

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Kathi Cary

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 66

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
People: **sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"
People: **Because of your great power,
your enemies cringe before you.**

Leader: All the earth worships you;
People: **they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name."**

Leader: Come and see what God has done:
People: **he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

Leader: He turned the sea into dry land;
People: **they passed through the river on foot.**

Leader: There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might forever,
Leader: whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
People: **let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples.
People: **Come and Worship!
Worship in gratitude and praise this day!**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Awesome God,
People: **have mercy on us.**

**Guide us through the fires of temptation
and save us from the floods of selfishness.**

**Lift us from the burden of despair—
despair that would prevent us
from walking forth as your people
and answering your call.**

**Heal us, O Jesus,
as you healed the lepers of old.**

**Forgive us, O God,
and plant your seeds of forgiveness
in our lives and in our church,
that we might forgive,
even as we are forgiven.**

**Build us into your body of Christ,
in this time and place. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Build houses and live in them.
Plant gardens and eat your fill.
God is with us even in our most distant journeys.
Christ can heal us, even in our deepest despair.
Get up and go on your way.
In Jesus Christ, we are made well.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 468

"In My Life"

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*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.

CHILDREN'S EARTHCARE MOMENT

****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

GOSPEL READING (p. 80—NT)

Luke 17:11-19

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

SERMON

Surprising Salvation

Brianna Olson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 795

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

*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

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Allen Pote

*Doxology # 609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessing 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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 731 *"Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"*

*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.

This morning we welcome Brianna Olson to the pulpit. Bri is the Interim Director of UKirk, the PC(USA) campus ministry at ETSU. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Messiah College in Pennsylvania and just this year earned her Master's of Divinity from Emmanuel Christian Seminary. She has ministered in churches in Maryland and here in Johnson City. Her interests include just about anything her friends are up to!

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – TODAY!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for After Church Lunch. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you!

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Last Sunday we celebrated **World Communion** with Christians around the world and also received the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. Covenant 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. There is still time to contribute. Thank you for your generosity.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

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. October's meeting is an opportunity for those in attendance to be engaged in conversations that will contribute to individual and group commitments as we seek to utilize the learnings gained from our months of education on and dialogue around issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.*

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!**



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:
Section Leader:
Nursery:
Gateway:

Jim Starr
the Rev. Pat Willard
Kathi Cary
Shawn Hale
Chris Harrington
Tony/Eileen Madden

CHURCH STAFF

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

Jessica Siple
Tina Simon
Anne Webb
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 October 13—19, 2019.

Jan Paveglio, who was in the hospital earlier this week.
Betty Maletich, who is scheduled for heart surgery on October 15.
Helen Davis, who is recovering at home after being in the hospital with an infection in her legs.
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.

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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OCTOBER 13, 2019 18TH 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, October 13

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	After Church Lunch
1:30p	Session Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, October 14

1:00p	A Few Preachers Having Lunch
6:00p	Black/White Dialogue at Carver Park
7:00p	ACA Meeting
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, October 15 – COURIER DEADLINE

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

Wednesday, October 16

12:30p	The Lunch Bunch at Freiberg's
6:00p	Handbell Choir Practice
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:30p	Library reserved
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

9:00a	Library reserved
Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting
6:30p	Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, October 19

11:00a	ACA Meeting
7:00p	Saturday Night at the Movies