

## 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

Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
**we will enter your house.**  
Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
**we will bow down in awe in your holy temple.**  
Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
**we will listen to your holy word.**  
Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
**we will follow the path you lay before us.**  
Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
**we will worship you in love and gratitude.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 39

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

#### 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.**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*p. 336—OT*)

2 Kings 4:42-44

GOSPEL READING (*p. 97—NT*)

John 6:1-21

SERMON “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?”  
Rev. Paul Helphinstine

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 451 *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

\*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.

#### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### Offering

**Offertory Anthem** *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* Roland Martin

\*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 # 314 *“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”*

#### \*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 NOTE:**  
**MANY (MOST)** of the announcements about upcoming events are in the  
Courier, **NOT in this week's bulletin**, so **PLEASE be sure to pick one up**  
and read it if you have not already received it via e-mail. You may also find  
the newsletter and August's calendar on our **website: [www.epcjc.org](http://www.epcjc.org)**. Please  
read it to see what's happening in August!

### CHURCH RETREAT AT HOLSTON CAMP: AUGUST 24 – 26

Covenant's All Church Retreat is fast approaching! If you haven't  
**submitted your payment or filled out and turned in your Registration  
Form, please do so as soon as possible!** The cost this year is \$125/person,  
children are still free. Betsy Moakler is 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!

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](http://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 29</u>	Sunday School
9:45a	Worship Service
11:00a	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	
<u>Monday, July 30</u>	N.A. Meeting
8:30a	NarAnon Meeting
7:00p	
<u>Tuesday, July 31</u>	N.A. Meeting
8:30a	Al-Anon Meeting
7:00p	
<u>Wednesday, August 1</u>	Garden Club (F'ship Hall)
9:30a—1:00a	<b>The Lunch Bunch at Applebee's</b>
<b>11:30a</b>	<b>GROW</b>
<b>6:00p</b>	Chancel Choir
6:00p	SAFG
6:30p	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	
<u>Thursday, August 2</u>	Men's Bible Study
8:00a	Al-Anon Meeting
Noon	<b>Bridge/Other Games</b>
<b>2:00p – 4:00p</b>	CoDA Meeting
6:00p	
<u>Friday, August 3</u>	N.A. Meeting
1:30p	

## 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:  
Liturgist:  
Nursery:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Don Coble  
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. 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 29—August 4, 2018.

Mary Lynn Moser, BJ King's sister, who will have her third gamma knife procedure in August for new lesions found on her brain.  
Jeanne Gamble, our Nursery Worker, who fell and broke her shoulder.  
Stacy Larsen's sister, Shelly, who fell and broke her back, and their mother, Charlan, who is waiting to have spinal surgery.  
Butch Carr, who is doing well after his recent treatment.  
Jan & Jim Paveglio, who are both recovering from health issues.  
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 29, 2018**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Most gracious and loving God,  
we have tasted your goodness in days gone by  
and it has satisfied us,  
but now with this new day we turn to you again  
for the bread of life that you have prepared for us  
and for the wine of the Spirit  
that you pour out for your people.  
Help us Lord, to empty ourselves  
of those things that hinder us  
from knowing the fullness of your love  
and fill us with those things that tend to make us  
all that you want us to be.  
We need your presence Lord.  
We need your anointing.  
Touch us, we pray, and make us whole.  
We ask it through Christ Jesus your Son. Amen.

- posted on Rev. Richard J. Fairchild's *Kir-shalom* website.

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