



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

603 Sunset Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604
423-282-5324 ♦ fax 423-282-5346 ♦ office@cpjc.org ♦ www.cpcjc.org
Facebook: "Covenant Presbyterian Church (Johnson City, TN.)"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021 **12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN # 839 (*copy of hymn w/music attached*)

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [*Refrain*]

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [*Refrain*]

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 111

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN # 450** (*copy of hymn w/music attached*)*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

This week we welcome Brianna Olson back to our virtual pulpit. Bri has been a resident of Johnson City for almost 6 years now, continuing to live and work here since earning her MDiv from Emmanuel Christian Seminary a couple years ago. She's been a friend of Covenant since serving as the Interim Director of UKirk and has ministered in churches in Maryland and here in Tennessee. Her interests include just about anything her friends are up to!

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:
Organ/piano:
Liturgist:

Brianna Olson
Jessica Siple, Music Director
Betsy Moakler

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.