

(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

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: I come with joy to meet my Lord,

People: Forgiven, loved, and free.

Leader: In awe and wonder to recall

People: His life laid down for me.

Leader: As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,

People: Each proud division ends.

Leader: The love that made us, makes us one.

People: And strangers now are friends.

Leader: And thus with joy we meet our Lord,

People: His presence always near,

Leader: Is in such friendship better known:

People: We see and praise Him here.

from *I Come with Joy*, a hymn by Brian Wren

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 14, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

Leader: you discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path and my lying down,

Leader: and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue,

Leader: O LORD, you know it completely.

People: You hem me in, behind and before,

People: and lay your hand upon me.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

People: it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

People: you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you,

People: when I was being made in secret,

Leader: intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

(continued)

Leader: In your book were written all the days

**People: that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

People: How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: I try to count them-- they are more than the sand;

People: I come to the end-- I am still with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

You were created by God.

Your life is interconnected with that of the Triune God.

You are loved and cherished and forgiven and renewed!

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

READING FROM THE PSALMS *(p. 573—OT)*

Psalm 130

GOSPEL READING *(p. 37—NT)*

Mark 3:20-35

SERMON

Glorify and Enjoy God

Rev. Beth Jarvis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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.

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 right, and a good and joyful thing,...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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: Holy are you,...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: Gracious God,...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 641

“When Our God Is Glorified”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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.

This morning we once again welcome the Rev. Beth Jarvis to the pulpit. Beth is an ordained pastor who has preached at Covenant in the past and holds a M.Div. from Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan. She is the Director of the Ministry Resource Center at Emmanuel, and has written for The Lookout, The Other Journal, and the Englewood Review of Books. Beth has 15 years of experience with campus ministries, non-profits, and local churches. She helped start a campus ministry in Tübingen, Germany where she lived for 8 years before returning to the U.S. She and her husband, Daniel Silliman, live in Johnson City, where they enjoy hanging out with friends on their back porch.

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

There is a separate Offering Plate in the back for the 5 Cents a Meal Offering. 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.

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
Pat Smith

CHURCH STAFF

Music Director:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:

Jessica Siple
Tina Simon
Anne Webb

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week of June 6—12, 2021

Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter, who went home on Thursday!

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. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

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.

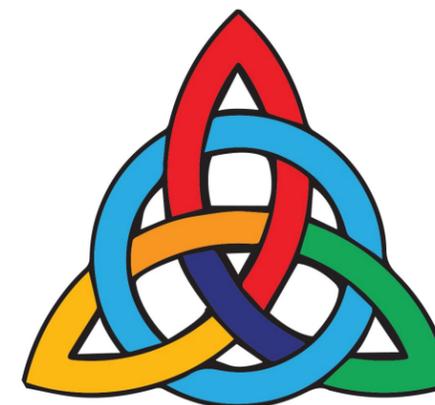


In the event of emergency, be aware that our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit is located on the wall outside the front door of the Church Office.



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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JUNE 6, 2021

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.