

(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: Welcome one another in Jesus’ name,

People: For Christ is truly present with us here!

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for you are my refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my God;
there is nothing good for me apart from you.”

**People: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot. My life is safe in your hands.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
and in the night my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**People: Therefore my heart is glad, my soul rejoices,
and my body rests secure. God will never abandon me.**

Leader: You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy and enduring pleasure.

**People: Come let us worship our God together.
Let us delight in the Lord!**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 733**

“We All Are One in Mission”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist prays: “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Let us express our own longing for God’s leading in our lives through prayer together, beginning with silent reflection...

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness into joy and despair into hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The psalmist testifies: “Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you are acquainted with all my ways. You hem me in, behind and before. Your Spirit is always with me, your hand guides me and holds me fast.” Friends, nothing can separate us from the love and mercy of God. In Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Christ is our strength and salvation; the Lord is our hope 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. 654—OT)

Isaiah 27:2-6

***HYMN OF INVITATION # 761**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

SECOND LESSON (p. 191—NT)

Galatians 5:22-6:2

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Maggie Rust

STORIES FROM BABMOC

Isaac Mayon & Matt Cary

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.**

OFFERTORY

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, O God of majesty...

...the mystery of faith:

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.**

(continued)

**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 # 506**

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

***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, and place it in the offering plate. 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.

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.

CPC T-Shirts: Please see your insert to order!!!!

BABMOC Open House—TODAY, August 7 at 3 PM

We are having a BABMOC Open House to thank our supporters on this afternoon from 3—5 PM. Isaac Mayon plans to be in attendance and give an update on the school. It will be at the Cary’s house, 601 Douglas Drive in Johnson City.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022

The August meeting of Black/White Dialogue will be held **on Zoom** on Monday, August 8 from 7—8:30p ET. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. The subject this month is “The Unbreakable Connection between Christianity and Social Justice” and will be hosted by the African American Clergy Collective in TN and Black/White Dialogue.

Registration is required for this virtual event at <https://blackclergycollaborative.dm.networkforgood.com/forms/the-unbreakable-connection-between-christianity-and-social-justice>.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCHESS POSTPONED

The Congregational Life Committee has decided to postpone getting back to our After Church Lunches due to the current Covid spike. We will let you know when this fellowship will return!

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, August 7

8:30a	Issues Class on Zoom
9:15a	Sojourner's Class on Zoom
9:45a	Bible Discovery Class
11:00a	Worship Service
3—5p	BABMOC Open House
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

Monday, August 8

10a—3p	Good Sam Food Dropoff
7—8:30p	Black/White Dialogue—Online-registration required!

Tuesday, August 9

DEADLINE TO ORDER T-SHIRTS!!!

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

Wednesday, August 10

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

Thursday, August 11

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

Friday, August 12

6:30p	Al-Anon Mtg
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Please see your August Courier for **birthdays and anniversaries**, and the full August calendar for this month's events. 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 Greeters:	Jim Starr & Tony Madden
Liturgist:	Kathi Cary
Accompanist:	Liesl Huhn

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 August 7—13, 2022

Norma Starr
Pat and Vickie Koppel, friends of Don & Patti Coble
Felix Emmanuel Wood, David & Julie Wood's new grandson
David Armistead, Bob & Estelle's nephew
Cynthia Erdei
Sharon Benner
Christian Zembower & his family
Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler's mother
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

CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

AUGUST 7, 2022

9TH 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.