As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please sign the attendance pads at the end of the pew and turn off cell phones.

**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**

“Jesus Loves Me” arr. Floyd

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** The voice of God gathers us this day; let us come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts, with acts mighty and faltering, with kindness and with selfishness, so may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.

**People:** We ought to strive to live in peace with one another.

**O Lord Jesus, you are our Savior.**

This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Please pray with me.

People: Holy God, we know that in so many ways we have run from you, we have ignored your call, we have closed our eyes to your presence, we have disobeyed your mercy, we have disregarded your words, we have belittled ourselves, we have forsaken others. So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and harmful, to what is right and life-giving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear now the words of Jesus to the Apostle Paul: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Friends, in remembering and confessing our weakness, we are made strong in Christ. Find strength in these words today: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. People: Thanks be to God!

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** # 441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation”

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

**THE PEACE**

**Leader:** As people forgiven by the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, we are at peace with God, and we ought to strive to live in peace with one another.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ, by words or actions, with those near you.

**EARTHCHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**Ann Freeman**

**Healing the Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON TEXT (p.488–OT)**

Job 42:7-17

**SERMON**

Job: The Same, but Different Rev. Paul Helphinstine

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 658 “God Is So Good”**

**SERVICE OF WELCOME**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“Shepherd Me, O Gentle Lamb” Martin

**NEW MEMBERS**

This morning we welcome new members Susan Clark, Claudia Rosselot, Suzanne Vesterfelt and Frankie Wolff as they join us in the worship and mission of the church.

**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!
SPECIAL JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This morning marks the 2nd of 3 special joint Sunday school classes. Next Sunday, Aug. 21, we will meet back in the Fellowship Hall for the conclusion of the series. Dr. Travis Williams, Assistant Professor of Religion at Tusculum College and twice selected Theologian in Residence at Tusculum College, is teaching a fascinating class entitled: Controversies which Shaped Early Christianity. You won’t want to miss this class! And besides, there will be coffee and doughnuts. Come for the doughnuts, and stay for an AMAZING time of learning and discussion.

GOOD SAMARITAN: AUGUST 28

Our next Good Samaritan Food Offering will be received on Sunday, August 28. This month they need: cold cereal and oatmeal. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

THE LUNCH BUNCH

Everyone is welcome! The next gathering of “The Lunch Bunch” will be on Wednesday, August 17, at Hokie Smokie, 2104 W. Mountcastle by Office Depot. Contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641 to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

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. (They are arranged alphabetically, exceptions being family/friends with different last names, so look carefully.) 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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgist: Mike Lee
Nursery: Hagleberg
Vibraphone: Joseph Cary

Joseph will begin his college career this fall at Furman University as a Chemistry Major. He will perform with the university Percussion Ensemble and the Paladin Regiment Marching Band.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul Helphinstine
Music Director & Accompanist: Melodye Sparks
Office Administrator: Tina Simon
Administrative Assistant: Shirley Barrett
Custodian: Marie Britt
Nursery Worker: Jeanne Gamble

MISSION STATEMENT

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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 August 14—20, 2016

Carolyn Jones, 3-year-old great-granddaughter of Jim & Martha Barnett, former missionary friends of the Armisteads, who was recovering well from neuroblastoma until having an adverse reaction to her last treatment.

Sarah Larkin, friend of Lynne Hunter, diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, already in lymph nodes; faces chemo, radiation and mastectomy. Prayers for her, her 4-yr-old daughter, and family.

David North, Frank Lamons’ grandson, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor. (Frank Lamons was a charter member of Covenant back in 1964.)

Lori Simon, Tina’s sister, who had neck surgery on August 11.

Becky Gross, Sue Crandall’s sister, diagnosed with breast cancer that has metastasized to her spine.

Clem Schonhoff, Patti Coble’s stepfather, who is recovering from a fall and subsequent diagnosis of cancer, which is responding well to treatment.

Diane Bowman, Howard’s daughter, recovering from major eye surgery.

Dot Carpenter, who is at home following rehab at THC.

Charlie, a 2-year-old boy that Sharon Miller knows who was just diagnosed with cancer who has gone to St. Jude—prognosis is poor.

Brownie Walton, who is now home.

Hope Lee, who had cataract and glaucoma surgery.

Mike Query, Nancy Carter’s brother, undergoing radiation treatments for stage 4 cancer in the muscle behind the lungs and spine.

Lynn Wynn, Stephen Rowe’s sister, who is suffering from bone cancer that has metastasized to the lining of her lungs.

Elizabeth Cotton, Marie Brit’s daughter, who is having seizures and symptoms similar to Alzheimer’s.

Jen Paveglio, who is suffering from some health-related issues.

Gideon Purchase, son of Gary & Katie Purchase (co-worker of Amy Kelley), responding well to treatment for neuroblastoma at St. Jude’s in Memphis.

Martha Preston, Hope Lee’s sister who had a stroke and is not doing well.

Elaine Bandy, Melodye’s cousin in Destin, FL, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Suzan Street, friend of the Carr’s, diagnosed with lung cancer.

Mike Sellers, friend of the Carr’s, suffered a fall and has other medical problems.

June Young, Butch Carr’s aunt, who is at JCMC with an infection.

Please remember those in our congregation who are homebound and unable to join us regularly in worship:

Vi Block; Jack & Helen Fletcher; Dick Lewis

Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:

Bob & Kristi Rice: Democratic Republic of the Congo
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.

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

~ ~based on Psalm 19:14

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August 14, 2016

13th Sunday after Pentecost
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The 2016-2017 PW Circle study books have arrived. They are on the counter in the room next to the office in a box under the Session members' mailboxes. Please take one and sign your name on the sheet on top of the box so we will know who has theirs. Both Circles (afternoon and evening) will begin in September with Lesson 1. (details will be in the September Courier) All women of the church are welcome!

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**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

**Today, August 14**

9:00a  Chancel Choir
9:45a  Special Joint Sunday School in Library (#2 of 3)
11:00a  Worship Service
12:30p  After Church Lunch
    Following lunch
7:00p

**Monday, August 15**

7:00p  N.A. Meeting

**Tuesday, August 16**

6:30p  NarAnon Meeting
7:00p

**Wednesday, August 17**

6:00p  Cub Scouts
6:30p  Al-Anon Meeting
7:00p

**Thursday, August 18**

8:00a  Men's Bible Study
Noon  Al-Anon Meeting
1:45p  Bridge w/Glay
6:00p  Camp Board Meeting

**Friday, August 19**

1:30p  N.A. Meeting