

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Don Hart

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The LORD is king;
People: **let the peoples tremble!**
Leader: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
People: **let the earth quake!**
Leader: The LORD is great in Zion;
People: **he is exalted over all the peoples.**
Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name.
People: **Holy is God!**
Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice,
People: **you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
Leader: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.
People: **Holy is God!
Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 326

"For All the Saints"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
People: **Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 169, v. 1 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

*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. 1—OT*) Genesis 1:1-5

GOSPEL READING (*p. 69—NT*) Luke 9:28-36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Capturing the Moment Rev. Daniel Kreiss

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 666 *"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Prayer of St. Francis"* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...
...who forever sing to the glory of your name, saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty ...
Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 297

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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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.

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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.

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to the Carr family
in the death of Harriette Carr on October 29, 2019.*

*Please join us in the library immediately following worship for a time
of fellowship and refreshments. If you wish to join us for "Snacks & Next
Steps", a follow-up brainstorming session to our Immigrants and Refugees
Sunday School class a few weeks ago, pick up a hearty snack and
bring it with you to the Fellowship Hall at 12:10p!!*

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Come forward with your Offering during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 5 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

This morning we again welcome the Rev. Daniel Kreiss to the pulpit. Dan has served as the director of the Youth Ministry degree and the Dean of the Peeke School of Christian mission at King University from January 2005 – May 2019. He was ordained in the Holston Presbytery in March of 2018 after completing his M Div at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan College. He is currently completing his D Min at Portland Seminary in Leadership in Global Perspectives and anticipates graduating in May 2020. Dan is the father of 4 amazing children and the husband of Cindy for nearly 30 years. They currently reside in Bristol, TN, but with the completion of his time at King are open to see what God has in store for this next season of their lives.

STEWARDSHIP 2020

We encourage 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.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your pledge card for 2020, you may leave it in the offering plate, bring it or mail it to the church office, or send an email with your intention to office@cpcjc.org. Pledge cards and envelopes are on in the pews in the Sanctuary and on the tables in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider making your pledge to Covenant for 2020.

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.*

NEWSLETTER

The **NOVEMBER COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex. Please be sure to read it! If you did not get one via email, or if you just want a printed copy, there are extras on the table. We're getting into "the season" and there are a lot of announcements. You may also find the newsletter and November's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

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: Jim Starr
Liturgy prepared and arranged by: the Rev. Pat Willard
Liturgist: Hal Hunter
Section Leaders: Shawn Hale, Lucas Schmidt & Joe Gumina
Nursery: Knechtel
Gateway: John 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 November 3—9, 2019.

Jan Paveglio, who has been in the hospital and will go to rehab.
Jim Paveglio, who is feeling the effects of chemo.
Pat Wiley and her family.
CB Willis, who is in room 141 at NHC for rehab. Visitors are welcome.
Helen Davis, who is recovering at home after being in the hospital.
Glady Hood, who was recently in the hospital but is home recovering.
Betty Maletich, who is recovering well from heart surgery.
Liz Kuehling, Lauri Zembower's mother in Colorado, who will be having back surgery soon.
Steve Jones, a dear friend of Sharon Fuhrman, who is having biopsies of masses on both kidneys and an adrenal gland. Steve, who now lives in AZ, drove Sharon and her brood from CA to TN 13 years ago.
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.



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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NOVEMBER 3, 2019

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy. So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in him and he in us. Amen.

“SNACKS & NEXT STEPS” - TODAY 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 3rd**, 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.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS—TODAY FROM 3—5 PM

Join us in the Library TODAY from 3—5 PM as we travel to faraway places from the comfort of our armchairs or the sofa. This month we will travel to Italy! Bring a light snack to share.

