

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME

David Miller

### GREETING

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

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: At the beginning of time and at the end  
People: **you are God and we bless you.**  
Leader: At our birth and in our dying,  
People: **in the opening of the day and at its close,**  
Leader: in our waking and our sleeping,  
People: **you are God and we bless you.**  
Leader: You are the first and the last,  
People: **the giver of every gift,**  
Leader: the presence without whom there would be no present,  
People: **the life without whom there is no life.**  
Leader: Lead us to the heart of life's treasure  
People: **that we may be bearers of the gift.**  
Leader: Lead us to the heart of the present  
People: **that we may be sharers of your eternal presence.**

J. Philip Newell, *Sounds of the Eternal, A Celtic Psalter* p. 76

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 475

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Eternal God,  
People: **in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults,  
confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength:  
through Jesus Christ your Son. 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.

#### \*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

READING FROM THE PSALMS (*p. 554—OT*) Psalm 103:6-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*p. 157—NT*) Romans 7:21—8:1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON How Sweet the Sound Dr. Jeffrey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 649 *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

\*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 *"There Is a Balm In Gilead"* W. Hatch

\*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 # 840

*"When Peace Like a River"*

\*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.

*Please join us in the library immediately following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

**This morning we welcome Dr. Jeffrey Miller to the pulpit.** Jeff is Professor of Bible at Milligan College. He holds bachelor's degrees in pastoral ministry and church music. He has earned a master's of divinity from Emmanuel Christian Seminary and a doctorate in biblical interpretation from The University of Denver. He is editor of *Priscilla Papers*, a journal that promotes women in Christian leadership. He has held ministries in Nebraska, Tennessee, and Colorado. Jeff and his wife, Dana, have two married daughters and four grandchildren. Jeff's interests include playing the piano and hiking in the Appalachian Mountains.

### BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS FOR BABMOC!

*[The deadline is NEXT WEEK!!!]*

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
- \* 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.*

### 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.

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*(Peace & Global Witness Offering, continued)*

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.

### EVENTS COMING UP AT THE RIVER!

The River ministry for women will be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with an **Old Time Variety Show on Sunday, October 13 from 2—4 PM at Fellowship Junction of First Presbyterian Church.** The show will feature Stacy Larsen, River Director, as the Master of Ceremonies, live music, storyteller Barbara McBride Smith sharing *Grandma's Button Box*, games, lemonade and homemade pie, and will end with a pie-in-the-face contest. Come and join us for some good old fashioned fun AND support The River's mission of helping women to help themselves while sharing loads of God's love! Tickets are \$50 and are available online through Eventbrite at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-rivers-old-time-variety-show-fundraiser-tickets-70319687077>

Every year The River Ministry for Women holds a **Homemade Craft & Goodies Sale on the First Friday in November.** Every penny raised goes toward our mission—helping women to help themselves. **We need your help to make this year's Homemade Craft & Goodies Sale on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 5—8 PM a huge success!** Please consider sharing your talent to support a good cause. We accept anything that is handmade and original. This includes artwork, pottery, photography, embroidery, hand-sewn items, quilts, macramé, baked goods, canned items, prints, crafts, soaps, lotions, hand-sewn wonders, jewelry, and one-of-a-kind items to be sold at our sale. We are a non-profit and all donations are tax-deductible. **We need all items by Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.** If you are unable to bring them to The River, we are more than happy to come to you!

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me with any questions at 423-926-8111 or [theriverministryforwomen@yahoo.com](mailto:theriverministryforwomen@yahoo.com).

*Stacy Larsen*

### 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  
Frankie Wolff  
Laura Harrington  
Madden

### 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 22—28, 2019.

Betty Maletich, who is experiencing health problems.  
Helen Davis, who is back home after being in the hospital with pneumonia.  
Mary Derouen, who is home after being in the hospital and in rehab.  
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 the needs of our local and global community.



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## SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

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

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bless those who lead us in worship with your Spirit.  
May our worship today help us to offer our entire lives to you  
and unite us with your whole church throughout the world.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who with the Father and the Spirit is one God,  
blessed forever. Amen.

## **MELTING POT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Our next opportunity to serve at the Melting Pot will be Monday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>.** Several regular members of Group B (assigned to October) will be out of town, so we're likely to be short-handed. If anyone from Group A **or anyone from the congregation** has a couple of hours to spare that morning, please contact Don Coble at 423-483-6493 or [dwcoble1@gmail.com](mailto:dwcoble1@gmail.com) **as soon as possible!** You don't have to commit for a lifetime, but you might want to see for yourself how Covenant volunteers participate in this vital community service on the first Monday of every month. (*Groups A and B alternate months.*)

### **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

#### Today, Sept. 22

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	Local & World Missions Committee Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

#### Monday, Sept. 23

7:00p	NarAnon Meeting
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#### Tuesday, Sept. 24

<b>2:00p – 4:00p</b>	<b>Bridge &amp; Games in the Library</b>
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

#### Wednesday, Sept. 25

6:00p	Handbell Choir Practice
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

#### Thursday, Sept. 26

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

#### Friday, Sept. 27

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

#### Saturday, Sept. 28

11:00a	ACA Meeting
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