

*(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

#### EARTH CARE MOMENT

Evyanna, Siena, & Paulina Mosca

#### GREETING

Leader: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!  
People: **Christ will reign in glory forever and ever.**

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
who from old has helped us in distress.

People: **Therefore, we will not be afraid.**

Leader: Even if the earth should open up before us  
and the mountains plunge to the sea,  
even if the waters rage and foam  
and the mountains tremble with its heaving.

People: **There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God,  
the holy dwelling of the Most High.**

Leader: God is in its midst; it will never fall.  
God will help it at daybreak.  
Though nations are in turmoil,  
God's voice resounds, and it melts the earth.

People: **Come and see the works of the Lord!  
God makes the earth flourish.**

Leader: God has put an end to war,  
from one end of the earth to the other.  
Bows are broken, spears are shattered,  
the chariots are aflame.

People: **Be still and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted upon the earth.  
The Lord is with us; God is our refuge and strength.**

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 263

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a source of light and life on the way to peace. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness  
and guides our every step in the path of salvation.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, who rules over all, we are forgiven.

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

#### SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Let the King of Kings rule in your heart and fill you with  
abiding peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

#### ANTHEM

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

Bennard

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 200—NT)

Colossians 1:11-20

\*HYMN OF INVITATION # 223

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

SECOND LESSON (p. 89—NT)

Luke 23:33-43

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Rev. Maggie Rust

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER – Laura Phillips

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day, culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of our faith, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not despair in the face of disappointments and defeat, but in steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God's victory.**

#### MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Gary Smith

#### 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 # 268

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

\*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.

**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.

## STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

This is the time of the year when we, as a church, formally set in place our budget for the next year. **Our budget is more than numbers on a page**, it is a mission document that states clearly what we plan to accomplish and who we, at Covenant, pledge to be in the year to come. And so we turn to you, our members and friends, and ask you to consider your personal giving and **pledge for 2023**. Help us to continue doing the works of love and mercy in which we are currently involved; Help us to go further in expanding our work here and beyond; Help us to look to the future with the confidence to dream big for what God can do in and through Covenant Presbyterian Church. **You are invited to place your pledge card in the offering plate this morning**, or you can bring it or mail it to the church. Another option is to e-mail your 2023 pledge intention to the church office at [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org). Thank you for your commitment and generosity in all that we do together at Covenant!

## POINSETTIAS—ORDER DEADLINE IS TODAY

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.

## CANDYLAND CHRISTMAS TREE AT FOUNDERS PARK

We will decorate the tree in the park on **Tuesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM.** Anyone who would like to is invited to help! Meet at **Tree #60** in the park.

## ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

**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 Narthex, 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. **The opportunity to give to these worthy ministry organizations will continue through the Advent season**, so you will have ample time to participate.

## 2022 ANGEL TREE AT COVENANT

The Local & World-Wide Missions Committee is excited that this year's Angel Tree program will support local homeless or at-risk children who attend Johnson City Schools. Each child is in need of either clothing or toys (or both). If you would like to participate, you will find the Angel Tree set up on a table in the Narthex. Please choose and remove a child's tag off the tree and take it with you. You will need to wrap the gift and attach a tag with the child's name to the outside of the present. **All gifts must be returned to the church office no later than Sunday, Dec. 11.** Thank you for supporting this very important local mission and spreading Christmas blessings to these children!

### THE MITTEN TREE

Every year we collect hats, scarves, and mittens for children in our area who need a little warmth during the winter. The Mitten Tree is in its traditional spot—in the hallway across from the office. **Please bring hats, scarves, mittens and hoodies to hang on the tree or place in the box next to the tree.** They will be distributed to the youth at Rise Up! for Kids. **NOTE:** hoodie sizes will be for middle- and high-schoolers.

### GREENING OF THE CHURCH—NOV. 27

Join us after worship next Sunday to decorate the church for Advent!

### GOOD SAM FOOD OFFERING

For November and December, we will collect **soup and canned beans**.

### 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 20

#### **POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE**

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
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

#### Monday, November 21—Bulletin Deadline

10a—3p *Good Sam Food Dropoff*

#### Tuesday, November 22

10a—3p	<i>Good Sam Food Dropoff</i>
10:00a	Al-Anon Mtg
<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Decorate Christmas Tree in the Park</b>
7:00p	Al-Anon Mtg

#### Wednesday, November 23

*Church Office Closed*  
7:00p N.A. Mtg

#### Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving

*Church Office Closed*  
Noon Al-Anon Mtg

#### Friday, November 25

6:30p Al-Anon Mtg

### TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:	Kathi Cary
Liturgist:	Gary Smith
Nursery:	Betsy Hagelberg & Tony Madden
Accompanists:	Anne Smith & Jeremi Lukanus

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Maggie Rust
Director of Music:	Dr. Matthew Potterton
Office Administrator:	Tina Simon
Financial Assistant:	Anne Webb
AV Tech:	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 20—26, 2022

Cathy Eades, Jim Starr’s cousin; Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler’s mother; Sharon Fuhrman; Vickie Koppel, friend of Don & Patti Coble; Doris Sanders; 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.

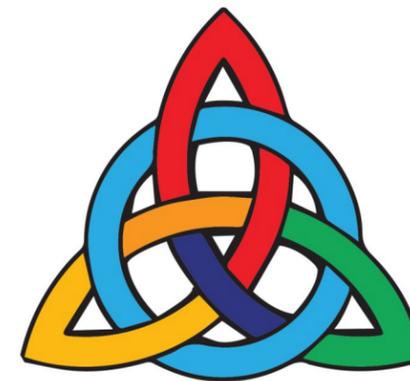


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# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### **CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY**

### **NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

### **CHRIST THE KING**

### 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.