

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Don Hart

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

"As the Deer Pants for the Water"

arr. Peggy Bettcher

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship on this day—
this day which the church has named
ALL SAINTS DAY—
we come in sadness and in joy,
remembering loss and giving thanks.

We come to worship the Triune God
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
for we understand the interconnectedness of humankind,
that we are created for companionship,
for love, for reliance upon each other.

We believe that we never lose those who have died
for they remain part of us forever.
Come and worship!
Come, remember and give thanks!

*OPENING PRAYER

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS *(see insert)*

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 731

"Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
in every age, you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are too often indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name,
but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully,
but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy.
Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 695

"Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

*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

A READING FROM SIRACH

Sirach 44:1-15

Note: Sirach, also known as Ecclesiasticus, is a book found in Catholic Versions of canonical scripture.

For Reformers the book was not included in the final canon.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(p. 226—NT)*

Hebrews 12:1-2

SERMON

Surrounded By Saints

Rev. Paul Helphinstine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 785

"In Deepest Night"

*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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Give Thanks"

Cynthia Dobrinski

*DOXOLOGY # 647

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*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...
...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 # 326

"For All the Saints"

*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.

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.

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.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Gather with us from **3p—5p this afternoon** as we travel to Greece with Rick Steves' Travelog from the comfort of the sofa and chairs in our Library.

SONGFEST 2018, AN APPALACHIAN MUSIC EXPERIENCE

Today at 3 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 the ETSU Rambling Serenaders. This event is free to the public, donations are welcomed. **Donations support Family Promise of Greater Johnson City.**

"GIVING SUNDAY" IS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

This is the time of the year when we, as a church, formally set in place our budget for the next year. Our budget is more than numbers on a page, it is a mission document that states clearly what we plan to accomplish and who we, at Covenant, pledge to be in the year to come. And so we turn to you, our members and friends, and ask you to consider your personal giving and pledge for 2019. Help us to continue doing the works of love and mercy in which we are currently involved; Help us to go further in expanding our work here and beyond; Help us to look to the future with the confidence to dream big for what God can do in and through Covenant Presbyterian Church. We're in this work together! By now you should have received a letter in the mail with a pledge card and envelope inside. Please consider making a pledge for 2019. If you have pledged in the past, please consider increasing your giving for the year to come. **Giving Sunday will be November 11.** You are invited to place your pledge card in the offering plate that morning, or you can bring it by the church office. Thank you for your commitment and generosity in all that we do together at Covenant.

FOR GOOD SAM—600 CANS OF PEAS BY NOV. 11!!

(All quotes are printed without any permission at all.)

"We need a peasful easy feeling about this."

"We have peas like a river in our soul."

Sing along, (I don't know the tune):

"Peas, peas, peas, peas, collecting English peas;

Goodness how delightful, collecting English peas."

The answer to "I'm worried we won't get enough cans of peas by the 11th" was, "Well, we just got started. They will come in a little peas at a time."

And, of course, "There will be peas in the valley."

As of Tuesday, the count was up to 200. **We only need 400 more cans to meet our goal of 600 cans of peas for the Good Samaritan Holiday Baskets.** So, go out there and "Purchase Peas, Perfect Peas!"

INVITATION TO A BRIDAL SHOWER FOR LYNNEA HUNTER!

Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2:30—4:30 in the church library

All women of the church are welcome to come and celebrate this joyous event with Lynnea. No need to RSVP; if you have questions, please contact Anne Smith. *(Wedding registry info will be in next week's bulletin.)*

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
Don Coble
Julie Wood

Covenant Handbell Choir

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 November 4—10, 2018.

Austin Smith, Gary & Anne's 9-yr.-old grandson, who is being treated for 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.

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.

Stacy Larsen's sister, Shelly, who fell and broke her back, and their mother, Charlan, who had spinal surgery.

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, Butch Carr, 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.



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!**

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NOVEMBER 4, 2018
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

At the starting line of this day,
we call on your name, God of grace.
As we run the race you have set before us,
help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own.
When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage.
When we are fleet-footed, let us give you the glory.
Keep us from wanting to win at others' expense
or to count ourselves better than those at our side.
All runners are your children.
In the race You imagine,
each one is a winner. Amen.

~ written by Carol Penner,
and posted on **The Contemplative Network.**

Note from Tina: I will be in Arizona visiting my sister from **Nov. 3 until Nov. 10. I will be back in the office on Monday, Nov. 12.** Shirley Barrett will be in the office while I'm away.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—NOVEMBER 11

The theme for our November After Church Lunch is “**Your Favorite Winter Comfort Food**”. There’s a category that is wide open. It leaves room for all sorts of choices. What’ll it be? Macaroni and cheese? Meatloaf? Chili? Beef stew? Sweet potato casserole? Pound cake? Soup beans and cornbread? Yum! Whatever you bring will be joyfully shared at our fellowship tables.

