

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

How lovely, Lord, how lovely
to worship in this Holy place.
**How lovely, Lord, how lovely
to walk with you all of our days.**
How lovely, Lord, how lovely
to live as your people on earth.
**How lovely, Lord, how lovely
to be strengthened and blessed by your grace.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 443 *“There Is A Redeemer”*
(Youth & Choir sing vs. 1 & 2; congregation joins in on 3rd verse)
(verse 3) **When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all transitions,
we confess that change is not always easy for us.
A part of us wants things to stay the same.
We find comfort in sameness, ease in the familiar,
we know what to expect, how to cope, how to behave.
And yet, when we read your Scriptures,
we realize that the life of your people
has always been one of transition—
Adam and Eve left the garden,
Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, through the Red Sea
and around the wilderness for forty years,
Your Son left heaven to live among us,
experiencing the best and the worst of who we are.
Give us this day and in the days to come,
Courage to look ahead with joyful expectation,
Faith to ground us firmly to you and to your church,
Wisdom to make decisions that will lead us into a good future,
and Love to make everything worthwhile.
Help us to remember that the people we have loved,
and those who have loved us,
never really leave us—
they are a part of us forever.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we forgiven, renewed
and enabled to be more than we ever dreamed!
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. 191—OT)* Deuteronomy 34:1-8
NEW TESTAMENT READING *(p. 196—NT)* Philippians 1:3-11
SERMON Confidence Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 801 *“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”*

*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**

(continued)

**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.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering

Offertory Anthem *“On Eagle's Wings”* arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology # 609 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 306 *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *“Gaelic Blessing”* John Rutter

*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 the Meeting of the Congregation
for a time of fellowship and refreshments,
and to honor Paul, Emily,
John & Isaac Helphinstine.*

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated next Sunday.
Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

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 30th.**

- * 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.

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:
Soloist:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
David Wood
Miller
Shawn Hale

Covenant Youth Choir

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 25—31, 2019.

Mary Derouen, who we have learned was in the hospital.
Jim Paveglio, who is recovering, at home, from surgery on his neck.
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.
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.
Linda Sisk, who has moved to the long-term care portion at NHC.
Brownee 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, Helen Davis,
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 25, 2019

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bless us, O God,
with a reverent sense of your presence,
that we may be at peace
and may worship you with all our mind and spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 6th from 9a – 5p and the 7th 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.

AN EVENT

Richard Hood, Glay Hood's son, has written a book called "**Regret the Dark Hour**". He will be telling tales, playing his banjo and reading from his newly published book on **Saturday, August 31st, from 7:30 to 10:00 PM at the Down Home** in Johnson City. Tickets are \$12.00.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2019-2020 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY—LOVE CARVED IN STONE:

A FRESH LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

There are 3 Presbyterian Women's Circles at Covenant: the **Friendship Circle**, the **Joy Circle**, and the **Red Tent Circle**. All women of the church (and friends of the women of the church) are welcome. The studies usually go from September to May or June.

[The Circle books are on the counter in the workroom in the church office. Please stop by and pick yours up and be sure to list your name on the sign-out sheet next to the box.]

• **The Red Tent Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King**, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)

• **The Joy Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** The first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler.)

• **Friendship Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month** (note that this is different than last year). **The first meeting will be on Wed., September 11 at 1:30 PM in the church library.** Lesson 1 will be led by Estelle Armistead. (Contact for this Circle is Elaine Warehime.)

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.

The Lunch Bunch will begin meeting at 12:30p rather than 11:30a. Details will be in the next Courier.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

8:30a
6:00p
7:00p

Tuesday, August 27

8:30a
2:00p – 4:00p
7:00p

Wednesday, August 28

7:00p
7:00p

Thursday, August 29

8:00a
Noon
6:30p

Friday, August 30

Noon
1:30p
6:30p

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

N.A. Meeting
Outreach Committee Meeting
NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting
Bridge & Games in the Library
Al-Anon Meeting

Chancel Choir
N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study
Al-Anon Meeting
Cub Scouts

CoDA Meeting
N.A. Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting