

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

Wherever we are, whatever we are doing,
sheep in a pasture,
exiles in Babylon,
in a crowd looking for something new and exciting,
Jesus calls us over the tumult of our restless searching,
saying, "Will you come and follow me?"
Remembering words learned in our youth we answer:
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
Come, let us be comforted, encouraged and loved.
Come and worship.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God who is our hope,
Forgive us, Good Lord,
for what we waited to do until it was too late,
for what we mistakenly did before we thought twice,
for what we were able to do
because we ceased to see others as people,
for what we were unable to do
because we failed to see our own possibilities,
for what we pretended we could control
when we should have stood in awe,
for what we feared
which should have been made little and overcome.
Make us new so that we may begin anew;
in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the good news,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
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. 725—OT) Jeremiah 23:1-6

GOSPEL READING (p. 41—NT) Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

SERMON They Flocked to Him Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 720 "Jesus Calls Us"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. 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

Dr. David Wood

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory "Amazing Grace"

*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 # 713 "Touch the Earth Lightly"

*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 special time of fellowship and refreshments
in honor of Steve & Jackie Bader, who are moving to Colorado.*

4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS

Community Prayer Gatherings are being held at **The River, 125 W. Main
Street, 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.)

ROTARY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE—TUESDAY, JULY 24

Covenant will be hosting a blood drive in the **Fellowship Hall** this **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

Covenant's All Church Retreat is fast approaching! If you haven't **filled out
and turned in your Registration Form** or submitted your payment, **please do
so as soon as possible!** The cost this year is \$125/person, children are still
free. Betsy Moakler will soon be setting up room assignments and making
carpool arrangements. Please call her at 423-314-7143 if you need a ride up to
camp or if you have any other questions.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE!

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

<u>Today, July 22</u>	
9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting
<u>Monday, July 23</u>	
8:30a	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting
<u>Tuesday, July 24</u>	
8:30a	N.A. Meeting
1:00p—5:30p	Rotary Club Blood Drive
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
7:00p	4th Tuesday Prayer at The River
<u>Wednesday, July 25</u>	
6:00p	GROW
6:00p	Chancel Choir
6:30p	SAFG
7:00p	N.A. Meeting
<u>Thursday, July 26</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge/Other Games
6:00p	CoDA Meeting
<u>Friday, July 27</u>	
1:30p	N.A. 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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy written by: Jim Starr
Liturgist: the Rev. Pat Willard
Violinist: Betsy Hagelberg
Nursery: Tyler Rosselot
John Deaton

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

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 22—28, 2018.

Butch Carr, who received treatment last week.
Jan Paveglio, who had a procedure done on Wednesday.
Jim Paveglio, who is home and recovering from kidney and cardiac issues.
Guy Fritz, Cynthia Erdei's cousin Ann's husband, who fell and is in ICU with serious brain damage. Prayers for Ann and daughters Kris & Debby.
Destiny Hill, Cynthia Erdei's great niece, who is out of the hospital and recovering from a concussion.
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 at the end of August.
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.



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JULY 22, 2018
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Generous God,
in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.
Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth
and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom,
so that what we are and do and say
may be our gifts to you
through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.