

## 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

Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
**O LORD my God, you are great.**  
You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
**wrapped in light as with a garment.**  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
**you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,**  
you make the clouds your chariot,  
**you ride on the wings of the wind,**  
you make the winds your messengers,  
**fire and flame your ministers.**  
O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
**In wisdom you have made them all;**  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!

*taken from Psalm 104*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 320

*"The Church of Christ in Every Age"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God who is our hope,  
**Forgive us, Lord,**  
**for our need to be on the inside,**  
**one of the chosen,**  
**sharing the secret joke,**  
**privileged and special.**  
We confess that we want to be  
**not just one of the right crowd,**  
**but an important person in the right crowd,**  
**admired, listened to, and perhaps, even envied.**  
Enlarge our vision, Dear Lord,  
**so that rather than standing apart as if superior,**  
**we will offer a service and feel connected.**  
Give us hearts to help, to love, to give,  
**to build bridges and tear down walls,**  
**so that there will be no 'insider' or 'outsider',**  
**no chosen, privileged, or special,**  
**but one great fellowship of love**  
**throughout the whole wide earth.**  
We ask this in the name of your Son  
**who came not to be served but to serve. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, 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.  
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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. 683—OT)*

Isaiah 53:4-12

GOSPEL READING *(p. 47—NT)*

Mark 10:35-45

SERMON

A Question From Two Brothers

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 727

*"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"*

#### \*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.**

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Phyllis Thompson

#### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### Offering

Offertory Anthem *"When Morning Comes, I Sing"* Kathy Bowen

#### \*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 # 353

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

#### \*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 time of fellowship and refreshments.*

### 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS

Community Prayer Gatherings are being held at **The River, 125 W. Main Street**, on the **4<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

### GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



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 11<sup>th</sup>.** [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 place cans in the TUBS 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.

## 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. You may pick up your T-shirt in the Narthex.

## 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](http://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!**

## 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  
Hal Hunter  
Chris Harrington

## 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 21—27, 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.

***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 21, 2018**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

Today, Oct. 21

**9:30a – 9:55a**

10:00a

11:00a

7:00p

**Weekly Prayer Group**

Sunday School

Worship Service

N.A. Meeting

Monday, Oct. 22

8:30a

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 23

8:30a

6:30p

**7:00p**

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Cub Scouts

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Prayer at The River**

Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 24

**6:00p**

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

**GROW**

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 25

8:00a

Noon

**2:00p – 4:00p**

Men's Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

**Bridge/Other Games**

Friday, Oct. 26

Noon

1:30p

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 27

5:00p – 10:00p

Fellowship Hall reserved