

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

The God of heaven has made a home on earth,
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
The highest in all creation lives among the least,
Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Come now all who thirst
the cup of salvation is prepared for you.
Come now all who hunger
and taste the bread of heaven.
Come now all who seek
and be warmed by the fire of love.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 517 *"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 626 *"As the Deer"*

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

*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: 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. 62—OT)* Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

GOSPEL READING *(p. 98—NT)* John 6:24-35

SERMON "Sir, give us this bread always." Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 504 *"We Come as Guests Invited"*

*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 *"Doing of Remembrance"* Tom Fettke

*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.

*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: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 542 *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

*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.*

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.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Gather with us from 3p—5p this afternoon as we enjoy travel to faraway
places from the sofa and chairs in our Library.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT AT HOLSTON CAMP

It's almost here: August 24—26!! Are you going? If so, have you **turned
in your Registration Form and your payment?** If you haven't, **please do so
as soon as possible!** The cost this year is \$125/person, children are still free.
Betsy Moakler is coordinating carpools. Please call her if you need a ride up
to camp, or if you have any other questions. Betsy Moakler, 423-314-7143.

SHARING A VISION FOR COVENANT

Please make plans to join us on **Sunday morning, August 19th**, in the Fellowship Hall for a morning of sharing a vision for Covenant Presbyterian Church. *(This will take the place of Sunday School.)*

For over a year now, a **Vision Task Force** (appointed by the Session) has met to discuss setting a vision for the future of Covenant, and we'd like to share that vision with you! The Task Force presented its findings and recommendations to the session of Covenant at the regular stated meeting on March 11. The report and its recommendations were adopted by the session, and now it's time to share them with you.

That morning we will share with the congregation the process, challenges and opportunities identified, and what the Task Force sees as a path forward to help ensure the success and growth of Covenant Presbyterian Church for years to come. We will have time for conversation with task force members, and, as always, snacks and coffee.

The Vision Task Force was asked to help craft a map. Moving forward is something we do together.

Following are some of the events happening in August. Please read your August Courier for further details and more events! (extra printed copies are on the table in the Narthex)

- **Saturday Night at the Movies, August 11 at 7 PM in the library. Secondhand Lions**, starring Haley Joel Osment, Robert Duvall & Michael Caine.
- **After Church Lunch, August 12:** The theme this month is **Summer Favorites!** We look forward to sharing our favorite summer foods with you.
- **Black/White Dialogue: Monday, August 13, from 6p—8p at Carver Park.** Topic this month is: **Implicit Bias: Where does it come from? How can we mitigate its effects?** Come, join the discussion.
- The next **Lunch Bunch: Wed., August 15** at Yamato's Japanese Steakhouse & Seafood, 509 N. State of Franklin.
- **Watauga Ave. Presbyterian Church presents SPLENDOR**, a GreenFaith program organized by their Green Team. Three consecutive Wednesdays evenings from **5:30 to 7:00. Aug. 15, 22 & 29.** Sign up in the Narthex or contact Tina in the church office to sign up for you. **Deadlines to sign up are the Mondays prior to that week's program.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Covenant has three Presbyterian Women's Circle Study Groups. **All meet monthly from September through May or June.** All three use the same curriculum. The schedule will be in the **September Courier**.

- ♦ **Friendship Circle** meets on 2nd Tuesdays at 1:30 PM in the church library. Contacts are Sally Nagel and Pat Willard.
- ♦ **Red Tent Circle** meets on 2nd Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King. Contact is BJ King.
- ♦ **Joy Circle** meets on 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the church in the Bible Discovery classroom. Contact is Betsy Moakler.

If you are attending any of these Circles, **the books are here!** You may pick yours up in the church office workroom. Please add your name to the list when you pick it up.

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!**

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy written by:
Liturgist:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Mary Jane Kelley
Madden Family

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.

Week of August 5—11, 2018.

Mary Lynn Moser, BJ King's sister, who will have her third gamma knife procedure this month 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.

Carol, a friend of Susan Clark, who fell last weekend, broke her hip, and is recovering from 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 this month.

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, Barbara Quisenberry

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.



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.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 5, 2018
11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of Healing and Transformation,
we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.

We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy;
we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope;
we bring you our weariness
and ask for the bread of inspiration.

Meet us here.

We need the bread of heaven to sustain us
as we journey to find our way,
that we may be one with you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- from *Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God*, written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater. Posted on the United Church of Christ website.

This Week at Covenant

Today, August 5

9:45a

11:00a

3:00p – 5:00p

7:00p

Sunday School

Worship Service

Armchair Travelers

N.A. Meeting

Monday, August 6

8:30a

10:30a

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Melting Pot

NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, August 7

8:30a

7:00p

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Property Committee Meeting

Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, August 8

6:00p

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

GROW

Chancel Choir

SAFG

N.A. Meeting

Thursday, August 9

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

6:00p

Men's Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

Bridge/Other Games

CoDA Meeting

Friday, August 10

1:30p

N.A. Meeting

Saturday, August 11

12:30p

2:30p – 6:00p

7:00p

CCL Meeting (Library)

Fellowship Hall reserved

Saturday Night at the Movies (Library)