

## 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

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.  
Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.  
Let us worship God together.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 2

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The truth has been inscribed into my heart  
and into the heart of every human being,  
there to be read and revered,  
thanks be to you, O God.  
That there are ways of seeing  
and sensitivities of knowing  
hidden deep in the palace of the soul,  
waiting to be discovered,  
ready to be set free,  
thanks be to you, O God.  
Open my senses to wisdom's inner promptings  
that I may give voice to what I hear in my soul  
and be changed for the healing of the world,  
that I may listen for truth in every living soul  
and be changed for the well-being of the world.

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We read in Genesis that "God saw everything that God had made and indeed it was very good." And in Isaiah, "You are precious in my eyes; I love you." Believe the good news that we were created good and that each of us is beloved and precious in the eyes of God.

Thanks be to you, O 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.

### CHILDREN'S EARTHCARE MOMENT

Ann Freeman

**\*\*Gateway to Worship** (*Children can meet the Gateway leader in the b  
of the sanctuary near the entrance doors.*)

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING (p. 158—NT)

Romans 8:31

OLD TESTAMENT READING (p. 337—OT)

2 Kings 6:8

SERMON "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them." Rev. Paul Helphinst

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 724

*"O Jesus, I Have Promise"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Cre

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" G. Ma

\*Doxology # 647

*"Give Thank"*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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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!"

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Give thanks. Give thanks.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

We're getting there! 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 still 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!

## 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>.**

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

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.

## 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!**

## 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.*



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:

Nursery:

Jim Star  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Hal Hunter  
Knechtel

## 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 is 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 18—24, 2019.

Vi Block, who is experiencing severe pain and is homebound but would like getting phone calls. (See the insert.)

Graham Smith, Cynthia Erdei's father, who has moved to the assisted living portion at Cornerstone.

Pat Wiley, who is recovering from a tooth extraction; and her husband, Bill, who is recovering from surgery.

Jim Pavaglio, who is suffering from back pain.

Glady Hood, who is recovering following rehab.

Ava Corum, a 9-year-old who was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer.

Bob & Betty Thompson, Phyllis' parents.

Helen Davis, who has moved to Princeton Transitional Care. Her new address and phone number are on the insert.

Linda Sisk, who is in rehab at NHC.

Brownie Walton, who is having difficulty with her appetite and eating, leaving her in a weakened condition.

Michael & Karen, missionaries who are stationed in Afghanistan.

***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.

## THE RIVER

The River will be holding a **Garage Sale** at the home of Marsha & John Grindstaff at 806 West Locust Street during the Tree Street Garage Sales. **The sale is on September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9a – 5p and the 7<sup>th</sup> from 7a – 3p.** There will be household items, antiques, books, collectibles, and furniture. **All proceeds will go towards The River Ministry for women.** Please contact Stacy Larsen at 423-926-8111 for more information.

### NOTES:

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

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Covenant will not serve at Melting Pot in September.

### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

#### Today, August 18

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

Weekly Prayer Group  
Sunday School  
Worship Service  
N.A. Meeting

#### Monday, August 19

8:30a  
7:00p

N.A. Meeting  
NarAnon Meeting

#### Tuesday, August 20

8:30a  
**2:00p – 4:00p**  
5:00p  
6:00p  
7:00p

N.A. Meeting  
**Bridge & Games in the Library**  
Christian Ed Committee Meeting  
Worship Committee Meeting  
Al-Anon Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 21

2p – 4p  
7:00p  
7:00p

Fellowship Hall reserved  
Chancel Choir  
N.A. Meeting

#### Thursday, August 22

**8:00a**  
11a – 3p  
Noon  
6:30p

**Men's Bible Study**  
Fellowship Hall reserved  
Al-Anon Meeting  
Cub Scouts

#### Friday, August 23

Noon  
1:30p  
6:30p

CoDA Meeting  
N.A. Meeting  
Al-Anon Meeting

#### Saturday, August 24

**1:00p – 7:00p**

**Church Family Summer Get-Together!**