

(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

GREETING

Leader: You shall love the Lord your God,
People: **and love your neighbor as yourself.**

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 25

Leader: To you O Lord, I lift up my soul.
My God, I trust in you; let me not be put to shame.

People: **Show me your ways, O Lord!
Teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.**

Leader: O Lord, on you I wait all the day long.
Remember your mercies and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

People: **Pardon the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
remember me in your love, O Lord,
because of your goodness.**

Leader: You are good and upright, holy God.
You instruct sinners in the path;
you guide the humble in what is right
and teach them your way.

People: **All of God's paths are full of love and faithfulness
for those who keep the covenant.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 465 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is difficult for us. We are too selfish or too cynical, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. Forgive us our arrogance and apathy. Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love knows no boundaries. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, mercy ceaselessly flows from the heart of God,
whose love is without measure and will never come to an end.
This is the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Christ rescues us from the powers of darkness
and brings us into God's glorious kingdom;
in him we have redemption and peace.
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. 185—OT) Deuteronomy 30:9-14

*HYMN OF INVITATION # 771 *"What Is the World Like"*

SECOND LESSON (p. 71—NT) Luke 10:25-37

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

SERMON Rev. Maggie Rust

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *the Confession of 1967*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life of service commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human pain so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity people show to one another, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

OFFERTORY

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 # 346 *"For the Healing of the Nations"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*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.

The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Christian Zembower in the death of his mother, Pat, on July 3, 2022.

Session is meeting this afternoon. Please be in prayer for our church leaders.

SPECIAL OFFERING IN JULY FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY

For the last several months, Covenant's Mission Team has been partnering with Jonesborough Presbyterian Church in the process of co-sponsoring an Afghan refugee family. We are on track to welcome this family to Johnson City very soon! Given the inherent expenses of setting up a new home, purchasing clothes and household goods, and everything that comes with a transition of this magnitude, **Covenant is taking up a special offering for this family.** Please give generously as the Spirit leads you! If we hear of other specific needs or ways to help these new neighbors, we'll let you know. (Please make checks payable to Covenant and note "refugee" in the memo line.)

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP FEED LOCAL CHILDREN

As you might be aware, the Langston Centre has weekly summer camps for children through the end of July. These camps are part of the **summer feeding program** through the Johnson City schools, but that feeding program ended in June. Langston provides a morning and afternoon snack along with lunch to the children in the camps. They have 33 students registered every week of camp, and it costs approximately \$123 a week to feed the campers. They also provide bottled water (small 8 oz.) to the campers and are always in need of water. Dropping off cases of water or grocery/Sam's Club gift cards would be much appreciated. Langston Centre is located at 315 Elm St in Johnson City. Or, if you would like to drop these items off at the church, we will arrange for them to be taken to the Langston Centre for you.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022

The July meeting of Black/White Dialogue will be held **in person** on Monday, July 11th from 6—8p in the Fellowship Hall. Finger foods will be served by Taste Budz. Contributions toward the food are appreciated. The subject this month is "Addressing Inequities and Disparities in Our Health Care System." Everyone is invited.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!

Join us for an evening of baseball on **Wednesday July 13th!** The Johnson City Doughboys will be playing the Greeneville Flyboys at 7:00 PM. Come and sit with Covenant friends to root for the home team!

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC/POOL PARTY—SAT., JULY 30!!

Get ready to have some fun!! There will be a **Church-Wide Picnic & Pool Party on Saturday, July 30 beginning at 6 PM** at Betsy Moakler's clubhouse. (103 Sugarmill Drive) BBQ will be provided—please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. There will also be a chance to become the first-ever "Checkers Champion of Covenant"—all are encouraged to compete!

AUGUST COURIER DEADLINE

The **deadline** to send Tina articles, blurbs, meetings/events dates, or any other information you would like printed in the **August Courier and listed on the August calendar is Monday, July 18.** (Normal deadline is the 15th of the month unless that falls on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, then it is the following Monday.) Please send your information via email to office@cpcjc.org. Thanks!

GOOD SAM FOOD OFFERING FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR
Baby Foods and Fruit, Pudding & Applesauce Cups or canned meats, soups, veggies, Mac 'n Cheese, cereal...let's just fill up the shopping carts!

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.*

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Do you have a name tag? If you are a member or a regular visitor, or even if you have just started coming to Covenant, you **most likely** have one 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 Tina know!** (*office@cpjc.org or 423-282-5324*)

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, July 10

8:30a	Issues Class on Zoom
9:30a	Sojourner's Class
9:45a	Bible Discovery Class
11:00a	Worship Service
1:00p	Session Mtg
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

Monday, July 11

10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
11:30a	Musician Search Comm Mtg
6p—8p	Black/White Dialogue in F'ship Hall
7:00p	NarAnon Mtg

Tuesday, July 12

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

Wednesday, July 13

10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
7:00p	Baseball Game!!
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

Thursday, July 14

10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
Noon	Al-Anon Mtg

Friday, July 15

6:30p	Al-Anon Mtg
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Please see your July Courier and the full July calendar for **birthdays and anniversaries**. Extra printed copies are on the table in the Narthex. The Courier & Calendar are also posted on our website at www.cpcjc.org.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Accompanist:
Liturgist:

Jim Starr
Liesl Huhn
Stacy Larsen

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:

Rev. Maggie Rust
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 July 10—16, 2022

Christian Zembower & his family
Maggie Rust & her family
Jim & Norma Starr and Keaton & Kaden Honeycutt
Tristan Wood, David & Julie Wood's daughter-in-law
Rosemary Whitson
Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler's mother
Marian Norman, close friend of Frankie Wolff
Pat Smith
Annette Mullins, Holly Bland's mother
BJ King's sister, Mary Lynn
Pat Smith's mother, Betty
Sharon Fuhrman
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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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JULY 10, 2022

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.