

(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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Julie Wood

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –
People: **God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**
Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good –
People: **God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**
Leader: Let us worship God today –
People: **because we are God's people.**
Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 338

“Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Almighty God,
we confess how hard it is to be your people.
People: **You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.**
Leader: Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
People: **isolated than involved,**
Leader: calloused than compassionate,
People: **obstinate than obedient,**
Leader: legalistic than loving.
People: **Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your
representatives to a hurting world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift
of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, take comfort in the assurance that even those things
that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words,
are not beyond God's forgiving love.
God, who knows us completely,
declares to us to today that we are forgiven.
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. 279—OT) 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

GOSPEL READING (p. 40—NT) Mark 6:1-13

SERMON “Thy Kingdom come...on Earth...” Rev. Hal Hutchison

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION # 203 “*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*”

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.**

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Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,...
...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: You are holy, O God of Life,...
...the great mystery of our faith:

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

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us,...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING # 32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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 welcome the Rev. Hal Hutchison to the pulpit. Hal and his wife, Sandy, came to Johnson City in 2007 where he served as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church until retirement in 2018. They now live in the Limestone Cove community near Unicoi, TN, where they enjoy the embrace of the flora and fauna of the Cherokee National Forest. In retirement, they both enjoy home improvement projects and remodeling the cabin on their property with a vision of offering it as a retreat house and B & B.

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.

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.*

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING GARAGE SALE

We continue to accept items for the **Church Wide Garage Sale**, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 7th. The proceeds will go toward supporting Covenant's mission activities. We will accept any donated items, except for clothing. Items are being stored in the classroom next to the kitchen off the Fellowship Hall. (The basement storage area is FULL). The Habitat for Humanity "Restore" will receive all donated items that do not sell.

We also need volunteers to help with organizing, pricing and then working on the day of the sale. If you feel led to help support this effort, contact any of the LWWMC members, or email Don Coble at dwcoble1@gmail.com.

The Local & World Wide Missions Committee thanks everyone for their support of this and all of Covenant's mission activities.

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."

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgist:

Jim Starr
Julie Wood

CHURCH STAFF

Music Director:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:

Jessica Siple
Tina Simon
Anne Webb

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week of July 4—10, 2021

Pat Zembower, Christian's mother, is back in the hospital (from a nursing home) and has now been diagnosed with having cancer in her colon. Surgery is probable but nothing has been finalized yet. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter, who continues her recovery at home.

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

Gary Salazar, friend of Cynthia Erdei.

Sarah Campbell, Sharon Fuhrman's granddaughter.

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

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.

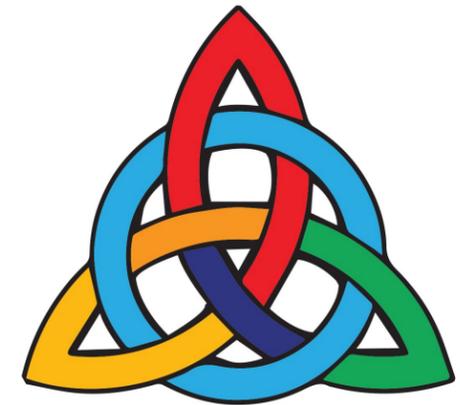


In the event of emergency, be aware that our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit is located on the wall outside the front door of the Church Office.



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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JULY 4, 2021

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God,

you have set a table before us,
and called us to feast with you.

Prepare us in mind and spirit
to worship you with whole hearts,
and to honor your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.