

(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: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: **let all the faithful praise the Lord!**

PRELUDE "Shall We Gather at The River/Near to the Heart of God"
arr.: Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who shall stand in God's holy place?

People: **Those with clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls
to what is false nor swear deceitfully.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

People: **Such is the company of those who seek the Lord,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: We gather to worship with the cloud of the faithful,
the saints of generations past,
to praise the King of glory,
the Lord strong and mighty.

People: **Let us worship the One who weeps with us,
laughs with us, and offers the promise of life everlasting.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Eternal God,
People: **in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith. We confess that we have been
indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your reign,
but we are silent. You call us to work for justice, but we
remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us Lord.
Grant us courage and hope to strengthen our hearts so that,
joined with all the faithful, we may inherit the kingdom you
promised in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sing with joy to the Lord,
because our righteous Judge is our loving Redeemer!
Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SHARING 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

FIRST LESSON (p. 259—OT) Revelation 21:1-6

SECOND LESSON (p. 105—NT) John 11:32-44

SERMON Rev. Maggie Rust

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.**

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY 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.**

HYMN OF REFLECTION # 732

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Great 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 to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you...
...forever sing to the glory of your name:.

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 majesty...
...the mystery of faith:

(continued)

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

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...
...almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "For All the Saints" arr.: John Innes

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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.

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

This is the time of the year when we, as a church, formally set in place our budget for the next year. **Our budget is more than numbers on a page**, it is a mission document that states clearly what we plan to accomplish and who we, at Covenant, pledge to be in the year to come. And so we turn to you, our members and friends, and ask you to consider your personal giving and **pledge for 2022**. Help us to continue doing the works of love and mercy in which we are currently involved; Help us to go further in expanding our work here and beyond; Help us to look to the future with the confidence to dream big for what God can do in and through Covenant Presbyterian Church.

You are invited to place your pledge card in the offering plate this morning, or you can bring it by, or mail it to, the church office. Thank you for your commitment and generosity in all that we do together at Covenant!

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.

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW PASTOR!

Pastor Maggie is eager to get to know the members of Covenant and start putting names to faces (with and without masks!). We want to let you know about a few upcoming opportunities to make that happen:

- ◆ There will be a **Zoom Meet & Greet** with Pastor Maggie this evening, Sunday, Nov. 7th, at 7:00pm. Join us for a fun time of fellowship and a couple of get-to-know-you games! *(A Zoom invitation will be sent out by email.)*
- ◆ There are also sign-ups on the table in the Narthex for times to schedule a **visit** during the next two weeks. Pastor Maggie is happy to meet in the office, at a park, over coffee, or wherever works for you!
- ◆ You can also call the office or email pastormaggie@cpcjc.org to be in touch.

NEWSLETTER

The NOVEMBER COURIER has been emailed to you. If you usually get yours printed, it is on the table in the Narthex. There are extra printed copies on the table, too. You may also find the newsletter and November's calendar on our website: www.cpcjc.org.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The Good Samaritan grocery cart continues 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! 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. Thank you for your generous donations to this local ministry!

STATEMENT ON MASKS

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

Out of an abundance of caution, we require participants attending indoor activities at Covenant to wear masks.

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
Gwen Hunter

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Music Director:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:

Rev. Maggie Rust
Jessica Siple
Tina Simon
Anne Webb

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week of November 7—13, 2021

Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter.
Sharon Fuhrman, who is still recovering from double pneumonia.
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

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Besides online giving or dropping off or mailing a check, it is also easy (and free) to set up **automatic payments** through your banking institution or online BillPay. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

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.

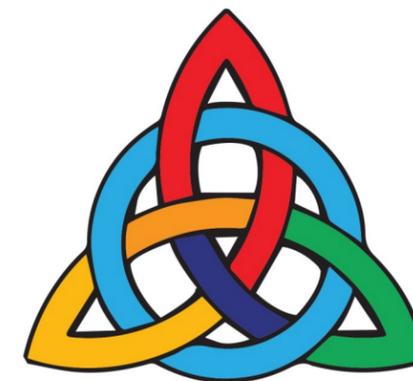


In the event of emergency, be aware that our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit is located on the wall outside the front door of the Church Office.



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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NOVEMBER 7, 2021

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

—Psalm 100, NIV