

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Don Hart

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Hal Hunter

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

"In Thee Alone, O Christ"

Johann Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free.
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me.
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one.
And strangers now are friends.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord,
His presence always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here.

from *I Come with Joy*, a hymn by Brian Wren

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
the Word of the Lord that endures forever,
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 169, v. 1 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

*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. 131—OT*)

Numbers 13:26—14:9

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*p. 232—NT*)

1 Peter 1:13-21

SERMON

The Challenges of Change

Rev. Daniel Kreiss

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 517

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the
Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Adante"

Alexandre Guilmant

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, creator of the universe...
...with all those who sing your praise, saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: We praise you, most holy God ...
Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 703

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata in A"

G. Frescobaldi

*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.

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 time of fellowship and refreshments.*

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Come forward with your Offering during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

This morning we welcome the Rev. Daniel Kreiss to the pulpit. Dan has served as the director of the Youth Ministry degree and the Dean of the Peeke School of Christian mission at King University from January 2005 – May 2019. He was ordained in the Holston Presbytery in March of 2018 after completing his M Div at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan College. He is currently completing his D Min at Portland Seminary in Leadership in Global Perspectives and anticipates graduating in May 2020. Dan is the father of 4 amazing children and the husband of Cindy for nearly 30 years. They currently reside in Bristol, TN, but with the completion of his time at King are open to see what God has in store for this next season of their lives.

This morning we also welcome organist Dr. David Runner to our worship service. Dr. Runner taught organ and music theory at Milligan College until he retired in 2005. Since then he has substituted as organist for many area churches and teaches organ privately. When he's not working, David and his wife attend Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church.

NOTE: The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 2nd, for the Labor Day holiday.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

The theme this month is **Foods of Family Heritage**. Here's a chance for others to taste some of the recipes that have been passed down in your family for generations, or a dish that you discovered that your whole family really enjoys. The category is wide open!

As always, if you can hang around to help with cleanup, it would be appreciated. Many hands make light work. See you next Sunday at our fellowship tables!

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.**

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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

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!**

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.*



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:	Jim Starr
Liturgy prepared and arranged by:	the Rev. Pat Willard
Liturgist:	Hal Hunter
Organist:	Dr. David Runner
Nursery:	Madden
Communion Servers:	Kathi Cary, Matt Cary, Mary O'Keeffe, Claudia Rosselot, Lynnea Salinas, & Jim Starr

CHURCH STAFF

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. **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 September 1—7, 2019.

Mary Derouen, who has been in the hospital.
Helen Davis, who has finally been able to get back to church!
Graham Smith, Cynthia Erdei's father, who has moved to the assisted living portion at Cornerstone.
Pat Wiley and her husband, Bill, who are each recovering from brief stays in the hospital.
Ava Corum, a 9-year-old who was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer.
Bob & Betty Thompson, Phyllis' parents.
Linda Sisk, who has moved to the long-term care portion at NHC.
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, Glay Hood, 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



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.

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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SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own goodness,
but in your all-embracing love and mercy.

We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table,
but it is your nature always to have mercy.

So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son,
that we may forever live in him and he in us. Amen.

—Book of Common Prayer (1549)

NOTES:

- Due to the Labor Day holiday, **Covenant will not serve at Melting Pot in September.**
- Handbells will resume on September 11 at 6:00 PM.
- **Lost & Found:** If you left something at the Summer Get-Together at the Wood's home, check the cart in the Fellowship Hall!
- **Coming Up:** Check your bulletins and email for information about a "Dinner for 6 or 8" on a Saturday evening towards the end of September!

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS – NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Due to the Labor Day holiday, we've rescheduled our "trip" for **next Sunday, Sept. 8**, from 3 PM to 5 PM. Please join us as we continue our travel from the comfort of the sofa and chairs in the Library. This month we will enjoy visiting the Louvre in Paris. This film takes you inside the Louvre and invites you to a guided tour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL JAMBOREE – NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

(Regular classes will not meet that morning.) Open to all Sunday school classes: adults and children. **Everyone is invited to join us in the library at 10:00 AM** – there will be donuts, O.J., & coffee! If you aren't attending a Sunday school class and you're interested in learning more, come on in to find out about all the classes available. No obligation, no strings attached! We hope to see you there!

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.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES IS BACK!

Please join us **Saturday, September 21st at 7:00 PM** as Saturday Night at the Movies kicks off its second year with a showing of **The Bucket List**, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, two men from different worlds whose paths join in a profound way. If you've seen The Bucket List, come see it again. If you haven't, you're in for a treat! We won't be serving Kopi Luwak, but there will be snacks! Director: Rob Reiner. Rated PG-13. Running time: 97 minutes.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Black/White Dialogue meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Carver Recreation Center, 322 W. Watauga Ave., JC, from 6:00—8:00 PM. The next meeting will be on **Monday, Sept. 9 and the topic will be Workplace Diversity.** The discussion will include ways of improving hiring and retention of diverse candidates, methods of delivering better customer services, and even increase profitability. The discussion will also include some negatives/disadvantages of workplace diversity as well. Diversity is more than about "race" but more so about the different types of people and how beneficial it could be from the smallest business owner to the multi-million dollar corporation. The facilitator is Leonard Slater, Management Consultant, who has recently moved to the Tri-Cities. Everyone is welcome!

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN SEPTEMBER

The Lunch Bunch gathers at various restaurants on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. **The time has been changed from 11:30a to 12:30p** so that those attending Alliance for Continued Learning classes can participate. **Please contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641** to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations AND if you need transportation or directions.

Wed., September 4 at 12:30p: Aubrey's, 3029 Hamilton Place

Wed., September 18 at 12:30p: Yuimaru Kitchen (Japanese cuisine), 3020 Franklin Terrace, #6

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.)

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Sept. 1

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

Monday, Sept. 2 – Labor Day Church Office Closed

8:30a
7:00p

Tuesday, Sept. 3

8:30a
9:00a
2:00p – 4:00p
7:00p
7:00p

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Office will open at 11:00a
12:30p
7:00p
7:00p

Thursday, Sept. 5

8:00a
Noon
6:30p

Friday, Sept. 6

9a – 5p
Noon
1:30p
6:30p

Saturday, Sept. 7

7a – 3p

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

N.A. Meeting
NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

**Presbytery Meeting at Camp
Bridge & Games in the Library**
Property Committee Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting

The Lunch Bunch at Aubrey's
Chancel Choir
N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study
Al-Anon Meeting
Cub Scouts

Garage Sale for The River!
CoDA Meeting
N.A. Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting

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