

## 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

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing  
**on this church in this place.**  
Here may the faithful find salvation,  
**and the careless be awakened.**  
Here may the doubting find faith,  
**and the anxious be encouraged.**  
Here may the tempted find help,  
**and the sorrowful be renewed.**  
Here may the aged find consolation  
**and the young be inspired.**  
**Here may we worship together,**  
**and love each other.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 463

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us,  
**but we have not loved you.**  
**You call, but we have not listened.**  
**We walk away from neighbors in need,**  
**wrapped in our own concerns.**  
**We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**  
**God of Grace, help us to admit our sin,**  
**so that as you come to us in mercy,**  
**we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;**  
**through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 695

*“Change My Heart, O God”*

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the Potter; I am the clay  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like 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.  
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. 12—OT*) Genesis 15:1-6

GOSPEL READING (*p. 74—NT*) Luke 12:22-34

SERMON Solidarity with God's Rev. Paul Helphinstine  
Upside Down World

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 39 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

\*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 the Holy Spirit,**  
**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**  
**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**  
**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**  
**and binds us together with all believers**  
**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit**  
**who inspired the prophets and apostles**  
**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,**  
**engages us through the Word proclaimed,**  
**claims us in the waters of baptism,**  
**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**  
**and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world**  
**the Spirit gives us courage**  
**to pray without ceasing,**  
**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**  
**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**  
**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**  
**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**  
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**  
**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**  
**and to live holy and joyful lives,**  
**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,**  
**praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**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.**

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Bud King

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### Offering

Offertory Anthem *“Rain Down”* Cortez/Kingsbury  
*(congregation joins in on chorus)*

Chorus:

**Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.**  
**Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.**

\*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

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF SENDING # 265 *“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

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\*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.

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy  
to the family of Bob Hart in his death on August 1, 2019.*

**ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:**  
Robert C. Hart—August 1, 2019

## AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – TODAY!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for **After Church Lunch**. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

## 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. **The Sign-Up sheet is on the bulletin board, so sign up now!** If you're interested in helping with the preparations, please contact Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143 or call the church office.

## 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

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!**



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.



## TODAY AT COVENANT

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

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Gwen Hunter  
Mike Lee  
John Deaton

## 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 11—17, 2019.

Graham Smith, Cynthia Erdei's father, who fell Tuesday evening and is at JCMC.  
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.  
Helen Davis, who is recuperating at home.  
Linda Sisk, who is in rehab at NHC.  
Brownee Walton, who is having difficulty with her appetite and eating, leaving her in a weakened condition.

***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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## AUGUST 11, 2019

## 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Grant us, O Lord,  
the grace always to do and think  
what accords with your purpose;  
that we, who cannot exist without you,  
may be enabled to live according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **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!

### **REMINDER: NOT MEETING IN AUGUST**

\* **The Lunch Bunch**      \* **Saturday Night at the Movies.**

*We'll see you all again in September!!*

**NOTE:** Handbells will resume on September 11 at 6:00 PM.

### **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 30<sup>th</sup>.**

- \* **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.*

### **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**

#### Today, August 11

9:30a – 9:55a  
9:45a & 10:00a  
11:00a  
12:30p  
1:30p  
7:00p

#### Monday, August 12

8:30a  
1:00p  
**6:00p – 8:00p**  
7:00p

#### Tuesday, August 13

8:30a  
**2:00p – 4:00p**  
6:30p  
7:00p

#### Wednesday, August 14

**6:00p**  
7:00p  
7:00p

#### Thursday, August 15

**SEPTEMBER COURIER DEADLINE**

**8:00a**  
Noon

#### Friday, August 16

Noon  
1:30p  
6:30p

Weekly Prayer Group  
Sunday School  
Worship Service  
After Church Lunch  
Session Meeting  
N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting  
A Few Preachers Having Lunch  
**Black/White Dialogue (at Carver Park)**  
NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting  
**Bridge & Games in the Library**  
Cub Scouts  
AI-Anon Meeting

**GROW**  
Chancel Choir  
N.A. Meeting

**Men's Bible Study**  
AI-Anon Meeting

CoDA Meeting  
N.A. Meeting  
AI-Anon Meeting