

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. L. Larson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

*OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 32** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giving and loving God,
There is a song that you have placed within me,
but I do not sing very often.
There is joy in the world hidden for me,
but I seek other treasures that are empty and vain.
There are those who cry out for my help,
but I seek my own safety and comfort instead.
You have given me Christ as my Savior,
but I sometimes look to other gods.
Our notes are flat when there is not enough breath.
Our lives are empty until they are filled with the wind of the Spirit.
Our lives are self-centered until we reach out to others.
Our vision is dim until we see with the light of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and enabled
to sing and to walk with Jesus.
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

FIRST READING (p. 14—OT) Genesis 18:20-32

GOSPEL READING (p. 72—NT) Luke 11:1-13

SERMON Who am I talking to? Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 465** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

***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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory Solo "Safe Within Your Arms" 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.

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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!"

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"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 # 821** "My Life Flows On"

*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.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

NEWSLETTER

The **AUGUST COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex. Please be sure to read it! In it you will find details about the upcoming **Church Family Summer Get-Together, After Church Lunch, the Backpacks for BABMOC project**, and more! You will also find the newsletter and August's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

NAME TAGS

If you are a member or a regular visitor, or even if you have just started coming to Covenant, you **most likely** have a name badge hanging on the wall in the Narthex. We're asking **everyone** to wear their name tags while at the church 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!**

NOTE: Armchair Travelers & The Lunch Bunch will not meet in August.

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

<u>Today, July 28</u>	
9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a & 10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	Local & Worldwide Missions Comm. Mtg.
7:00p	N.A. Meeting
<u>Monday, July 29</u>	
8:30a	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting
<u>Tuesday, July 30</u>	
8:30a	N.A. Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge & Games in the Library
6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, July 31</u>	
6:00p	GROW
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting
<u>Thursday, August 1</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Friday, August 2</u>	
Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting
6:30p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Saturday, August 3</u>	
2p—5p	Fellowship Hall reserved

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgy prepared and arranged by: the Rev. Pat Willard
Liturgist: Eileen Madden
Soloist: Shawn Hale
Nursery: Emily Helphinstine

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. **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 28—August 3, 2019.

Bob Hart, whose health condition has declined.
Pat Wiley, who is recovering from a tooth extraction; and her husband, Bill, who is recovering from surgery.
Jim Paveglio, who is suffering from back pain.
Carrie Beth Swanay, Betsy Moakler's cousin, whose cancer has progressed.
Glady Hood, who is in rehab at Princeton Transitional in room 612.
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 Paveglio, 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

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.

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JULY 28, 2019
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God,
protector of all who put their trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy:

Fill us with your mercy and your grace,
that, with you to rule and guide,
we may so use the good things of this present life
that we do not neglect those of eternal worth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.



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.

