

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

“There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD,
and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried,
and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

Psalm 34:1-8

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caring God,
when you ask, “What shall I give you?”
we ask for creature comforts and an easy life;
when you offer us wisdom,
we chase after our own desires.
We misuse your precious gift of time,
pursuing foolish things.
We forget that you are the true bread
that nourishes our souls.
Teach us your ways of wisdom,
that we may discern what is good.
Give us wise hearts,
that we may turn to you and find our way.
Feed us with your bread of life,
that we may walk in faithfulness before you. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are promised that if we confess our sins, God is steadfast and forgiving.
Friends, believe the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

*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.

EARTHCARE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Gina Long

****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. 591—OT)

Proverbs 9:1-6

GOSPEL READING (p. 98—NT)

John 6:51-58

SERMON

Life From the Inside Out

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 496 *“Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed”*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God:
who welcomes our laughter and moves us to wonder.
We believe in Christ:
who welcomes our questions and loves us to trust.
We believe in Spirit:
who welcomes our doubts and loves us to faith.
This we believe! Amen!

from Reformed Worship, written by Jeffery S. Gains

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

Cynthia Erdei

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory *“Make me a Channel of Thy Peace”* arr. Mark Hayes

*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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

*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 special time of fellowship and refreshments.

CHURCH RETREAT AUGUST 24—26

We're almost set to head up to Holston Camp for the Church Family Retreat! Our theme is **“KINDNESS” (from the Fruit of the Spirit)**. All participants, please check your e-mail for last-minute information and instructions. Or call Betsy Moakler at 423-314-7143. **Pick up a driving map to Holston Camp and an Activity Participation Form** in the Narthex this morning.

Also, remember that our worship service will be held at its normal time here at Covenant on Sunday, August 26.

GOOD SAMARITAN

Our next **Good Samaritan Food Offering** will be received **next Sunday, August 26**. This month they need: **Spaghetti Sauce!**

SPLENDOR CONTINUES: AUGUST 22 & 29

Watauga Ave. Presbyterian Church continues to present SPLENDOR, a GreenFaith program organized by their Green Team on the next two Wednesdays evenings from **5:30 to 7:00. Aug. 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.**

4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS

Community Prayer Gatherings are being held at **The River, 125 W. Main Street**, on the **4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM**. Men, women, and children are invited and a guest speaker will provide a message each time. Join us this month on **Tuesday, August 28!**

ONLINE GIVING!

Did you know that you can now make your contributions to the church online? You may also give to Special Offerings, such as 5 Cents a Meal, BABMOC, Good Samaritan, The River, as well as pay for your Fair Trade coffee or give a memorial gift or other contribution online. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit the church website, www.cpcjc.org and click our Online Giving link. There is also a box you can check (optional) if you wish to help the church offset the online giving fees. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

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 will meet on 2nd Tuesdays this year (new day!)** 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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<u>Today, August 19</u>	VISION REVEAL in the Fellowship Hall
9:30a	Worship Service
11:00a	N.A. Area Meetings
1:00p	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	
<u>Monday, August 20</u>	
8:30a	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting
<u>Tuesday, August 21</u>	
8:30a	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, August 22</u>	SPLENDOR at Watauga Ave. Pres.
5:30p	GROW
6:00p	SAFG
6:30p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting
7:00p	
<u>Thursday, August 23</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge/Other Games
6:00p	CoDA Meeting
<u>Friday, August 24</u>	
1:30p	N.A. Meeting
Friday, August 24 (evening) – Sunday, August 26 (morning)	
Church Retreat at Holston Camp!	
<i>(Sunday, August 26: worship service at regular time)</i>	

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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Jim Starr
Liturgy written by: the Rev. Pat Willard
Liturgist: Cynthia Erdei
Tenor Soloist: Mark Merriman
Nursery: Jane Deaton

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul Helphinstine
Music Director: Jessica Siple
Office Administrator: Tina Simon
Administrative Assistant: Shirley Barrett
Custodian: Marie Britt
Nursery Worker: 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 19—25, 2018.

Glady Hood, who is in the hospital with pancreatitis.
Mary Lynn Moser, BJ King's sister, who will have her third gamma knife procedure this month for new lesions found on her brain.
Renee McCandless, Shirley Barrett's daughter, who has some health issues and will be having surgery on August 24.
Stacy Larsen's sister, Shelly, who fell and broke her back, and their mother, Charlan, who is waiting to have spinal surgery.
Jeanne Gamble, our Nursery Worker, who is recovering from shoulder and rotator cuff surgery.
Linda Sisk, who is suffering from a severe case of shingles.
Carol, a friend of Susan Clark, who is recovering from hip surgery.
Butch Carr, who is doing well after his recent treatment.
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.



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AUGUST 19, 2018
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth.

Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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!**

THIS & THAT & THE OTHER

Doors: If you are the last person out, please check the doors behind you when you leave **from the outside** to make certain they are BOTH closed securely and are locked.

Water: Please make certain that faucets are OFF when you are finished using them.

Lights: Please make sure lights are turned off in all rooms, including the bathrooms, after events and meetings.

Recycling VS. Garbage: There is a gray plastic tote for **STEEL CANS** in the corner of the Narthex, a box for **PAPER** under the bulletin board in the Narthex, and a red bin in the kitchen for recyclable **PLASTIC, GLASS,** and **SODA CANS**. Please place all **GARBAGE (UN-recyclables)** in trash cans, which are located in the library, the Fellowship Hall, the restrooms, and in the kitchen. (Remember, not **ALL** things paper are recyclable.)

THANK YOU!!