

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME

Gwen Hunter

#### GREETING

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

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Almighty God, we pray for your blessing  
People: **on this church in this place.**  
Leader: Here may the faithful find salvation,  
People: **and the careless be awakened.**  
Leader: Here may the doubting find faith,  
People: **and the anxious be encouraged.**  
Leader: Here may the tempted find help,  
People: **and the sorrowful be renewed.**  
Leader: Here may the aged find consolation  
People: **and the young be inspired.**  
**Here may we worship together,  
and love each other.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 667

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Grant unto us, O God,  
People: **the fullness of your promises.**  
**Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;  
where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;  
where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;  
where we have been dead, grant us your life.**  
**Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing,  
in and with you we can do all things. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new!  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 555

*"O Lamb of God"*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace. *[repeat]*

#### \*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. 584—OT) Proverbs 1:20-33  
READING FROM THE PSALMS (p. 498—OT) Psalm 19:1-14  
NEW TESTAMENT READING (p. 230—NT) James 3:1-12  
GOSPEL READING (p. 43—NT) Mark 8:27-38  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Stewardship of Words" Dr. Martin Dotterweich

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 722 *"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"*

\*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 Anthem *"Come to the Water"* arr. Jack Schrader

\*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 # 724

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

\*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.

**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.*

**This morning we welcome Dr. Martin Dotterweich to the pulpit.** He is the Director of Faith & Learning and Chair of the Dept. of History & Political Science at King University. Martin grew up in Knoxville, TN, not so far from King, and his student days took him to Chicago, Boston, and Scotland. He studied literature and philosophy at Wheaton College; then received the MDiv from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and finally the PhD from the University of Edinburgh. After six years in Scotland, he returned to teach for five years in Memphis, and came to King in 2004. He lives here with his wife, Heather, and their children, Kathleen and Peter.

## "DINNERS OF EIGHT" - SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

**Our second "Dinners of Eight" will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 6:00 PM.** Last years' "Dinners of Eight" was well attended and enjoyed by all. We anticipate another enjoyable experience.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call Anne Smith at 929 -1604 to sign up. **The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, September 17!** If you're not familiar with the concept of "Dinners of Eight", which could be "Dinners of Six", depending on the number of people who sign up to attend, the idea is that several people/couples commit to hosting a dinner at their home on the same evening. This year it is September 21 from 6 - 9 PM. The hosts/hostesses will provide the entrees and the beverages. The guests will go to one of the various homes and they will bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. From there it's a pleasant meal and an evening spent with friends! We encourage all who can to participate.

## GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received next Sunday, Sept. 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!

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>.**

* 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.*

## THE LUNCH BUNCH IN SEPTEMBER

The next Lunch Bunch gathering will be **on Wed., September 18 at 12:30p at Yuimaru Kitchen** (Japanese cuisine), 3020 Franklin Terrace, #6. **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.

**PLEASE NOTE** that this month's **Saturday Night at the Movies** has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

### 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!"

### PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING—OCTOBER 6

Every year our congregation joins Christians around the world in celebrating **World Communion Sunday**. The central focus of this Sunday is the Lord's Supper instituted by Christ and its unifying message for all who partake of it. We are one in Christ Jesus and not to be separated by the nations, ethnic groups or denominations we belong to, or for any other reason.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) also marks the day by a call to peacemaking, urging us to be followers of the Prince of Peace. One concrete way that we do that is by receiving the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. Through this special offering, we work together with others in our presbytery, our synod and nationally through the General Assembly's Peacemaking Program to learn and live out the ways of peace. The Peacemaking Offering invites each congregation to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. 25 percent of the Offering is used by our church; another 25 percent goes to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

**Join us on October 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate World Communion Sunday and to commit ourselves to working for the unity of the church and the peace of Christ. Come ready to give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.**

### 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:  
Nursery:  
Gateway:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Mischele Hart  
John Deaton  
Jane Deaton

### CHURCH STAFF

Music Director:  
Office Administrator:  
Custodian:  
Nursery Worker:

Jessica Siple  
Tina Simon  
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.

The Wortman family in the loss of Tiffany Wortman Jones.  
Betty Maletich, who is experiencing health problems.  
Helen Davis, who is back home after being in the hospital with pneumonia.  
Mary Derouen, who has been in the hospital.  
Pat Wiley and her husband, Bill.  
Bob & Betty Thompson, Phyllis' parents.  
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



# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

Today, Sept. 15

9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a/10:00a	Sunday School
9:45a	Chancel Choir
10:00a	Ensemble Practice
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	Called Session Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

**Monday, Sept. 16 – COURIER DEADLINE!**

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
1:00p	Congregational Life Committee Meeting
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 17

8:30a	N.A. Meeting
<b>2:00p – 4:00p</b>	<b>Bridge &amp; Games in the Library</b>
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 18

<b>12:30p</b>	<b>The Lunch Bunch at Yuimaru Kitchen</b>
6:00p	Handbell Choir Practice
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 19

<b>8:00a</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study</b>
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
6:30p	Cub Scouts

Friday, Sept. 20

Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting
6:30p	Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 21

<b>6:00p</b>	<b>“Dinners of Eight”</b>
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