

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME

David Miller

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Patti Coble

### GREETING

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

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119:97-104

Leader: Oh, how I love your law!  
People: **It is my meditation all day long.**  
Leader: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
People: **for it is always with me.**  
Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
People: **for your decrees are my meditation.**  
Leader: I understand more than the aged,  
People: **for I keep your precepts.**  
Leader: I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
People: **in order to keep your word.**  
Leader: I do not turn away from your ordinances,  
People: **for you have taught me.**  
Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste,  
People: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**  
Leader: Through your precepts I get understanding;  
People: **therefore I hate every false way.**  
All: **Come and worship! Come and worship!  
Worship God whose law we love!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 396 *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy and Merciful God,  
People: **in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you,  
against our neighbors, and against ourselves.  
You alone know how often we have erred  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you  
and hurt ourselves and others.  
Forgive our sins  
and may the assurance of your forgiveness  
enable us to forgive ourselves,  
and help us to live in your light,  
and walk in your ways.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 468, v. 1

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

*"In My Life"*

#### \*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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(p. 735—OT)* Jeremiah 31:27-34

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(p. 213—NT)* 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

GOSPEL READING *(p. 81—NT)* Luke 18:1-8

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

SERMON Words on the Heart Dr. Martin Dotterweich

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
that calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
To him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

#### \*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 *"Down to the River to Pray"* Joel Raney

\*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 # 838 *"Standing on the Promises"*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

\*For those who are able, please stand.  
Notes: *All music reprinted under CCLI license*

**\*\*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.

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Pat Wiley and her family in the death of Pat's oldest son, William Wiley, III, on October 17, 2019.*

*Please join us in the library immediately following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

**This morning we again welcome Dr. Martin Dotterweich to the pulpit.** He is the Director of Faith & Learning and Chair of the Dept. of History & Political Science at King University. Martin grew up in Knoxville, TN, not so far from King, and his student days took him to Chicago, Boston, and Scotland. He studied literature and philosophy at Wheaton College; then received the MDiv from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and finally the PhD from the University of Edinburgh. After six years in Scotland, he returned to teach for five years in Memphis, and came to King in 2004. He lives here with his wife, Heather, and their children, Kathleen and Peter.

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 27, 2019

Please make plans to join us on **Stewardship Sunday, October 27.** 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.

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***(Stewardship Sunday, continued)***

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.

Pledge cards and envelopes are in your bulletins, on the table in the Narthex, and in the pews in the Sanctuary.

**TITHE & TALENT FAIR**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship **next Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**, for a time of fellowship and snacks and the opportunity to learn about the various committees and groups we have at Covenant and the many opportunities there are to participate in the life of the church. Every committee will have a representative at its table to answer any questions you may have about its role at Covenant and information about the many ways you might want to be involved. We hope you will join us!

**GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING**

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

**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

On **October 6<sup>th</sup>** we 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.

**WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us as we lift up our church, community and world missions at our weekly time of intercessory prayer. We meet before the Sunday School hour at 9:30 AM in the High School Classroom next to the Fellowship Hall entrance from the office.

**HOMEMADE CRAFTS & GOODIES SALE AT THE RIVER  
FRIDAY, NOV. 1 FROM 5—8 PM!**

The **River** ministry serving women and children in need is holding its annual **Homemade Craft & Goodies Sale on Friday, November 1 from 5 PM to 8 PM** at 125 W. Main Street in Johnson City. This is a great time to start your Christmas shopping and **all proceeds go to The River**, the ministry that helps women to help themselves.

**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:	Jim Starr
Liturgy prepared and arranged by:	the Rev. Pat Willard
Liturgist:	Mischele Hart
Section Leader:	Shawn Hale
Nursery:	John Deaton
Gateway:	Jane Deaton

**CHURCH STAFF**

Music Director:	Jessica Siple
Office Administrator:	Tina Simon
Administrative Assistant:	Anne Webb
Custodian:	Marie Britt
Nursery Worker:	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 20—26, 2019.**

Betty Maletich, who is home, recovering from heart surgery on Tuesday.  
Pat Wiley, who is recovering from a fall several weeks ago.  
Jan Paveglio, who is recovering from a very bad episode of diverticulitis.  
Helen Davis, who is recovering at home after being in the hospital with an infection in her legs.  
Larry & Cherry Smith, friends of Marie Britt, who are both very ill.  
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 20, 2019  
19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Fill our worship with grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
that every thought, word, and deed  
may be acceptable to you,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*-- based on Psalm 19:14*

**NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP STARTS OCT. 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Our own Ed Wolff will be offering a 5-week Bible study on the Gospel of Mark in the library beginning on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The study will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6p–7p in the Library. This will be the place to meet, greet, and enrich your spiritual journey!

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

Today, October 20

9:30a – 9:55a	Weekly Prayer Group
9:45a/10:00a	Sunday School
9:45a/10:00a	Chancel Choir/Ensemble Practice
11:00a	Worship Service
12:30p	Local & World Missions Committee Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Monday, October 21

7:00p	ACA Meeting
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

**Tuesday, October 22 – FINAL COURIER DEADLINE**

<b>2:00p – 4:00p</b>	<b>Bridge &amp; Games in the Library</b>
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, October 23

<b>6:00p</b>	<b>“Gospel of Mark” Bible Study (Library)</b>
6:00p	Handbell Choir Practice
7:00p	Chancel Choir
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

Thursday, October 24

<b>8:00a</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study</b>
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
6:30p	Cub Scouts

Friday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 26

11:00a	ACA Meeting
6:00p – 11:00p	Fellowship Hall reserved