As always, your help is needed with cleanup. Please pitch in. Many hands *really do* make light work.

PW CIRCLES IN NOVEMBER

All women of the church, and friends of the women of the church, are welcome!

• **The Friendship Circle** will meet on **Tues., Nov. 13, at 1:30 PM in the Church Library**. Hostess: Helen Davis. Discussion Leader: Sally Nagel. (Contacts for this Circle are Sally Nagel and Pat Willard.)

• **The Joy Circle** will meet on **Tues., Nov. 13, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary. (Contact for this Circle is Betsy Moakler.)

• **The Red Tent Circle** will meet on **Thurs., Nov. 15, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane**. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR—NOVEMBER 18

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 18th, five mission organizations will participate with us in worship and attend our fair in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. Each will have a representative present to help explain their work.

- 1) **Family Promise of the Greater Johnson City Area**
- 2) **The River**
- 3) **Holston Presbytery Camp**
- 4) **Bear Another’s Burden Ministry of Christ (BABMOC)**
- 5) **Frontera de Cristo**

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 18th, the opportunity to give to these ministries will continue through the Advent season, so there will be ample time to participate. Hope to see you there!

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

At the Alternative Gift Fair on November 18th, 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. **Your gifts can be brought to the church, wrapped and labeled, on or before Sunday, December 2nd**. Angel Tree Volunteers will deliver the gifts on Sunday, December 9th.

POINSETTIAS

We will be decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias this year for Christmas. These may purchased in memory or in honor of family, friends, and loved ones. **The cost for the poinsettias is \$10 each. The deadline to order is Sunday, November 18th**. Please fill out an order form and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plate or in the church office. (Please make checks payable to *Covenant* and note “poinsettia” in the memo line.)

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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 on **Monday, November 12** will provide a little local history for us as we discuss the impact of Langston High School on Johnson City and the city’s impact on Langston.

The presenters include two alumni from the school’s last graduating class, one of which was the very last student to graduate from Langston, and a student who graduated from high school after integration. We will experience some living history of our area, examining the relationship of the African-American community to the White majority. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—NOVEMBER 17

Join us in the library at 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 17th for “Bonneville”, a story of love, loss, friendship and promises kept. Starring Jessica Lange, Kathy Bates and Joan Allen, co-starring Christine Baranski and Tom Skerritt. As always, no tickets required and all snacks welcome!

THE MITTEN TREE IS UP!

Once again the Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to set up the Mitten Tree early. The Mitten Tree is a tradition here at Covenant. Every year we collect hats, scarves, and mittens for children in our area who need a little warmth during the winter. The tree is set up in the hallway across from the church office. **Please bring hats, scarves and mittens to hang on the tree by Sunday, November 25**. The committee will distribute the items after Thanksgiving.

DECK THE HALLS—NOV. 28 AND DEC. 2!!

...and the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary, too!

On **Wednesday, November 28th at 5:30 PM** we will have a “**Greening of the Church**” Service to prepare the Sanctuary for Advent.

Then, please plan to stay **after church on Sunday, December 2nd** to help with decorating the Fellowship Hall and Narthex for Advent and Christmas.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, Nov. 4

9:30a – 9:55a Weekly Prayer Group

10:00a Sunday School

11:00a Worship Service

3:00p Armchair Travelers

3:00p Songfest

7:00p N.A. Meeting

Monday, Nov. 5

Covenant at Family Promise

8:30a N.A. Meeting

10:30a Melting Pot

7:00p NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Covenant at Family Promise

8:30a N.A. Meeting

6:30p Cub Scouts

7:00p Property Committee Meeting

7:00p Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Covenant at Family Promise

9:30a

11:30a

6:00p

6:00p

6:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Thursday, Nov. 8

8:00a

Noon

2:00p – 4:00p

Friday, Nov. 9

Noon

1:30p

Saturday, Nov. 10

9:30a – 1:00p

12:30p – 3:00p

Worship Committee Meeting

The Lunch Bunch at Korean Taco

GROW

Handbell Choir

SAFG

Chancel Choir

N.A. Meeting

Men’s Bible Study

Al-Anon Meeting

Bridge/Other Games

CoDA Meeting

N.A. Meeting

Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)

CCL Meeting (Library)

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.

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