

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
People: **Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**
Leader: for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
**Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.**
Leader: Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
People: **In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.**
**Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.**

~ ~1 Chronicles 29:10-13, NIV

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy and merciful God,
People: **in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 169, v. 4 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives
confess the beauty of thy peace.

*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.

CHILDREN'S EARTHCARE MOMENT

Betsy Hagelberg

****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. 581—OT*) Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

GOSPEL READING (*p. 84—NT*) Luke 20:27-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Questions that Lead to Life Dr. Miriam Perkins

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 822 *"When We Are Living"*

*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 *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* Dan Kallman

*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 # 375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

*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.

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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 Bridwell family
in the death of Donna's mother, Nina Cockerham, on November 4, 2019.*

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH – TODAY!

**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for
After Church Lunch.** We look forward to sharing this fellowship
opportunity with you!

This morning we welcome Dr. Miriam Y. Perkins to the pulpit. Miriam
was ordained into Christian ministry at Hopwood Christian Church in 1997
and began serving as an elder in 2018. Her full-time work is in Theological
Education at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan as Professor of
Theology. She loves being outdoors, teaching yoga and cooking, garden to
table, with her spouse Michael Woods.

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.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING—NOV. 24

The **Good Sam Food Offering** will be received on **Sunday, November 24.**
This month they need: **Mac 'n Cheese and Peanut Butter & Jelly.** Thank
you, as always, for your generosity to this vital local mission organization!

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Black/White Dialogue will meet on Monday, November 11, from 6p—8p in the Fellowship Hall at Covenant for a dinner meeting catered by Taste Budz. Cost is \$12 per person, which will be collected at the door. Everyone is welcome. Please be ON TIME, because of the dinner. We look forward to seeing you.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR – NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 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 next Sunday, 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.

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:
Liturgist:
Section Leader:
Nursery:
Gateway:

Jim Starr
Frankie Wolff
Shawn Hale
Jane Deaton
John Deaton

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 November 10—16, 2019.

Donna Bridwell and her family.
Pat Wiley and her family.
Jan Paveglio, who went home from NHC on Thursday.
Jim Paveglio, who is feeling the effects of chemo.
CB Willis, who is in room 141 at NHC for rehab. Visitors welcome.
Betty Maletich, who is recovering 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.
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.



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 10, 2019

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POINSETTIAS

We will be decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias this year for Christmas. These may be purchased in memory or in honor of family, friends, and loved ones. **The cost for the poinsettias is \$10 each.** Order forms are in your bulletins and on the table in the Narthex. **The deadline to order is Sunday, November 24th.** 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.)

THE MITTEN TREE

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 has been set up in the hallway across from the church office early this year so that we can get these items to the kids at Rise Up! for Kids before winter really sets in. **Please bring hats, scarves and mittens to hang on the tree by Sunday, November 24.** The committee will distribute the items after Thanksgiving. *We will continue to collect these items throughout the holidays and will distribute them whenever the tree gets full.*

PW CIRCLES IN NOVEMBER

The Joy Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom** in the hallway near the Sanctuary.

Friendship Circle will meet on **Wed., November 13 at 1:30 PM in the church library.**

The Red Tent Circle will meet on **Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane.**

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.

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!

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!

THE LUNCH BUNCH IN NOVEMBER

The next Lunch Bunch gathering will be 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.

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.

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.*

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, November 10

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

After Church Lunch

1:30p

Session Meeting

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Monday, November 11 – Veteran's Day

1:00p

A Few Preachers Having Lunch

2:00p

Set up for dinner

6:00p – 8:00p

Black/White Dialogue (F'ship Hall)

7:00p

NarAnon Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

9:00a

Interim Search Committee Meeting

10:00a

Worship Committee Meeting

2:00p – 4:00p

Bridge & Games in the Library

5:30p

Hermitage Manor Board Meeting (F'ship Hall)

7:00p

Joy Circle

7:00p

AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

1:30p

Friendship Circle

6:00p

“Gospel of Mark” Bible Study (Library)

6:00p

Handbell Choir Practice

7:00p

Chancel Choir

7:00p

N.A. Meeting

Thursday, November 14

8:00a

Men's Bible Study

Noon

AI-Anon Meeting

6:30p

Cub Scouts

7:00p

Red Tent Circle

Friday, November 15 – COURIER DEADLINE

Noon

CoDA Meeting

1:30p

N.A. Meeting

6:30p

AI-Anon Meeting

Saturday, November 16

7:00p

Saturday Night at the Movies (Library)