

(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

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pentecost Offering—Don Coble

GREETING

Leader: The Word of the Lord is true;
People: **Let us be sanctified in the truth!**

PRELUDE

“O Lord Our God”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 97

Leader: The Lord reigns!
Let the earth rejoice and the many coastlands be glad!
People: **Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.**
Leader: All who worship images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before Almighty God.
People: **Zion hears and is glad,
the cities of Judah rejoice in the judgments of the Lord!**
Leader: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
exalted far above all gods.
People: **The Lord loves those who hate evil;
God guards the life of the faithful
and will deliver them from all wickedness.**
Leader: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart!
People: **Rejoice in the Lord, give thanks to God's holy name!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 365

“God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We seek to follow him, but we stumble and fall, struggling to make his way our ways. Forgive our failings and encourage us to start again, O Lord. Renew us by your Spirit and lead us into the new life you have promised. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the witness of scripture tells us:
neither sin nor doubt nor death, nor anything else
in all of creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus
Christ. This is the good news: in Christ, we are forgiven!
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: The Lord reigns! Let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of lands be glad,
for God comes in peace to renew the people.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 192—NT)

Ephesians 1:15-23

*HYMN OF INVITATION # 308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

SECOND LESSON (p. 136—NT)

Acts 16:16-34

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

SERMON

Joseph Chifuniro Useni

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.**

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 BLESSING # 260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“To the Glory of God”

Heyser

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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Large-print Hymnals 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.

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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 and church membership.

Pastor Maggie is out of town this week. If you have an emergency, please
contact Tina in the church office at 423-282-5324 or on her cell at 423-342-
8351.

The Church office will be closed tomorrow, May 30, for Memorial Day.

This morning we welcome Joseph Chifuniro Useni to the pulpit. Joseph
and his wife of 9 years, Masceline, are from Zimbabwe, Africa. They have
been blessed with 3 children, Anesimbaishe (Simba) a boy aged 8, two girls
Anenyasha aged 5 years and Anesu 4 months. Joseph came to the U.S. in
2019 and is in his 3rd year at Emmanuel working on his MDiv. In Zimbabwe,
he worked at Zimbabwe Christian College as the Librarian and Dean of
Students and was a part-time Minister at Highfield Christian Church in
Harare. The family are members of Hopwood Christian Church and are glad
to be part of today's service.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated next Sunday.
Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

PENTECOST SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars: **next Sunday, June 5th is Pentecost!** Covenant is
already making plans to celebrate the Church's Birthday. Worship that
morning will be at **10:00 AM** outside, weather permitting (hopefully before
it's too hot), followed by a Church Picnic! The meal will be catered by The
Firehouse BBQ restaurant. If you wish, please bring a dessert to share with
the congregation. There is no charge for the meal, although we will have a
donation basket available to help offset costs. We're also looking for
volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. Contact Stacy Larsen or Betsy
Moakler if you can help. We hope you will join us!

NOTE for Sunday School classes: *as the worship service will begin at 10
AM, please check with your Sunday School leaders to see if you will be
meeting.*

2022 PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering will be received next Sunday, June 5. A gift to
the Pentecost Offering helps the church as a whole to encourage, develop and
support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40%
of the Offering will remain with Covenant and will be given to a local
mission project to make an impact in the lives of young people within our
own community. Please give generously.

GOOD SAM OFFERING IN MAY AND JUNE

Baby Foods and Fruit, Pudding & Applesauce Cups or canned meats,
soups, veggies, Mac 'n Cheese, cereal...let's just fill up the shopping carts!

CARPOOL DRIVERS NEEDED

Do you have room in your car on Sunday mornings for one more person?
The Congregational Life Committee is looking for volunteers to help
transport members of our congregation to worship and fellowship events who
would otherwise not be able to attend. **You don't have to sign up for a long
-term, every week, every time commitment**, but if you are available
sometimes, please contact the church office or CL Committee co-chairs Stacy
Larsen and Betsy Moakler. Thank you!!

NAME TAGS AND CONTACT INFO

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!**

UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST

Please remember to contact the church office in a timely manner with any updates to this list. Going forward, names will remain in the bulletin for three weeks only unless you ask to keep them on longer. Thank you.

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.*

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.”

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, May 29

8:30a	Issues Class on Zoom
9:30a	Sojourner's Class
9:45a	Bible Discovery Class
11:00a	Worship Service
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

Monday, May 30—Memorial Day **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00p NarAnon Mtg

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

9:30a – 2:00p	Mom Power
10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

Thursday, June 2

10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
Noon	Al-Anon Mtg
3:30p	Congregational Life Mtg—ZOOM?

Friday, June 3

6:30p Al-Anon Mtg

Saturday, June 4

9:00a Presbytery Mtg at Strawberry Plains Pres.

Please see your June Courier, which will be mailed/emailed out this week. for the full June calendar and for birthdays and anniversaries. It will also be posted on our website at www.cpcjc.org.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Accompanist:	Anne Smith
Liturgist:	Betsy Hagelberg

Covenant Chancel Choir

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Maggie Rust
Office Administrator:	Tina Simon
Administrative Assistant:	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 May 29—June 4, 2022

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

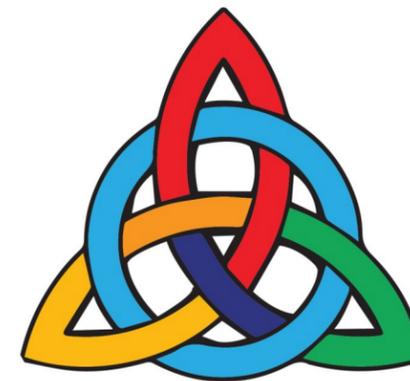


Covenant Presbyterian Church is proud to have received the designation of being an Earth Care Congregation, through the PC (USA).

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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Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

MAY 29, 2022 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.