

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Mary O'Keeffe

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

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.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 310

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days

that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them-- they are more than the sand;

I come to the end-- I am still with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news! We were created by God;

Our lives are interconnected with that of the Triune God;

We are loved, sought after, forgiven and renewed!

Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 169, v. 2

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

In simple trust like theirs who heard

beside the Syrian sea

the gracious calling of the Lord,

let us, like them, without a word

rise up and follow thee.

*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

Don Coble

****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

NEW TESTAMENT READING (p. 215—NT)

Philemon 1:1-21

SERMON

"Out of Love, God waits for us."

Rev. Beth Jarvis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 735

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 Solo

"Remember Me"

*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 # 697

"Take My Life"

*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 second 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Mary O'Keeffe to the glory of God and in celebration of her granddaughter Maia's 4th birthday on September 7.

This morning we welcome the Rev. Beth Jarvis to the pulpit. Beth holds a MDiv from Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan where she is now the director of the new Ministry Resource Center. The Center is funded through a grant from the Lilly Endowment that supports pastors and local churches. She and her husband, Daniel Silliman, just moved back to Johnson City. They are excited to be a part of the Milligan family.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – TODAY!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for After Church Lunch. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

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.

NOTES:

- 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!

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 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 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 Anne Smith.)
- **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.)
- **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.)

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS FOR BABMOC!

[The deadline is coming up!!!]

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!

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, [\[www.cpcjc.org\]](http://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.*



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:
Soloist:
Nursery:
Gateway:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Lauri Zembower
Shawn Hale
Julie Wood
Gina Long

CHURCH STAFF

Music Director:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:
Custodian:
Nursery Worker:

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 September 8—14, 2019.

Helen Davis, who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
Mary Derouen, who has been in the hospital.
Lori Simon, Tina's sister, whose latest PET scan showed lymph node tumors shrinking, which is good news, although she has developed painful chemo-induced peripheral neuropathy and will have to continue chemo after taking a 3-week break.
Graham Smith, Cynthia Erdei's father, who has moved to the assisted living portion at Cornerstone.
Pat Wiley and her husband, Bill.
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 8, 2019

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of mercy,
grant that the Word you speak this day
may take root in our hearts,
and bear fruit to your honor and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**. Everyone is welcome!

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, September 22**. Again this month, we are collecting: **Spaghetti Sauce (canned, bottled, fancy or plain), and dry pasta (spaghetti, bowties, shells, rigatoni, angel hair, etc. in bags & boxes)**. Thank you!

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

SPECIAL PROJECT: WATER PUMP IN ZIMBABWE

This is an appeal from Jon & Kathy Christiansen, missionaries at the Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe. Covenant supports the work of the Christiansen's through prayer and financial contributions.

“We have an immediate “water” challenge that someone may want to assist us with. We need \$4,100 to assist Chironga High School site and then drill a new well. This school has had long history with TEAM as it is located at one of our former mission stations, near Karanda. We have a drilling rig coming soon and want to add this school site to its list.

“This money should be directed to our sending church in Tennessee as part of our School Fee program. If you can help, **please make your check out to “Hunter First Baptist Church”**. Enclose a note designating it for the *African Children's Account/drilling project*. Then send it to the church at: **693 Hwy 91, Elizabethton, TN 37643**. Thank you!”

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Sept. 8

9:30a – 9:55a

10:00a

11:00a

12:30p

1:30p

3:00p

7:00p

Monday, Sept. 9

8:30a

1:00p

6:00p

7:00p

Tuesday, Sept. 10

8:30a

2:00p – 4:00p

7:00p

7:00p

Wednesday, Sept. 11

1:30p

6:00p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, Sept. 12

8:00a

Noon

6:30p

7:00p

Friday, Sept. 13

Noon

1:30p

6:30p

Saturday, Sept. 14

9:00a

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School Jamboree in the library

Worship Service

After Church Lunch

Session Meeting

Armchair Travelers

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

A Few Preachers Having Lunch

Black/White Dialogue at Carver Park

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Bridge & Games in the Library

Joy Circle

Al-Anon Meeting

Friendship Circle

Handbell Choir Practice

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

Cub Scouts

Red Tent Circle

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Al-Anon Meeting

LEAD Mtg. (Library)