

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

How lovely, Lord, how lovely
to worship in this Holy place.
**How lovely, Lord, how lovely
to walk with you all of our days.**
How lovely, Lord, how lovely
to live as your people on earth.
**How lovely, Lord, how lovely
to be strengthened and blessed by your grace.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 12 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are confused, Great and Loving God,
**by the messages of our world
and by the messages of your Scripture,
they do not fit together.**
And yet we live in this world,
you have put us here.
The world says we should be strong and confident;
yet the great people of the bible were often
hesitant and felt inadequate and unworthy
of the task to which they were called.
Perhaps we should feel pride
only in the accomplishments of others;
and yet, we know that false humility is false
and true neither to ourselves or others.
Guide our thoughts and actions
that each of us may become
the person you would have us be—
confident and secure in your love,
able to live in our world with your values. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Happy are those whose strength is in God. Happy are those who trust
in Christ’s love. Happy are those who seek the Spirit’s guidance.
Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new!
Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 551 *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

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

*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.

EARTHCARE CHILDREN’S MOMENT Ann Freeman

**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. 853—OT) Amos 5:6-7; 10-15
GOSPEL READING (p. 46—NT) Mark 10:17-31
SERMON Don’t Walk Away Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 697 *“Take My Life”*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God:
who welcomes our laughter and moves us to wonder.
We believe in Christ:
who welcomes our questions and loves us to trust.
We believe in Spirit:
who welcomes our doubts and loves us to faith.
This we believe! Amen!

from *Reformed Worship*, written by Jeffery S. Gains

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 *“Let the Word of Christ”* R. Gieseke

*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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 706 *“Commit Your Way to God the Lord”*

*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.

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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 special time of fellowship and refreshments.*

THE GATHERING—TODAY FROM 3—5 PM

Come and celebrate the joy, the beauty, and the richness of the Church of
Jesus Christ with friends in Johnson City. **Join us this afternoon for THE
GATHERING from 3 – 5 PM at the Farmer’s Market Pavilion**, adjacent to
Founders Park, in downtown Johnson City. There is plenty of parking right
around the building so there will be limited walking required. Bring a folding
chair if you are able—we will have extras for those who cannot carry them so
don’t let that keep you from coming. We hope to see you there!

FALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Property Committee has planned a **Fall Clean-Up Day for next
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.)

THE LUNCH BUNCH

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.

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!

4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS

Community Prayer Gatherings are being held at **The River, 125 W. Main Street**, on the **4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM**. Men, women, and children are invited and a guest speaker will provide a message each time. Join us this month on **Tuesday, September 25!**

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)

Reminder: GROW will not meet this Wednesday, October 17.

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS

Won't you sign up to provide (simple) Sunday after church fellowship snacks? **Sundays in October, November & December are still available.** Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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



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
Emily Helphinstine
David/Sharon Miller

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 14—20, 2018.

Austin Smith, Gary & Anne's 9-yr.-old grandson, who has a problem with his thyroid.
Bill O'Keeffe, Mary's brother, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
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 this month.
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 and is expected to be back soon.
Barbara Kirkpatrick, Frankie Wolff's sister, diagnosed with Alzheimer's.
Helen Davis is grateful to everyone for your prayers for her brother, Pat Guffee.

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).

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OCTOBER 14, 2018
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Wise God

You have come to us in the form of a vulnerable child;
You teach us that the last are first and the first, last;
You lead us on a Way to new life that leads through death.
Truly your wisdom is different than ours!
Meet us in this place and teach us your foolish wisdom
and your vulnerable power;
give us joy to receive it fully
and courage to live it foolishly,
through Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and Word.

— taken from “*O God of Wisdom: Third Sunday of Lent Service Prayers*,” written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Give Peas



A Chance

There will be "peas in the valley". Not just in the valley. In Johnson City, too. This year Covenant will be contributing cans of peas to Good Samaritan's Thanksgiving baskets.

They have asked us to help by collecting 600 cans of peas by November 11th. [It sounds like a lot, but we've done it before!] There are purple Good Sam collection bins in the Narthex; however, we ask that you please stack cans on the table next to the bins so that we can keep track of our count.

Monetary donations are welcome. Please make your checks payable to Covenant and note "Good Sam Peas" on the memo line.

"Peas" be with you!!

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—OCTOBER 28

Our regular Good Sam Food Offering for October happens to be cans of vegetables. We will still take up that offering on **Sunday, October 28**. Please place your veggies (other than the peas) in the Good Sam grocery carts in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Thank you!

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. 14

9:30a – 9:55a
10:00a
11:00a
12:30p
3p – 5p
7:00p

Monday, Oct. 15

COURIER DEADLINE
8:30a
7:00p

Tuesday, Oct. 16

8:30a
6:30p
7:00p

Wednesday, Oct. 17

11:30a
NO GROW
6:00p
6:30p
7:00p
7:00p

Thursday, Oct. 18

8:00a
11:00a
Noon
2:00p – 4:00p

Friday, Oct. 19

Noon
1:30p

Saturday, Oct. 20

9:00a
7:00p

Weekly Prayer Group

Sunday School
Worship Service
Session Meeting

The Gathering at Farmer's Market Pavilion

N.A. Meeting

N.A. Meeting
NarAnon Meeting

N.A. Meeting
Cub Scouts
Al-Anon Meeting

The Lunch Bunch at Miso Teriyaki House

Handbell Choir
SAFG
Chancel Choir
N.A. Meeting

Men's Bible Study
Fellowship Hall reserved
Al-Anon Meeting

Bridge/Other Games

CoDA Meeting
N.A. Meeting

Church Fall Clean-Up Day
Saturday Night at the Movies (library)