

(As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please observe social distancing, keep your masks on while you are in the building, and please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREETING

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

People: **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

People: **worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

People: **the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

People: **the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

People: **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

Leader: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

People: **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

People: **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**

Leader: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

People: **The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,**

Leader: and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,

People: **“Glory!”**

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

People: **the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

Leader: May the LORD give strength to his people!

People: **May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

ALL: **Come and Worship! Come and Worship!**

Worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Psalm 29, The God of Glory, a doxology

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 366, vs. 1 & 5**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of grace, love, and communion,

People: **we confess that we have failed to love you**

with all our heart, soul and mind;

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We forget your commandments,

stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us.

Forgive our sin and raise us to new life

that we may serve you faithfully

and give honor to your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news! Through the blessings of the Triune God we are forgiven and made new.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*p. 635—OT*)

Isaiah 6:1-8

GOSPEL READING (*p. 93—NT*)

John 3:1-17

SERMON

For God So Loved

Rev. Beth Jarvis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF SENDING # 796, vs. 1 & 4** *“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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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.

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.

CHANGE TO WORSHIP ON THE LAWN

Due to the hot weather, we have decided to bring our worship services back into the sanctuary.

NEWSLETTER

The **JUNE COURIER** is on the table in the Narthex, so if you have not already received it via email, please pick up your copy. There are extra copies on the table if you want a printed one, but **first look to see if there's one with your name on it.** You will also find the newsletter and June's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

2021 PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering was received last week. There is still time to give. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church as a whole to encourage, develop and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Offering will remain with Covenant and will be given to a local mission project to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. Please give generously.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00a – 4:00p

The office is closed on Friday.

Note that voicemail messages are forwarded to the church email, which Tina can access at any time, **so if you have an emergency, PLEASE leave a voicemail.** Tina will return your call as soon as possible. 423-282-5324.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31, for the Memorial Day holiday.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The **Good Samaritan grocery carts** continue to be placed outside the double doors in front of the office, under the overhang, **between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday thru Thursday.** Just drive up, load your items into the cart, and drive off! If you need help, honk your horn and Tina will be happy to assist you. The donations for the month will be picked up from the church after the 4th Sunday to be delivered to Good Samaritan. The grocery carts will be in the hallway on Sundays.

We will continue collecting the following food items, as they are staples: **Jelly/Jam; Peanut Butter; Canned Veggies; Canned Fruits; Dry / Canned Beans; Rice; Soups; Cereals (*hot and cold*); Canned Meats (*Tuna, Vienna Sausage, etc.*).** If you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along, too.

GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT HABITAT AND OTHER MISSIONS

(see June newsletter for full article)

Remember, as you are doing your Spring cleaning, we ask that you hang on to items that you think might be saleable. The one thing that we will exclude is clothing. The committee felt that we are just not equipped to handle clothing. **If you have items to donate, you may bring them to the church or call the office to arrange for someone to pick them up.** We are storing items for the sale in the basement. Sale is tentatively scheduled for August 7.

STATEMENT ON MASKS

On behalf of Session and the Re-Opening Task Force:

While we are cognizant of the most recent CDC guidelines, out of an abundance of caution, we advise that participants in activities at Covenant continue to wear masks at all times.

On a lighter note, singing may commence with masks in place.

Please understand that the CDC guidelines relaxing the wearing of masks apply to fully vaccinated individuals. Our informal poll of Covenant worship attendees found that approximately 20% are not vaccinated. There are some that are too young, are allergic, or are immunosuppressed and cannot be fully vaccinated. Furthermore, there may be some of our pulpit supply folks who may not be comfortable with the congregation not wearing masks.

Therefore, since we are all in this together, we feel that it is a small sacrifice to show our love for one another by wearing masks until we are sure that the risk of contracting the Covid 19 infection is very low.

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.

AFFIRMING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

We at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church (USA), aka PC(USA), present its Churchwide Antiracism Policy, first adopted in 1999 and revised in 2016. It proclaims the following:

“While recognizing that racism victimizes many different racial ethnic groups, we acknowledge its unique impact on the African American community. Given the particular forms that anti-Black racism has taken in the United States of America, both historically (including slavery and Jim Crow) and today (including mass incarceration, disproportionate policing, economic inequality, and continuing acts of racially oriented violence and hate), we state clearly: GOD LOVES BLACKNESS. Too many have denied this basic truth for too long. Our choice to align ourselves with love and not hate requires both a rejection of racism and a positive proclamation that God delights in Black lives.”

CPC STATEMENT OF OPENNESS AND WELCOME

We aspire to Christ's model of openness and love for all persons. As God has welcomed us, we also welcome everyone into the life, leadership, and community of Christ's church, regardless of abilities, age, economic status, education, ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social position or any identity or status that might be perceived as separating us from God or one another.

We pledge to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each of God's children, with membership, leadership, and employment open to whomever God calls.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgist:

Jim Starr
Kathi Cary

CHURCH STAFF

Music Director:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:

Jessica Siple
Tina Simon
Anne Webb

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week of May 30—June 5, 2021

Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter, who is in rehab recovering from Covid-19.

Pat Zembower, Christian's mother, who is suffering from severe lower back pain, scoliosis, and an infection in her colon area. She is extremely weak and has been in and out of the hospital in recent weeks. Also, please keep Christian's father, Tom, in your prayers as well for he is caretaking her as best he can.

Gary Davis, Charlotte Corbett's son-in-law.

Gary Salazar, friend of Cynthia Erdei.

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

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available through our website at www.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. Setting up automatic payments through your banking institution is another easy (and free) option. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

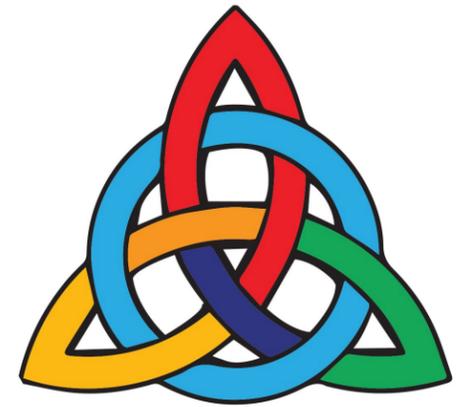


In the event of emergency, be aware that our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit is located on the wall outside the front door of the Church Office.



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 **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



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MAY 30, 2021

TRINITY SUNDAY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy, holy, holy God,

we worship and adore you—

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today in our worship we long for a glimpse of your glory,
seen perfectly in Christ, our Lord.

As we worship, may we gain new insight
about the mystery and wonder of your love.

And may we sense new ways

to mirror that love in our world,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.