

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly,
and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.
Come and worship! Come and worship!
Worship God, Lord of all!

Psalm 15

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating and Compassionate God,
who endowed us with both physical and spiritual needs.
We confess to the times we become too busy
with the trivial and the mundane.
We seldom pause to hear the secrets of a waterfall,
ponder the magnificence of a bee on a blossom,
or give our complete attention to what a friend is saying.
We are busy with the urgent
and put aside the important for when we have more time.
Creating and Compassionate God,
in our life sojourn,
teach us to rejoice in simply being.
Empower us to discern that which has permanent value,
that we may use the gifts you have given us to your glory
and the benefit of those among whom we live.
We pray in the name of your Son
who gave us such a wonderful example while on this earth.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 184

"Calm to the Waves"

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.

*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.
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

GOSPEL READING (p. 72—NT)

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON TEXT (p. 14—OT)

Genesis 18:1-16

SERMON

Waiting on God

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune
God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign
love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in
God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as
one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring
God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and
ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and
threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and
mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham
and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the
house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ
of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing
child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is
faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in
life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Betsy Hagelberg

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory Solo

"My Lord, What A Morning"

Mark Hayes

*Doxology # 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 80

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

*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.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—JULY 28

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received **next Sunday, July 28**. This month they need: **Cans of Ravioli and/or Spaghetti**. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

2019 ALTERNATIVE TO THE CHURCH CAMP RETREAT...

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

We're not going on a Retreat to the camp this year. Don't worry, though! Instead, we will have a special **Covenant Church Family Summer Get-Together** at the home of Dave & Julie Wood (179 Glass Road, J.C., 37615). Details are in the July Courier and will be in later bulletins.

CHOIR SUMMER BREAK

Chancel Choir is taking a break from practice until Wednesday, July 31st. Handbells won't meet again until September.

THANK YOU

To all of you who so kindly sent cards, made visits, called on the phone, and said prayers for me, I want you to know how much your kindnesses meant to me. I have so many blessings that it's difficult to count them all and my family at Covenant is one of my greatest blessings. I love all of you and hope you won't forget me because I will be back, but it is going to be awhile longer than I expected. Thank you with my love and my wishes that you feel God's blessings as I do.

Helen Davis

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!**

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.*

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, July 21

9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a & 10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, July 22

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
6:00p	Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, July 23

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 24

6:00p	GROW
7:00p	Chancel Choir Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, July 25

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting

Friday, July 26

Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting
6:30p	Al-Anon Meeting

Covenant Presbyterian Church has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



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

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy prepared and arranged by:
Liturgist:
Soloist:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Emily Helphinstine
Mark Merriman
David/Sharon Miller

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. **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.*

Week of July 21—27, 2019.

Carrie Beth Swanay, Betsy Moakler's cousin, whose cancer has progressed.
Glady Hood, who is still in the hospital.
Ava Corum, a 9-year-old who was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer.
Bob & Betty Thompson, Phyllis' parents.
Maureen's Knechtel's father, Jim Moran, who is recovering from a heart cath.
Helen Davis, who is recuperating at home.
Jan Pavaglio, who is recovering from a fractured right arm.

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, 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



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.

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

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JULY 21, 2019
6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God,
Author of our life
and End of our pilgrimage:
Guide us by your Word and Spirit
amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
nor stumble in the darkness;
but may finish our course in safety,
and come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace and merit
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS

FOR BABMOC!

The children in the BABMOC free school in Liberia need backpacks and school supplies. Our goal is to send 150 backpacks, each filled with a set of the supplies on this list. Please bring your items to the church and place them in the labeled bin. The deadline is September 30th.

*Backpacks – child size

*Packs of Pencils

*12” rulers

*Packs of erasers

*Boxes of chalk

*2 pencil sharpeners

*Compasses for math

*Spiral notebooks

*Protractors

*Children’s books

*Packs of Blue or Black pens



You may also call Laura Arnfield 423-647-2670 or Matt Cary 423-737-3102 for pickup if you are not able to bring them to Covenant.