



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2019

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Don Hart

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

"Thy Word is Dear to Me"

Rasley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: And the table will be wide

People: And the welcome will be wide.

Leader: And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

People: And our hearts will open wide to receive.

Leader: And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

People: And we will come unhindered and free.

Leader: And our aching will be met with bread.

People: And our sorrow will be met with wine.

Leader: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

People: And we will turn toward each other without fear.

Leader: And we will give up our appetite for despair.

People: And we will taste and know of delight.

Leader: And we will become bread for a hungry world.

People: And we will become drink for those who thirst.

Leader: And the blessed will become the blessing.

People: And everywhere will be the feast. ¹

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 494

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Almighty god,

**People: our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.**

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**We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“People Need the Lord”

P. McHugh/G. Nelson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING (*p. 80—NT*)

Luke 17:5-10

SERMON

Lived Faith

Rev. Kaye Florence

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 829**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

***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

“The Gentle Savior”

Kenney

***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

*When it is time, come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the
cup and return to your seat by the outer aisle. Individual cups are also available if you prefer.*

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: Praise to you, O God, for all your works...

...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**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: Thank you, O God, for sending us your son...

...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...

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Jubilante”

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

¹ Call to Worship by Jan Richardson. janrichardson.com

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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 this morning are donated by Sharon and David Miller to the glory of God and to honor the life and memory of David's maternal grandmother, Tennie Blackburn Mears. Next Wednesday the 9th will mark 50 years since her passing. She was 87 years old at the time of her death. David was 19. The loss of any significant person in our lives is everlasting, but the inspiration they brought to everyone they touched is everlasting, as well. “Granny” Mears was such a person. She was a remarkable woman who lived an extraordinarily simple and humble life. Like many of her time it was a hard life, but one lived with great dignity, grace and gratitude. Her unshakable Christian faith was the foundation for her being. She remains an inspiration to all who knew and loved her and is remembered and missed. Will the circle be unbroken. Her picture is sitting beside the flowers.

*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.

2019 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

This morning we celebrate World Communion with Christians around the world and commit ourselves to working for the unity of the church and peace of Christ through our gifts to the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. Covenant will retain 25% of the Offering to be given to Bear Another's Burdens Ministry of Christ (BABMOC) for the children in Liberia. 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.

This morning we welcome the Rev. Kaye Florence to the pulpit. Kaye is a member of Holston Presbytery, Honorably Retired, and currently serving as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery. She is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. She

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completed a year-long Clinical Pastoral Education program at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Johnson City; and was employed as a hospice chaplain for several years. Most recently, she served as pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kingsport. Her husband, Dr. Joe Florence, is a professor of family medicine at ETSU. Kaye and Joe live in Jonesborough. They worship together at the Jonesborough Presbyterian Church.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

Italian! That's the theme of our October 13 After Church Lunch. What'll your dish be? Lasagna, spaghetti pie, antipasto, manicotti, Italian Cream cake, stuffed shells, a salad with Italian trimmings? This theme seems to be a delicious favorite with our church family. We'll see you at the table!

Gentle housekeeping plea: Please check the cart in the Fellowship Hall to see if any of the items there are yours, and grab them. We need to make use of the cart and can't if it's loaded with the things left behind. Grab 'em before we donate them. Thanks!!

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—OCTOBER 19

The info in the October Courier was incorrect. As the Movie Night has had to be canceled so many times, we are going to try one more time to show *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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 27, 2019

October is Stewardship Month here at Covenant. By now you should have received a postcard in the mail encouraging all of our members and regular attenders to stand together and pledge your financial support for the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church for 2020. It is from these pledges that our Administration & Budget Committee and Session are able to develop our budget for the coming year.

The practice of generosity is a faith discipline. Growing in generosity is the mark of a developing faith and a deeper walk with Christ. As a congregation, we are seeking to be fed spiritually and to actively engage the world where its deepest needs meet our abilities, and with God's help, to be a difference for good.

Please make plans to join us on **Stewardship Sunday, October 27**. Pledge cards and envelopes are on the table in the Narthex and in the pews in the Sanctuary.

PW CIRCLES IN OCTOBER

- **The Joy Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Anne Smith.)

- **The Friendship Circle will meet on Wed., October 9 at 1:30 PM in the church library.** (Contact for this Circle is Elaine Warehime.)
- **The Red Tent Circle will meet on Thursday, October 10, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane.** (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 (*incorrect in Courier!*)

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, October 14**. Everyone is welcome! The Black/White Dialogue meetings have been held monthly, without interruption, for several years. We've heard and learned about micro-aggression, white supremacy and privilege, lynchings, challenges to bridge the gap between cultures, efforts to develop young black leadership, and other initiatives and information that raises our level of awareness that sensitized us about racism and bigotry. We even took a trip to Pennington Gap to learn what some visionary people are doing to preserve African-American culture in Appalachia. It is important for "white" people to be sensitized toward the effects of racism. Some participants from time-to-time have asked the question, "What do we do about it?" Black/White Dialogue is not an organized group for publicly responding to this as a group; a purpose of its existence is to motivate people on their own to lift awareness in their sphere of influence, either on their own or participating with others. **The October meeting's focus will be just that.** Joy Fulkerson and Linda Good will facilitate a group discussion to identify, through and from the group, the effort that can be made by those who commit themselves to changing the culture's attitude toward minorities, especially people of color, to create a truly cohesive community.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of The Lunch Bunch will be on **Wednesday, October 16 at 12:30p at Freiberg's German Restaurant, 203 E. Main Street.** Victory may still be out of town, **so please contact Carlyn Sue Hoffman at 423-202-7281** to let her know if you plan to attend.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, October 27**. This month they need: **Canned Vegetables.** Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

HOMEMADE CRAFTS FOR THE RIVER SALE

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week of October 6—12, 2019.

Helen Davis, who was admitted into JCMC on Tuesday with an infection in her legs.

Betty Maletich, who is scheduled for heart surgery on October 15.

Bob Armistead, who was is recovering very well after having 3 stents placed.

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.



Covenant Presbyterian Church is proud to have received the designation of being an Earth Care Congregation, through the PC(USA).

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:

Liturgy prepared and arranged by:

Liturgist:

Accompanist:

Pianist:

Section Leader:

Nursery:

Gateway:

Communion Servers:

Jim Starr

the Rev. Pat Willard

Kathi Cary

Anne Smith

Lucas Schmidt

Shawn Hale

David/Sharon Miller

Julie Wood

Estelle Armistead, Bob Armistead,
David Miller, Tony/Eileen Madden, & Jim Starr

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.*

CHURCH STAFF

Music Director:

Office Administrator:

Administrative Assistant:

Custodian:

Nursery Worker:

Jessica Siple

Tina Simon

Anne Webb

Marie Britt

Jeanne Gamble

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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, October 6

9:30a – 9:55a

10:00a

11:00a

7:00p

Weekly Prayer Group

Church-Wide Sunday School Event in Fellowship Hall

Worship Service

N.A. Meeting

Monday, October 7

10:00a

7:00p

7:00p

Melting Pot

ACA Meeting

NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

10:30a

2:00p – 4:00p

7:00p

7:00p

Worship Committee Meeting

Bridge & Games in the Library

Joy Circle

Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

1:30p

6:00p

7:00p

7:00p

Friendship Circle

Handbell Choir Practice

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Thursday, October 10

8:00a

Noon

6:30p

7:00p

Men's Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

Cub Scouts

Red Tent Circle

Friday, October 11

Noon

1:30p

6:30p

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, October 12

9:00a

11:00a

12:30p

LEAD Meeting

ACA Meeting

CCL Meeting