

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME

Gwen Hunter

### GREETING

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

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
People: **we will enter your house.**  
Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
People: **we will bow down in awe in your holy temple.**  
Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
People: **we will listen to your holy word.**  
Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
People: **we will follow the path you lay before us.**  
Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O God,  
People: **we will worship you in love and gratitude.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 694

*“Great God of Every Blessing”*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Almighty God who is our hope,  
People: **forgive us, Good 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

Leader: Friends, believe the good news,  
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.  
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. 613—OT*) Proverbs 31:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*p. 231—NT*) James 5:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Mother Knows Best Dr. Jeffrey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION *“The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy”*

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross;  
Our crises of judgment for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;  
And all things cry “Glory!” to God all in all.

#### \*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** *“I'd Rather Have Jesus”* Jay Rouse

**\*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 # 714** *“God of the Fertile Fields”*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

\*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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 flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and to honor the friendship and service of long-time members Donna & Alan Bridwell, who are moving to Knoxville. Donna, with the encouragement and support of Alan, has served on Session, the Earthcare Committee, as Church Historian, in the Shepherd program, as a member of the Presbyterian Women, and in numerous other ways has served Covenant over the years. Alan and Donna will be missed and always remembered.*

*With love from the Covenant Family.*

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship 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!*

### COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

**This morning we again welcome Dr. Jeffrey Miller.** Jeff is Professor of Bible at Milligan College. He holds bachelor's degrees in pastoral ministry and church music. He has earned a master's of divinity from Emmanuel Christian Seminary and a doctorate in biblical interpretation from The University of Denver. He is editor of *Priscilla Papers*, a journal that promotes women in Christian leadership. He has held ministries in Nebraska, Tennessee, and Colorado. Jeff and his wife, Dana, have two married daughters and four grandchildren. Jeff's interests include playing the piano and hiking in the Appalachian Mountains.

## TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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.

Pledge cards and envelopes are in your bulletins, on the table in the Narthex, in the pews in the Sanctuary, and on the tables in the Fellowship Hall where refreshments are being served today.

### “SNACKS & NEXT STEPS” - SUNDAY, NOV. 3 AT 12:10 PM

“Snacks and Next Steps” is the follow-up brainstorming session to our Immigrants and Refugees Sunday School class. Following the worship service next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, please pick up your hearty snack during After Church Fellowship in the library and join us in the Fellowship Hall for the meeting. We hope to brainstorm ideas as to what actions we as Covenant can pursue to join PC(USA) in serving this vulnerable population. There are handouts on the table in the Narthex (also emailed to you if we have your email address). Please pick up and review the handout, which has several agencies listed, local and national, with whom we could possibly partner. Each agency has a description and contact information, so individuals can also jump right in if so led. Please also be in prayer for the Lord to lead us in this time of learning and planning.

Thank you! *Local & World Missions Committee*

### NEWSLETTER

The NOVEMBER COURIER MAY be on the table in the Narthex. If not, it will be mailed to you early this week. Please be sure to read it! We're getting into “the season” and there are a lot of announcements. You will also be able to find the newsletter and November's calendar on our website: [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org).

### 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](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!**



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:  
Cellist:  
Section Leader:  
Nursery:  
Gateway:

Jim Starr  
the Rev. Pat Willard  
Gwen Hunter  
Cherylonda Fitzgerald  
Shawn Hale  
Jane Deaton  
Gina Long

### 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 27—November 2, 2019.

Pat Wiley and her family, after the death of Pat's oldest son, William Wiley, III, on October 17, 2019.

CB Willis, who fell last Sunday and fractured his hip. He's at NHC for rehab. Visitors are welcome.

Helen Davis, who is recovering at home after being in the hospital again.

Glady Hood, who was recently in the hospital but is home recovering.

Betty Maletich, who is home, recovering well from heart surgery.

Liz Kuehling, Lauri Zembower's mother in Colorado, who will be having back surgery soon.

Jan Paveglio, who is recovering from a very bad episode of diverticulitis.

Larry & Cherry Smith, friends of Marie Britt, who are both very ill.

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, Glady 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.



# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## OCTOBER 27, 2019

## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God,  
you pour out the Spirit  
of grace and love.  
Deliver us from cold hearts  
and wandering thoughts,  
that with steady minds  
and burning zeal  
we may worship you  
in spirit and truth. Amen.

**\* Daylight Saving Time ENDS on Sunday, November 3rd! \***

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour  
before you go to bed next Saturday night!**

**SAVE THE DATES:**

(details in the November Courier)

Nov. 6 & 20	The Lunch Bunch
Nov. 10	After Church Lunch
Nov. 11	Black/White Dialogue
Nov. 12, 13, & 14	PW Women's Circles
Nov. 16	Saturday Night at the Movies
Nov. 17	Alternative Gift Fair
Nov. 18 & 19	Covenant at Family Promise

**NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Join Ed Wolff for a 5-week Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. The study is meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6p–7p in the Library. This will be the place to meet, greet, and enrich your spiritual journey!

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

**Today, October 27 – Stewardship Sunday**

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
<b><i>Following worship</i></b>	<b>Tithe &amp; Talent Fair &amp; Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall!</b>
7:00p	N.A. Meeting

**Monday, October 28**

5:00p	UKirk Meal
7:00p	NarAnon Meeting

**Tuesday, October 29**

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

**Wednesday, October 30 – DEADLINE for items for The River Sale**

<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 31**

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

**Friday, November 1**

Noon	CoDA Meeting
1:30p	N.A. Meeting
<b>5p – 8p</b>	<b>Homemade Crafts &amp; Goodies Sale at The River</b>
6:30p	Al-Anon Meeting

**Saturday, November 2**

**Turn your clocks back ONE HOUR  
before you go to bed tonight!!**