

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

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.
Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 428 (v. 1)

"Before I Take the Body of My Lord"

Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within:
these I lay down.

*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. 74—NT)

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON Where Will I Place My Confidence Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 847

"Our Hope, Our Life"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the
Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Canon of Joy"

H. Hopson

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...
...who forever praise your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, ...
...for great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 822

"When We Are Living"

*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.

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.

The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to the Moakler family in the death of Betsy's cousin, Carrie Beth Swanay, on July 24, 2019.

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

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Come forward with your Offering during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

REMINDER: NOT MEETING IN AUGUST

- * **Armchair Travelers**
- * **The Lunch Bunch**
- * **Saturday Night at the Movies.**

We'll see you all again in September!!

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—AUGUST 11, 2019

Veggies! The theme for our After Church Lunch next Sunday is **Vegetarian**. That's a category that opens up a multitude of ways to prepare and serve the variety of fruits and vegetables grown in the soil God gave us. We can't wait to taste your interpretation of the theme. See you at the table!

UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

That's right—it's finally happening! The long-over-due update of our Church Directory. Note: This is *not* a pictorial directory, it's a listing of names and contact information shared **ONLY** with other members (including regular visitors) of the congregation.

But we need your help! Several of you have moved or changed your phone number or e-mail address since the last listing came out. Some of you are fairly new to Covenant. Over the last several months (all right, maybe over the last year), you have had to contact Tina in the office for this information. You must get tired of having to do that. So, **please call or e-mail Tina as soon as possible** to confirm your information! **office@cpcjc.org or 423-282-5324**. Let her know the following:

1. Do you want your name listed in the Church Directory?
2. How about your mailing address?
3. Your phone number? Cell? Home?
4. E-mail address, too?

If you do NOT want your phone or e-mail listed, please let us know. It's good to have the info in the office, but we will not share it if you don't want us to. Thank you for helping us get this directory updated!

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.*

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



TODAY AT COVENANT

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

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Christian Zembower
Gina Long

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 August 4—10, 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.
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.
Linda Sisk, who is at Holston Valley Med. Center.

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.



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

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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AUGUST 4, 2019
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the Word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2019-2020 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY—LOVE CARVED IN STONE:

A FRESH LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

There are 3 Presbyterian Women's Circles at Covenant: the **Friendship Circle**, the **Joy Circle**, and the **Red Tent Circle**. All women of the church (and friends of the women of the church) are welcome. The studies usually go from September to May or June. **This year, the Red Tent Circle has decided to begin meeting in August.**

[The Circle books are on the counter in the workroom in the church office. Please stop by and pick yours up and be sure to list your name on the sign-out sheet next to the box.]

• **The Red Tent Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month.** The first meeting will be on **Thursday, August 8, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King**, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)

• **The Joy Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** The first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler.)

• **Friendship Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month** (note that this is different than last year). **The first meeting will be on Wed., September 11 at 1:30 PM in the church library.** Lesson 1 will be led by Estelle Armistead. (Contact for this Circle is Elaine Warehime.)

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Black/White Dialogue will meet at the Carver Recreation Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC, from **6:00—8:00 PM, on Monday, August 12.** Everyone is welcome! This month's program will provide a discussion of our nation's creation of a "White Nation" using a video of Jaqeline Battalora's oral presentation. Her presentation is based upon her book *Birth of a White Nation* published in 2013. Walter Buford and Ed Wolff will facilitate the presentation and discussion of the video.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—AUGUST 25

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, August 25.** Since the next 2 items on our list go together, we're going to combine them and collect both of them in August and September! So, this month they need: **Spaghetti Sauce (canned, bottled, fancy or plain), and dry pasta (spaghetti, bowties, shells, rigatoni, angel hair, etc. in bags & boxes).** Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

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
- * Boxes of chalk
- * Compasses for math
- * Packs of Blue or Black pens
- * 12" rulers
- * Children's books
- * Protractors
- * Packs of erasers
- * Packs of Pencils
- * Spiral notebooks
- * 2 pencil sharpeners

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.

COVENANT CHURCH FAMILY SUMMER GET-TOGETHER!

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

Mark your calendars now and join us for a special **Covenant Church Family Summer Get-Together** at the home of Dave & Julie Wood (179 Glass Road, J.C., 37615). On the menu are: **Fellowship! Fun! Relaxation!** There will be lots of activities to choose from, including **Kayaking, swimming** in the Lake, fun in the **Sandbox; Corn Hole; and Board Games.** There will also be a **Volleyball** match and a **Ping Pong** competition! Camp snacks will be available the whole time. We'll eat our meal at 5:00 PM with a Campfire, Songs and S'mores at 7:00 PM. Everyone should bring a snack and a side dish to share. Pulled Pork BBQ and drinks will be provided. **Sign-Up sheets are on the bulletin board!** If you're interested in helping with the preparations, please contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<u>Today, August 4</u>	
9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a & 10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service
7:00p	N.A. Meeting
<u>Monday, August 5</u>	
8:30a	N.A. Meeting
10:30a	Melting Pot
1:00p	Congregational Life Committee Meeting
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting
<u>Tuesday, August 6</u>	
8:30a	N.A. Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge & Games in the Library
6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, August 7</u>	
6:00p	GROW
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting
<u>Thursday, August 8</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
7:00p	Red Tent Circle
<u>Friday, August 9</u>	
Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting
6:30p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Saturday, August 10</u>	
9:00a	LEAD Meeting
12:30p	CCL Meeting