

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars
that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made us a little lower than the angels,
and crowned us with glory and honor.

You have given us dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under our feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

adapted from Psalm 8

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we come to your great table, Lord,
we realize how small we have made our own.
We carefully plan what we will eat,
not thinking of the many who will go hungry.
We hoard what we have while others starve.
We could open our purses and our hearts to the needy,
but we don't.
Judge us harshly enough, Lord, so that we will be changed
to live—and give—as you would have us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our Lord spoke of the Kingdom of Heaven comparing it to a great feast where all are invited. Those who were unworthy were invited in; those who prided themselves on being worthy were asked to sit near the back. We are invited to know God's love, the most gracious part of which is divine forgiveness. For in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and saved.
Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 551

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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*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.

Leader: 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. 2—OT*) Genesis 2:18-24

GOSPEL READING (*p. 45—NT*) Mark 10:1-16

SERMON The Spirit of the Law Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 515 *"I Come with Joy"*

*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

*DOXOLOGY # 609 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise god, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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: It is right and our greatest joy...

...the hymn of the whole creation, saying:

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: We praise you, most holy God ...
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 ...

Words of Institution

*Communion Hymn # 527 *"Eat This Bread"*

*(This song will continue playing throughout the celebration of Communion,
please feel free to continue singing along as you come forward.)*

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

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

*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
first 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.*

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy
to Diana & Dana Hewitt in the death of Diana's father,
Charles Ray Moyers on September 26, 2018.*

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.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Gather with us from **3p—5p this afternoon** as we again travel to England with Rick Steves' Travelog from the comfort of the sofa and chairs in our Library.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH IN OCTOBER

Instead of our usual second Sunday **After Church Lunch** in October, we have the amazing opportunity to have fellowship and share a meal with members of Thankful Baptist Church and other people in our community. You'll find info about **THE GATHERING** below. We'll resume our regular schedule in November.

THE GATHERING—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 FROM 3—5 PM

On March 31, 1968, just days before his assassination, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words from the pulpit of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.:

“We must face the sad fact that at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning when we stand to sing ‘In Christ there is no East or West,’ we stand in the most segregated hour of America.”

We don't have to look very far in our world, and sadly in our own community, to realize that not much has changed since Dr. King spoke these words over fifty years ago. Realizing that we don't want our children and grandchildren to regretfully say the same thing fifty years from now, representatives from Thankful Baptist Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church began meeting together a few months ago to create an event to remind us that the Church is best when the Church is whole. That event is simply called **THE GATHERING**.

THE GATHERING is a small step, but a significant one, where we seek to know, not just our neighbors, but our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Johnson City. **THE GATHERING** is an intergenerational, inter-racial FUN event where we will laugh together, play together, sing together, **and of course EAT TOGETHER**. More churches have been invited and all are welcome as we seek to regain even just a glimpse of the Church that Jesus had in mind.

THE GATHERING will take place on **Sunday, October 14 from 3 – 5 PM at the Farmer's Market Pavilion**, adjacent to Founders Park, in downtown Johnson City. Each church has been assigned something to bring. Covenant was assigned paper products and all of that has been arranged.

All I ask for now is that you put **THE GATHERING** on your calendar. Plan to attend, and plan to celebrate the joy, the beauty, and the richness of the Church of Jesus Christ with friends in Johnson City. Come to **THE GATHERING!**

Paul

(Note: There will be tables, but please bring your own folding chairs.)

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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgy written by:
Liturgist:
Nursery:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
David Knechtel
Madden Family

CHURCH STAFF

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

Rev. Paul Helphinstine
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.

Week of October 7—13, 2018.

Mary Lynn Moser, BJ King's sister, who went for her third gamma knife treatment for lesions on her brain in August. Four additional lesions were discovered and all five were treated. She has a follow-up appointment in October.

Pat Guffee, Helen Davis' brother, who is home from the hospital recovering from a toxic liver.

Jan Paveglio, who is still having severe stomach pains.

Carrie Beth Swanay, Betsy Moakler's cousin, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer that has spread to her lungs and spine. She is only 55 years old and is a professor at Milligan.

Butch Carr, who is doing well after his recent treatment.

Butch Carr's cousin, Nattie Jane Young, whose husband, David Langsan, is in an acute care facility in Nashville with throat and esophagus cancer.

Stacy Larsen's sister, Shelly, who fell and broke her back, and their mother, Charlan, who is waiting to have spinal surgery.

Jeanne Gamble, our Nursery Worker, who is recovering from shoulder and rotator cuff surgery.

