

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 "God of Grace"

Paul Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come with joy to meet our Lord,
Forgiven, loved and free.

In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for us.

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.

We come to praise!
We come to be fed!
We come to worship the Lord!

adapted from the hymn *I come with joy* by Brian Wren, p. 507

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.
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.

**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. 160—OT) Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

GOSPEL READING (p. 42—NT) Mark 7:1-23

SERMON Clean vs. Unclean Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*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 "Rock of Ages" Austin Lovelace

*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 # 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Bach/Held

*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 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.

The church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Gather with us from 3p—5p this afternoon as we travel to England with
Rick Steves' Travelog from the comfort of the sofa and chairs in our Library.

Following are some of the events happening in September. As there is no Courier this month, please keep up with announcements in your bulletins for further details and more events! The September Calendar and Refrigerator Page are in your bulletins this week. Please take them home with you.

- **1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 11:30 AM.** The Lunch Bunch will be meeting at the following restaurants in September. Please contact Victory Cooper at 282-4641 so she knows how many reservations to make.
Sept. 5: One Acre Café, 603 W. Walnut St.
Sept. 19: Freiberg's, 203 E. Main St.
- **Sept. 8: Saturday Night at the Movies.** Join us for Silverado, directed by Lawrence Kasdan at 7 PM in the library. Emmett (Scott Glenn), his brother, Jake (Kevin Costner) and their newfound friends, Paden (Kevin Kline) and Mal (Danny Glover) are the "good guys" who set out to help the citizens of Silverado, where they deal with a ruthless rancher, McKendrick, and his lackeys, a corrupt sheriff on his payroll, a smarmy gambler, and others. Great fun for anyone who remembers the golden days of the Western, and anyone who'd like to go there! Remember--no tickets required and all snacks welcome!
- **Sept. 9: Vegetarian!** That's the theme for next Sunday's **After Church Lunch.** What'll you bring? Whatever you come with will be a tasty addition to our table o' plenty.
- **After Church Refreshments:** Here's another tickler to remind you to please sign up to provide (simple) Sunday fellowship snacks. We need YOU!
- **Monday, Sept. 10: Black/White Dialogue from 6p—8p at Carver Park.** Topic this month is: "The Five Faces of Oppression," facilitated by Ken Bonner. The presentation will engage the group into an interactive discussion. The Five Faces are: Exploitation, Marginalization, Cultural, Violence, and Powerlessness. The goal is that by the end of the presentation the group participants will have a strong understanding of various questions and issues related to oppression and privilege, and see their daily experiences in a different light, and feel empowered to address issues of oppression and privilege.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- ♦ **PW Friendship Circle:** first meeting will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 11.** This group meets on 2nd Tuesdays at **1:30 PM** in the church library. Contacts are Sally Nagel and Pat Willard.
- ♦ **PW Joy Circle:** first meeting will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 11.** This group meets on 2nd Tuesdays this year (new day!) at **7:00 PM** at the church in the Bible Discovery classroom. Contact is Betsy Moakler.
- ♦ **PW Red Tent Circle:** first meeting will be on **Thursday, Sept. 13.** This group meets on 2nd Thursdays at **7:00 PM** at the home of BJ King. Contact is BJ King.

If you are attending any of these Circles, please pick up your book in the church office workroom. Add your name to the list when you pick it up.

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: Liz Dollar
 Organist: Dr. David Runner
 Nursery: Emily Helphinstine

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 Sept. 2—8, 2018.

Carrie Beth Swanay, Betsy Moakler's cousin, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer that has spread to her lungs and spine. She is only 55 years old and is a professor at Milligan.
 Ann Freeman, who is recovering from back surgery.
 Butch Carr, who is doing well after his recent treatment.
 Dwight Sherman, who had successful cataract surgery last Monday. His second surgery will be on Sept. 10.
 Glay Hood, who is recovering at home after being 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, whose surgery, after some complications, has been rescheduled for Sept. 21.
 Lori Simon, Tina's sister, whose latest MRI showed the tumor in her brain has shrunk since her cyberknife surgery 3 months ago! We are thankful.
 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.
 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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SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

To your name, Lord Jesus,
 help me to bow the knee
 and all its worshipping,
 bow the head
 and all its thinking,
 bow the will
 and all its choosing,
 bow the heart
 and all its loving. Amen.

NEW WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

NEW Weekly Prayer Group – Sundays, 9:30 AM – 9:55 AM, Mission Committee Classroom (just ask when you get here!)

Led by Bob and Estelle Armistead, this group will be lifting up in prayer our church family, pastor, new Church Vision, neighborhood and global communities. Everyone is welcome. Join us!

HABITAT HOME DEDICATION – SAT., SEPT. 15 AT 10AM

Come witness Ryan & Olivia Harrison and their three children receive keys to their newly completed Habitat home **at 440 Hamilton Street in Johnson City**. The dedication is scheduled for **Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.** Many thanks to Antioch Baptist Church, Calvary Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Grace Fellowship Church, Munsey Memorial UMC, Muslim Community of Northeast Tennessee, University Parkway Baptist Church and Wesley Memorial UMC for the support and volunteers provided for this project. Also, thanks to Art Weekes and Misty Scott for their supervision on this build.

New Mailing Address for Tina Simon:
P.O. Box 921, Johnson City, TN 37605

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.*

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Sept. 2

9:30a – 9:55a

10:00a

11:00a

3:00p – 5:00p

7:00p

Monday, Sept. 3 – Labor Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30a

10:30a

7:00p

Tuesday, Sept. 4

8:30a

9:00a

7:00p

7:00p

Wednesday, Sept. 5

11:30a

6:00p

6:30p

NO Chancel Choir

7:00p

Thursday, Sept. 6

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

Friday, Sept. 7

Noon

1:30p

Saturday, Sept. 8

12:30p

7:00p

NEW! Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

Armchair Travelers

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Melting Pot

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Presbytery Meeting at Camp

Property Committee Meeting

Al-Anon Meeting

The Lunch Bunch at One Acre Café

GROW

SAFG

N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

Bridge/Other Games

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

CCL Meeting

Saturday Night at the Movies (Library)