

(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: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness;**

Leader: come into his presence with singing.

People: **Know that the LORD is God.**

Leader: It is he that made us, and we are his;

People: **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

People: **and his courts with praise.**

Leader: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: **For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 664

"Morning Has Broken"

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: I bind unto myself today

People: **the power of God to hold and lead,**

God's eye to watch,

God's might to stay,

God's ear to hearken to my need,

the wisdom of my God to teach,

God's hand to guide,

God's shield to ward,

the word of God to give me speech,

God's heavenly host to be my guard.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, 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

READING FROM THE PSALMS (*p. 548—OT*) Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

GOSPEL READING (*p. 38—NT*) Mark 4:26-34

SERMON The Wild, Beautiful Growth of Faith Rev. Beth Jarvis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 36 *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

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 # 462 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

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.

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.

STUFF THE BUS – DEADLINE JULY 6, 2021

The Local & Worldwide Mission committee is excited to bring a new mission to our church! The Johnson City Schools' Homeless Education Program is asking for our help to provide essential school supplies for students during their inaugural "Stuff the Bus" event.

"Stuff the Bus" will work to improve attendance and academic performance, as well as promote self-confidence and develop community awareness of student needs. In the Johnson City Schools, 33.7% of students enrolled are economically disadvantaged or at-risk of homelessness. Each student has his/her own individual needs, which is why they need our help!

We are asking for your support by donating specific school supplies (see list below) that will help the students prepare for academic success during the 2021-2022 school year. The "Stuff the Bus" tour will hit the road to collect all donated items on Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

You may place your donations in the collection bin in the Narthex or, during the week, in the Good Sam shopping cart outside the front door, through Tuesday, July 6th.

If you are unable to shop but would like to support this mission, you can make a monetary donation to the church, and we will do the shopping for you. Please make your check payable to Covenant and reference "Stuff the Bus" on the memo line. (or in the memo section if you donate online) If you have any questions, you may contact Melanie Jones at 423-737-5392.

The Local & Worldwide Mission committee is extremely appreciative and grateful for your support.

Items Needed:

Wide ruled composition books	Pencils
Wide Ruled paper	Crayola crayons
Blue/red pens	Markers
Ear Buds	Colored pencils
Dry erase markers	Highlighters
Scotch tape	Backpacks
Glue sticks	Scissors (Fiskars style)
Zipper Pencil Pouches/Pencil Boxes	

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, June 13

8:30a	Issues Class on Zoom
9:30a	Sojourner's Class on Zoom
11:00a	Worship Service
1:00p	Session Meeting (in-person & on Zoom)

Monday, June 14

10a—3p	Good Sam Food & School Supplies Dropoff
6:00p – 8:00p	Black/White Dialogue via Zoom
7:00p	NarAnon Mtg

Tuesday, June 15 – COURIER DEADLINE

10a—3p	Good Sam Food & School Supplies Dropoff
7:00p	Al-Anon Mtg

Wednesday, June 16

10a—3p	Good Sam Food & School Supplies Dropoff
Noon—2:30p	Sanctuary Reserved
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

Thursday, June 17

10a—3p	Good Sam Food & School Supplies Dropoff
Noon	Al-Anon Mtg

Friday, June 18

6:30p	Al-Anon Mtg
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TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgist:

Jim Starr
Eileen Madden

CHURCH STAFF

Music Director:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:

Jessica Siple
Tina Simon
Anne Webb

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week of June 13—19, 2021

Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter, who continues her recovery at home.
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.
Ermita Silva in Brazil, the mother of Dave & Julie's son-in-law.

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

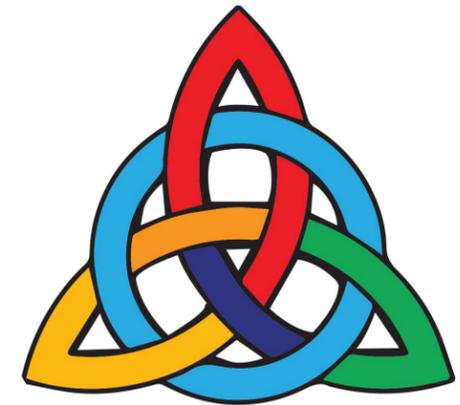


In the event of emergency, be aware that our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit is located on the wall outside the front door of the Church Office.



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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JUNE 13, 2021

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, we joyously come together to worship,
realizing we need not summon you into our midst,
for you are here.

We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts,
for you are there.

We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you;
our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you;
our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you;
our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you.

Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.