Linda Sisk, who is suffering from a severe case of shingles.

Barbara Kirkpatrick, Frankie Wolff's sister, diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Please remember those in our congregation who are homebound and unable to join us regularly in worship:

Vi Block, Jeter Collins, Helen Fletcher, Barbara Quisenberry

Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan

Jon & Kathy Christiansen: Zimbabwe



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).

Covenant Presbyterian Church has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



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OCTOBER 7, 2018
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We pray to you, O Lord;
you hear us in the morning;
at sunrise we offer our prayer
and wait for your answer.

-- Psalm 5:2-3

NOTES:

- **GROW will not meet on Wednesday, October 17.**
- **After Church Refreshments:** Please check the easel in the Narthex and sign up to bring Sunday snacks. October is wide open!

NEW ADDRESS & PHONE

Earle & Mona Barron

2101 Christian Lane, #404, Johnson City, TN 37601
New home phone: 423-722-3112

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Black/White Dialogue meets at the Carver Park Center at 322 W. Watauga Avenue on the 2nd Monday of the month **from 6—8 PM**. The next meeting will be on **Monday, October 8**. The subject for October is **INTERSECTIONALITY**. Please read the article in the October Courier for details. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

HABITAT T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS

As a gesture of thanks and recognition, Holston Habitat for Humanity has provided a **free T-shirt** for each participant and supporter of the “Harrison Build” recently dedicated for use and occupancy. Holston Habitat used the list of Covenant members who registered online to compile the list of recipients and shirt sizes. Members may pick up their T-shirts in the Church Office during regular office hours. (read full article in the October Courier)

GATEWAY TRIP TO STICKLEY FARMS

SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 1:30—3:30

Again our many school systems cannot seem to get it together when it comes to fall break. Later in October still seems like the easiest time to make a trip to the pumpkin patch. We are going to try a new one this year—Stickley Farms in Bluff City. Prices and activities are similar to Fender's.

Here is the website with directions. <http://www.thestickleyfarm.com>. Please contact Jane Deaton if you plan to join in the fun.

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN OCTOBER

The next Lunch Bunch gathering will be on **Wed., October 17 at 11:30 AM at Miso Teriyaki House**, 1811 W. State of Franklin Rd. **Contact Victory Cooper at 423-282-4641** for more info and to let her know if you plan to come so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.

FALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Property Committee has planned a **Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 20th, beginning about 9:00 a.m.** We should finish around lunchtime. There is a list, and the tasks range from sharpening pencils for the pews to washing tables and chairs to working in the landscape beds. Even if you can only be here for an hour, we would still greatly welcome your help. There will be some cleaning materials available, but everyone is encouraged to bring supplies and materials, such as cloths/ buckets/ brooms/ step-ladders, etc. Wear older clothes, bring gloves, and join in the camaraderie of making Covenant look great going into the winter season! If you have any questions please contact a Property Committee member or the Church office. (Rain Day is Saturday, October 27.)

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.*

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—

OCTOBER 20 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY

This event will meet on the **3rd Saturday of the month** from now on. This month, in recognition of the upcoming mid-term elections, Saturday Night at the Movies presents “**Dave**” starring Kevin Kline as Dave, a practical, good-hearted Washington businessman who happens to be a dead ringer for the President of the United States. Also starring Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Ving Rhames, Charles Grodin and Frank Langella. Everyone is welcome, no tickets required! Lemonade and water provided, snacks are welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

GIVE, ACT, PRAY

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) responds to disasters in the U.S. and internationally. Please visit <http://pda.pcusa.org/> for details. If you wish to make a donation to this effort through the church, please make your checks payable to Covenant and note “PDA” on the memo line. You may also give online through the church website. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Oct. 7

9:30a – 9:55a

10:00a

11:00a

3p – 5p

7:00p

Monday, Oct. 8

8:30a

1:00p

6p – 8p

7:00p

Tuesday, Oct. 9

8:30a

1:30p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Wednesday, Oct. 10

9:30a – 1:00p

6:00p

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, Oct. 11

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

7:00p

Friday, Oct. 12

Noon

1:30p

Saturday, Oct. 13

12:30p

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School

Worship Service

Armchair Travelers

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting

A Few Preachers Having Lunch

Black/White Dialogue at Carver Park

NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Friendship Circle

Cub Scouts

Joy Circle

Al-Anon Meeting

Shady Oaks Garden Club (F'ship Hall)

GROW

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

Bridge/Other Games

Red Tent Circle

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

CCL Meeting