15TH ANNUAL SONGFEST, AN APPALACHIAN MUSIC EXPERIENCE—NOVEMBER 3 AT 3:00 PM

TODAY at 3:00 PM at University Parkway Baptist Church

Join Family Promise for a great afternoon of music! Come out to see Carson Peters & Iron Mountain, Ed Snodderly and Friends, and from the ETSU Old-Time Music Program, the Burnett Sisters. This event is free to the public, donations are welcomed. **Donations will support Family Promise of Greater Johnson City.**

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN NOVEMBER

The Lunch Bunch will gather on **Wed., Nov. 6 at 12:30 PM at Tomy Thai**, 1736 W. State of Franklin, and on **Wed., Nov. 20 at 12:30 PM at Applebee’s**, 2100 N. Roan St. **Please 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.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

The theme for the **November 10** After Church Lunch is **Favorite Winter Comfort Foods**. Another great theme! Chili? Beef Stew? A hearty chowder? Sweet potato casserole? Chicken and dumplings? Bring your family’s favorite to share at our fellowship tables. See you there!

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Black/White Dialogue meets at the Carver Park Center at 322 W. Watauga Avenue on the 2nd Monday of the month **from 6—8 PM**. The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 11**. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SERVE GOD – GIVE MORE – CONSUME LESS

Don’t get us wrong. Mission Committee members still go Christmas shopping for our kids and grandkids like we always have. But when we draw up our own Christmas list, we think carefully and prayerfully about what we put on it and often we say to each other “I really don’t need or want anything. Why don’t we go to the Alternative Gift Fair after church this year and give to someone in real need?” On November 17th, four mission organizations will participate with us in worship and attend our fair in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. Each will have a representative to help explain their work.

- 1) **Family Promise of the Greater Johnson City Area**
- 2) **The River**
- 3) **Holston Presbytery Camp**
- 4) **World Missions (BABMOC, the Christiansens, and the Rices)**

Another program that is administered from Covenant, the **Prison Fellowship Angel Tree** (see article below), will also be available at the Alternative Gift Fair.

If you have a friend or family member who really doesn’t need the latest widget, why not consider giving to one of these groups that need your help with their chosen mission? Greeting cards will be available for you to fill out and mail to your friend/family so that they will know what has been given in their names. We’re sure they will appreciate your thoughtfulness. If you can’t make it to worship on the 17th, the opportunity to give to these ministries will continue through the Advent season, so you will still have ample time to participate. (Alternative Gift Fair Giving Forms will be in your bulletins and on the table in the Narthex.) Hope to see you there!

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

At the Alternative Gift Fair on November 17th, we will again have the opportunity to help strengthen the relationship between children and their parent who is in prison. We do what an incarcerated parent cannot do by providing a gift of clothing and/or a toy in their parent's name. You can put your faith into action by choosing a child’s name from the Christmas tree that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall during the Alternative Gift Fair. This year we have 20 children from 11 families on our list! **Your gifts can be brought to the church, wrapped and labeled, on or before Sunday, December 1st**. Angel Tree Volunteers will deliver the gifts on Sunday, December 8th.

PW CIRCLES IN NOVEMBER

The **Joy Circle** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Anne Smith.)

Friendship Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Wed., November 13 at 1:30 PM in the church library**. (Contact for this Circle is Elaine Warehime.)

The **Red Tent Circle** meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King**, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—NOV. 16 AT 7:00 PM

Join us Saturday, November 16th in the library for *Night at the Museum*, starring Ben Stiller and Robin Williams. Dreamer Larry Daley thinks he's destined for something big but his imaginative ideas never pay off and in desperate need of a job, he accepts to be a security guard at the Natural History Museum. During his watch, Larry makes a startling discovery! Join us to find out just what he discovers! Bring a snack to share and join us for a fun night at the movies! Rated PG (family friendly). Running time: 108 minutes.

COVENANT AT FAMILY PROMISE: NOVEMBER 18 & 19

Covenant is scheduled to serve at Family Promise on November 18th & 19th. This is an **excellent** mission outreach opportunity for a group in the church to consider participating in. Perhaps a Sunday School class or a Bible study group? Maybe a PW Circle? How about members of another committee in addition to the Local & World Missions committee? Please contact Don Coble (dwcoble1@gmail.com or 423-483-6493) or Patti Coble (patticobl@gmail.com or 423-943-5580). They have packets of information they would be thrilled to share with you!