

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Don Coble

MINUTE FOR MISSION

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

"Invention"

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness,
People: **and enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy.**
Leader: O God,
People: **the angels of heaven proclaim your glory without ceasing.**
Leader: Enable us to serve you in your house,
People: **so that in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**
Leader: we may praise you with our whole heart,
People: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God,
People: **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

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and renewed!
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

ANTHEM

"Kumbaya"

Paul Sjolund

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS (*p. 500—OT*) Psalm 22:1-5; 27-31

GOSPEL READING (*p. 54—NT*) Mark 15:33-34

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

SERMON

Sad Songs Say So Much

Dr. Jeffrey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 39 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*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

"Invention"

J.S. Bach

*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 (*see insert*) *"Like a River Glorious"*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Invention"

*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 once again 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.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS FOR BABMOC!

[The deadline is tomorrow!!!]

The children in the BABMOC free school in Liberia need backpacks and school supplies. **Our goal is to send 150 child-size backpacks, each filled with a set of school supplies. As of Tuesday, we have 97 backpacks and plenty of school supplies.** Please help us make our goal of 150 backpacks for these children.

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

Next Sunday we will celebrate **World Communion** with Christians around the world. We will also receive the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. Our congregation will retain 25% of the Offering to be given to Bear Another's Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC). The other 75% will help our partners in the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly as they work on behalf of God's peacemaking throughout the world. Please give generously.

MELTING POT VOLUNEERS NEEDED!

Our next opportunity to serve at the Melting Pot will be Monday, October 7th. 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 **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 and support this vital community service on the first Monday of every month. (*Groups A and B alternate months.*)

NEWSLETTER

The **OCTOBER COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex. Please be sure to read it! If you did not receive the Courier via email, please look for **your copy** on the table. OR, if you just want a printed copy, there are extras. so please help yourself. (*If you take one of the extras, be sure to look for one with your name on it first so that it doesn't get mailed to you.*) You will also find the newsletter and October's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

CHURCH-WIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RELIEF

The Local & Worldwide Missions committee invites you to join us at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall next week, October 6th, World Communion Sunday, for a special church-wide Sunday School class to explore, learn more about, and consider concrete ways we can respond to the needs of our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers through immigrant and refugee relief. (*Refreshments will be provided.*)

As a church family, Covenant Presbyterian actively supports worldwide missions in various ways—through, for instance, support of our missionaries in Zimbabwe and South Sudan, Bear Another's Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC) in Liberia, and Living Waters for the World. Following in the footsteps of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we, too, “choose welcome/ Elegimos dar a bienvenida” and promote peacemaking and justice locally, nationally, and globally.

Mr. Mike Eastridge will facilitate this discussion. Mr. Eastridge practices law at Hunter, Smith, and Davis in Johnson City. He has over 25 years of experience practicing law and has practiced international and immigration law exclusively since 2006. Additionally, he lectures regularly on the subject of transitional justice and is founder and director of The International Interfaith Accompaniment Program, a non-profit organization engaged in international transitional justice initiatives in African states emerging from prolonged conflict. He also has served as a guest editor for the Journal of Religion, Conflict & Peacebuilding. We are delighted to have Mr. Eastridge lead our class.

During our class, we will define some of the terms that we need to know to enter into a conversation about these matters in a mindful, respectful, and informed way; explore the local and state situation; and brainstorm ways we are called to respond. Some of the topics we may cover could include:

- Who are immigrants? Who are the refugees in our community? Why are the numbers of refugees that we are accepting shrinking? What is the rationale behind that and the ramifications of that? (DEFINE)
- What are the local and state statistics on immigrants and refugees? What policies, protections, and legal measures exist in Tennessee? (EXPLORE)
- How do we respond to the needs of our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers? How do we, as a church family, get involved through the PC(USA)? (BRAINSTORM)

At the end of this church-wide Sunday School class, we will provide participants with an information sheet of national and local organizations that are serving immigrants and their suggestions for local action and prayer.

We hope you will join us!

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:
Liturgy prepared and arranged by:
Liturgist:
Violin:
Viola:
Nursery:
Gateway:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Ron Smith
George Figueroa
Drew Riccardi
Knechtel
John 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 29—October 5, 2019.

Bob Armistead, who was in the hospital earlier this week and had 3 stents put in, and is at home recovering.

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 29, 2019 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,
we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE RIVER

The River's Old Time Variety Show Fundraiser scheduled for October 13 has had to be canceled, hopefully to be rescheduled in the Spring.

Homemade crafts needed **by Wednesday, October 30th** for the upcoming Homemade Crafts and Goodies Sale. (See article in Courier)

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Sept. 29

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
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, Sept. 30 **DEADLINE FOR BACKPACKS FOR BABMOC!!**

7:00p	NarAnon Meeting
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Tuesday, Oct. 1

2:00p – 4:00p	Bridge & Games in the Library
7:00p	Property Committee Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 2

9:00a – 1:00p	Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)
12:30p	The Lunch Bunch at Red Lobster
6:00p	Handbell Choir Practice
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 3

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

Friday, Oct. 4

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

Saturday, Oct. 5

11:00a	ACA Meeting
4:00p – 9:00p	Fellowship Hall reserved