Dessert Meeting” sign-up sheet, which is posted in the Narthex or send Tina an e-mail at office@cpjc.org.

Please contact one of Covenant's Shepherd Program Coordinators, Donna Bridwell or Helen Davis, if you have any questions about the “Delightful Dessert” meeting, or if you are interested in becoming a Shepherd.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK – JULY 24, 2016

Please join us in the Harris Pavilion at Rotary Park on Sunday, July 24 for Worship in the Park. 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 lunch together after the service. The Worship Committee will provide burgers, hot dogs, 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 smaller 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 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.)

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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgist: Dave Wood
Nursery: John Deaton
After Church Refreshments: Helen Davis

THE LUNCH BUNCH

Everyone is welcome! The next gathering of “The Lunch Bunch” will be on Wednesday, July 20, at Red Lobster on N. Roan Street. Contact Carlyn Sue Hoffman at 423-202-7281 to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

GOOD SAMARITAN SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

We will receive this offering next Sunday, July 17. (absolute deadline is July 24, but we will be at the Park that day.) Please see insert for details.

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 okay 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 July 10—16, 2016.

Mary Frances White, who is at NCH recovering from emergency surgery.
Janet Powell, who is home recovering from surgery to repair 2 broken arms.
Dot Carpenter, who is at home following rehab at NCH.
Browne Walker, who is now home.
Hope Lee, who had a catheter and glucoma surgery.
Mike Query, Nancy Carter’s brother, who has moved in with Nancy while undergoing radiation treatments for stage 4 cancer in the muscle behind the lungs and spine.
Lynn Wynn, Stephen Rowe’s sister, who is suffering from bone cancer that has metastasized to the lining of her lungs.
Robbi Meluso, Tina’s mom in California, whose recovery from shoulder replacement surgery is going well.
Jan Paveglio, who is suffering from some health-related issues.
Tom Wolf, Julie Wood’s brother, who has a serious degenerative genetic disease.
Gideon Purchase, son of Gary & Katie Purchase (co-worker of Amy Kelley), responding well to treatment for neuroblastoma at St. Jude’s in Memphis.
Martha Preston, Hope Lee’s sister who had a stroke and is not doing well.
Elaine Leady, Melodye’s cousin in Destin, FL, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
Susan Clark’s brother, Jim and his wife, Elizabeth.
Pat Bolton Dyer, friend of the Carr’s, who is going to Duke for medical tests.
Please remember those in our congregation who are homebound and unable to join: Vi Block; Jack & Helen Fletcher; Dick Lewis

Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:
Bob & Kristi Rice: Democratic Republic of the Congo
Jon & Kathy Christiansen: Zimbabwe

REV. PAUL HELPHISTINE
Music Director & Accompanist: Melodye Sparks
Office Administrator: Tina Simon
Administrative Assistant: Shirley Barrett
Custodian: Marie Britt
Nursery Worker: Jeanne Gamble

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 recently received the designation of being an Earth Care Congregation, through the PC(USA).

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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

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July 10, 2016
8th Sunday after Pentecost
GOOD SAMARITAN SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Do your children go hungry?
Most likely, they don't. Unfortunately that cannot be said for many in Johnson City. The summer months are particularly bad, as families who are on free or reduced meals during the school year often fall short in the summertime. There may be as many as 750 families who must face this problem.

Good Samaritan Ministries, though, has an answer. It's called the Summer Food Program. They try to supply these families with food assistance to help them through this vital time. Meat, fruit, vegetables, cereals and rice are some of the staples that Good Sam provides, as well as personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies.

This is where Covenant can help. For Good Sam’s July distribution to these families, will receive the next donation on Sunday, July 17th.

Following are items we will collect by Sunday, July 17:

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Ramen Noodles (48kg)
- Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles (1 Ib.)
- Crackers (4 pack box)
- Soup: small cans
- Mac and Cheese boxes
- Rice (1 lb. bag)

Thank you for your continuing support to Good Samaritan Ministries for the people in our community.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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