(As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT "Christ Is Risen" Jane Linder

WELCOME

GREETING

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

Prelude "The Day of Resurrection"

*LITANY FOR EASTER

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the good news that we have received,

in which we stand, by which we are saved:

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,

and rose again on the third day.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: He appeared to Mary, to Peter and the twelve,

and to many faithful witnesses.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: And he has come to us by the Spirit,

that we might believe and proclaim this good news to all the world.

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The Lord is risen indeed!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Hymn of Praise # 248

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, on this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole selves to you, honestly naming the truth about our lives. When we sink under the weight of shame, judgment, and self-pity, we feel closer to the depths of the grave than the light of heaven. Christ, rend our veil of tears. Restore us; renew us; revive us. Bring us to the joy of your new life in the glory of your eternal light. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!

The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and wipes away all shame. The grave is empty; Christ has risen. The victor is alive again,

and we are made alive in him.

Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: The Prince of Peace has conquered death and given us the

victory. In him, we are more than conquerors through God's love. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "This Joyful Eastertide" Vernon Hoyle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 176—NT) 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Hymn # 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

SECOND LESSON (p. 90—NT) Luke 24:13-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

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.

*Hymn # 500

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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...

...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, God of majesty...

...the mystery of faith:

All: Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restore our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(continued)

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...

...almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

All:

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn of Blessing # 511

"Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Postlude

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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<u>Large-print Hymnals</u> are available in the back of the sanctuary.

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. We invite you to fill out a Visitor Card, found in the pews. If you are seeking a church home, you are welcome to join us in discipleship as a community of faith and service. Pastor Maggie would be happy to talk to you about your journey.

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING—TODAY

This morning we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Thank you for making the One Great Hour of Sharing offering a part of your Easter celebration.

EARTH CARE SUNDAY—NEXT WEEK

Please join us at 11:00 AM next week, April 24, for a special service of worship as we celebrate Creation!

May Courier Deadline-Monday, April 18

The deadline for articles to be placed in the Courier is the 15th of every month. As the 15th falls on Friday in April, the deadline for the May Courier will be tomorrow, April 18. Please send all announcements and meeting dates/times for the May calendar to Tina at office@cpcjc.org. Announcements should be written out with all of the details included. Thank you!

NAME TAGS

If you are a member or a regular visitor, or even if you have just started coming to Covenant, you *most likely* have a name badge hanging on the wall in the Narthex. We're asking everyone to wear their name tags while at the church to make it easier to get to know each other. If you don't find one with your name on it, please let us know!

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

In April, we are collecting: Canned Meats (tuna, Spam, Vienna Sausages, Ravioli, etc.) and Canned Veggies. You may continue to drop off your contributions in the shopping cart outside the front door during office hours. On Sundays, the cart will be in the Narthex. 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:

Out of an abundance of caution, we require participants attending indoor activities at Covenant to wear masks, unless Washington County is in the Yellow or Green zone on CovidActNow.org. Then masks will be optional. The weekly email announcement to prepare for worship and the signs on the church doors will have that week's color status. They may differ if the status changes after Tina posts the signs and sends the email.

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."

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.

Covenant Presbyterian Church has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Liturgist: Jim Starr Ron Smith

Covenant Handbell Choir Covenant Chancel Choir

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Music Director:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:

Rev. Maggie Rust Jessica Siple Tina Simon Anne Webb

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share feel free to complete a prayer card with your request.

Please contact the church office with any updates to this list.

Names will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless we are notified about a change.

Week of April 17—23, 2022

Annette Mullins, Holly Bland's mother BJ King's sister, Mary Lynn Family of BJ King's office administrator Jim & Norma Starr Pat Smith's mother, Betty Sharon Fuhrman Rosemary Whitson's sister, Marshia Adams, and her niece Pat Zembower, Christian's mom Don & Anita Wolf, Julie Wood' parents Ron Smith's sister, Rhonda and her husband Joe Pat and Vickie Koppel, friends of Don & Patti Coble Steve Jones, friend of Sharon Fuhrman Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter Sarah Campbell, Sharon Fuhrman's granddaughter All those in our community affected by Covid-19. The people of Ukraine, its neighbors, and the innocent peoples of Russia.

Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan The Adams Maldonado Family: Frontera de Cristo

and these Covenant ministry partners:

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry) & Holston Presbytery Camp LatinX Ministry & The River & BABMOC



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).

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APRIL 17, 2022 EASTER SUNDAY

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.

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.