

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

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;
he promises peace to his people, his saints
-- but let them not return to folly.
Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Psalm 85:8-13

Let us worship our God
who calls us to be our better selves.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 35 *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God who is our hope,
You come to release us
from feelings that are difficult,
like sadness or grief,
loss or disappointment,
fear or anger.
To our minds,
release means that
we will no longer have these feelings.
To your mind,
release means
that we will be able to have them,
and to allow them to come and go as necessary,
without being destroyed or consumed by them.
Give us, God of our tomorrows,
the willingness to accept your offered grace
to be healed by your love;
in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and healed.
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 581 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

*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: As we prepare to share the peace of Christ with those near you,
let us say together an ancient Celtic blessing:

People: **Deep peace of the running wave to you.**
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ,
of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to 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. 691—OT)* Isaiah 61:1-4

GOSPEL READING *(p. 61—NT)* Luke 4:16-21

SERMON Jan Riley McMurray

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 731
"Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"

*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 *"Blessed Assurance"* arr. Joel Raney

*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 # 839 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

*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.

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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 join us in the library immediately following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

We welcome Jan McMurray to the pulpit this morning. Jan is a member of Covenant. This is Jan's last Sunday before moving to Mississippi. Jan has spoken and written widely about issues facing the church for many years.

HUMOR ME! - TODAY AT 3:00 PM

Please join us this afternoon from 3—5 PM in the Library for Humor Me!

OUR WEEK AT FAMILY PROMISE

Please mark your calendars! Covenant's next support week at Family Promise is **July 15 through July 22.**

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering will be on **Wednesday, July 18, at 11:30 AM at The Roots Vietnamese Restaurant, 600 N. State of Franklin. Contact Victory Cooper at 423-282-4641 for more info and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.**

ROTARY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE—TUESDAY, JULY 24

Covenant will be hosting a blood drive in the **Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 24, from 1:00 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.** To reserve a donation time go to www.redcrossblood.org.

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.

GOOD SAMARITAN OFFERING

Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received next **Sunday, July 22**. This month they need: **Canned Ravioli and Spaghetti!** Thank you for your continuing generosity!

4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS

Community Prayer Gatherings are being held at The River on the **4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM**. Men, women, and children are invited and a guest speaker will provide a message each time. (Paul is on the schedule for July 24th.) Meet at Founder's Park.

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] 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.*

NAME TAGS

Please wear your name tag 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!**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, July 15—Covenant at Family Promise July 15—22

9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	Session Meeting
3:00p	Humor Me!
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, July 16—COURIER DEADLINE

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

Tuesday, July 17

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, July 18

11:30a	The Lunch Bunch at The Roots
6:00p	
6:00p	Chancel Choir
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, July 19

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

Friday, July 20

1:30p	N.A. Meeting
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TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy written by:
Liturgist:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Paul Helphinstine
Emily Helphinstine

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 July 15—21, 2018.

Jim Paveglio, who was in the hospital with kidney and cardiac issues.
Destiny Hill, Cynthia Erdei's great niece, who is in ICU at JCMC with a concussion.

Jan Paveglio, who has a procedure scheduled on July 18.

Butch Carr, who has received further treatment this week.

Beth DeTroyer, Shirley Barrett's daughter, is recovering well from surgery.

Renee McCandless, Shirley Barrett's daughter, who has some health issues and will be having surgery soon.

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



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.



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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JULY 15, 2018
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O come, faithful God,
who empowers the weak, who encourages the fearful,
who enlightens the blind, who intones the deaf,
who energizes the lame, who emancipates the speechless,
who enriches the poor, who invigorates the dead;

O come, faithful God,
come and enable us, right now,
to worship you and work for your Kingdom,
filled with your strength, your hope, your vision,
your melody, your motivation, your Word,
your inheritance, your Life!

All this we pray,
through him who came to be our Savior,
who lives to be our Lord,
who will return and fully make all things new;

In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

-- written by Peter L. Haynes,
and posted on the *Long Green Valley Church* website.