

(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 STEWARDSHIP

Ron Smith

GREETING

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: **We will serve and obey the Lord our God.**

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 66

Leader: Shout to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of God's holy name!
Give praise and be glad!

People: **Say to God,
"How awesome are your deeds!
The whole world will worship you
and all creation sing praise!"**

Leader: Come and witness the works of the Lord;
God's deeds on our behalf are wondrous.
God's reign lasts forever,
whose eyes keep watch over the people with care.

People: **Bless the Lord, all you people,
let the sound of God's praise be heard!
God has refined us like silver,
brought us through the trials of fire
and not let our feet falter.**

Leader: Lord, you have brought us to a place of abundance and blessing.
So, I will worship in your house; I will bring my offerings
and pay my vows to you.

People: **My lips will utter thanksgiving and praise.
I will tell of what the holy Lord has done for me.
Blessed be God who hears our prayer
and shows us love and mercy.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to faithful living, giving ourselves to you and to one another after the example of Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following your way. We pursue our own goals, turn from your path of sacrificial love, and place our hope in things that cannot last. Forgive us Lord. Lift the burden of our regrets through the power of your patient mercy, and once again give us ears to hear your call and faith to follow where Christ leads; in him we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, stand firm in the gospel. Rest in the goodness and mercy of our God. Be glad and rejoice in what God's love is creating: newness of life. In Christ we are forgiven and reconciled to God and each other.

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

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: May God grant you strength for every good work,
give courage to your hearts and peace to your minds.
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. 731—OT)

Jeremiah 29:4-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Maggie Rust

MISSION PRESENTATIONS

Second Harvest Food Bank

Edward "Ed" Breese

The River

Stacy Larsen

Rise Up! For Kids

Eric Patton

Holston Presbytery Camp

Laura Cohn

BABMOC

Matt Cary

For the Future of Guangaje Ecuador

David Wood

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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 # 748

"Go With Us, Lord"

*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.

**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for
After Church Lunch and the Alternative Gift Fair!**

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

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR – TODAY

Alternative Gift Fair brochures and giving forms are in your bulletins. The Local and World Wide Missions Committee hopes that you will take this opportunity to use some of your gift-giving dollars in support of the six ministries represented this year. It is an opportunity to enrich the lives of not only the loved ones you are giving the gift to, but also the lives of untold numbers of others. They will all appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. You will find greeting cards and envelopes on a table in the Fellowship Hall, along with small cards describing each mission organization so that friends and family will know more about the gifts you've given in their honor. A basket for checks and order forms is also be on the table. The opportunity to give to these worthy ministry organizations will continue through the Advent season, so you will have ample time to participate.

POINSETTIAS—ORDER DEADLINE IS NOV. 20

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the enclosed order form and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plate. **Cost for the poinsettias is \$10 each.** Please make checks payable to *Covenant* and note "poinsettia" in the memo line. The deadline to order is next Sunday, November 20.

MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship letters with pledge cards enclosed have been mailed to you. If you didn't receive one, there are pledge cards and envelopes on the table in the Narthex. It is from your pledges that our Stewardship Committee and Session are able to develop our budget for the coming year. **Dedication Sunday will be next Sunday, November 20th.** Please place a sealed envelope containing your card(s) in an offering plate by November 20 or deliver it to the church office by that date, or you may e-mail your 2023 pledge intention to the church office at office@cpcjc.org. We hope all that is happening at Covenant will inspire you to support its work generously. We encourage you to pray for guidance in your giving and that you will be called to increase your support of Covenant in 2023.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Red Tent Circle will meet on **Thursday, November 17.** Contact is BJ King.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 27th to decorate the church for Advent!

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE – MONDAY, NOV. 14, 2022

The November Black/White Dialogue meeting will be held at 6 PM at **Jubilee World Outreach Congregation**, 1409 Indian Ridge Rd, JC. (The congregational facilities are located behind Krispy Kreme.). This meeting, in partnership with the Johnson City/Washington County NAACP, will be hosting Special Agent Andy Crabtree with the FBI to discuss the Bureau's role in investigating violations of civil rights statues. This interactive presentation will provide a general understanding of civil rights issues, and will also include briefings on hate crime and color of law, which is abuse of authority.

GOOD SAM FOOD OFFERING

For November and December, we will collect **soup and canned beans.**
FINAL COUNT: 336 cans of fruit! Thank you!!

DECEMBER COURIER DEADLINE

The **deadline** to send Tina articles, blurbs, meetings/events dates, or any other information you would like printed in the **December Courier and listed on the December calendar is Tuesday, November 15.** Please send your information via email to office@cpcjc.org. Thanks!

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.

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, November 13

8:30a	Issues Class on Zoom
9:15a	Sojourner's Class on Zoom
9:45a	Bible Discovery Class
9:45a	Explorers Class
11:00a	Worship Service
<i>Following worship</i>	<i>After Church Lunch & Alternative Gift Fair</i>
1:30p	Session Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

Monday, November 14

10a—3p Good Sam Food Dropoff

Tuesday, November 15—COURIER DEADLINE

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

Wednesday, November 16

9a—Noon Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)
10a—3p Good Sam Food Dropoff
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Chancel Choir
7:00p N.A. Mtg

Thursday, November 17

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

Friday, November 18

6:00p NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet
6:30p Al-Anon Mtg

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Liturgist:
Nursery:

Kathi Cary
Christian Zembower
Pat Smith & David Wood

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Director of Music:
Office Administrator:
Financial Assistant:
AV Tech:

Rev. Maggie Rust
Dr. Matthew Potterton
Tina Simon
Anne Webb
Harvey Trueblood

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 November 13—19, 2022

Cathy Eades, Jim Starr's cousin; Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler's mother; Sharon Fuhrman; Vickie Koppel, friend of Don & Patti Coble; Bob Clark; Doris Sanders; Cynthia Erdei; Jeri DeWeese; Annette Mullins, Holly Bland's mother; 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

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

23RD 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.