

(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

Christian Zembower

GREETING

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: **let all the faithful praise the Lord!**

PRELUDE

Covenant Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 145

Leader: I will extol you, my God, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you and praise your holy name.
People: **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unfathomable.**
Leader: Generation after generation will laud your wondrous works.
I will meditate on the splendor of your majesty.
People: **Lord, you are just in all your ways and kind in all you do.
You are near to all who call on you.**
Leader: You fulfill the desires of those who revere you;
you hear their cry and save them.
You watch over all who love you, O Lord.
People: **My mouth will speak praise of the Lord,
and all creation will bless God's holy name forever!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 732

"Rejoice in God's Saints"
(tune: HANOVER)

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Though they have marked well the path of faith, following that way is hard for us. We drift and waver; we resist and rebel. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect, just forgiven and saved by grace. We ask for that forgiveness, and we pray for the courage to trust in your good grace as we follow Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The hope to which we are called is the glorious inheritance of all the saints, the immeasurable greatness of God's power for all who believe. This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: May God, who has called you into his presence and peace, make you to be numbered with all the saints.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"For All the Saints"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 84—NT)

Luke 20:27-38

*HYMN OF INVITATION # 457

"How Happy Are the Saints of God"

SECOND LESSON (p. 206—NT)

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

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

SERMON

Rev. Maggie Rust

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.

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY 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.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF BLESSING # 730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The March Recessional"

*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

The basket is out 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.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SERVE GOD – GIVE MORE – CONSUME LESS

Don't get us wrong. Mission Committee members still go Christmas shopping for our kids and grandkids like we always have. But when we draw up our own Christmas list, we think carefully and prayerfully about what we put on it and often we say to each other "I really don't need or want anything. Why don't we go to the Alternative Gift Fair after church this year and give to someone in real need?" Next week, six mission organizations will participate with us in worship and attend our fair in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. Each will have a representative to help explain their work.

- 1) **Second Harvest Food Bank**
- 2) **The River**
- 3) **Holston Presbytery Camp**
- 4) **BABMOC**
- 5) **Rise Up! for Kids**
- 6) **For the Future of Guangaje Ecuador**

If you have a friend or family member who really doesn't need the latest widget, why not consider giving to one of these groups that need your help with their chosen mission? Greeting cards will be available for you to fill out and mail to your friend/family so that they will know what has been given in their names. We're sure they will appreciate your thoughtfulness. **If you can't make it to worship on the 13th, the opportunity to give to these ministries will continue through the Advent season**, so you will still have ample time to participate. (Alternative Gift Fair Giving Forms will be in your bulletins and on the table in the Narthex.) Hope to see you there!

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday for After Church Lunch! The theme is **Thanksgiving**. Please bring a dish (main, side, or dessert) to share with the congregation.

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 on 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

Joy Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 8.** Contact is Anne Smith.

Friendship Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 9.** Contact is Rosemary Whitson.

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

GOOD SAM FOOD OFFERING

We collected **329** cans of fruit for Good Sam's Holiday Food Baskets! For November and December, we will collect soup and canned beans.

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.

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.”

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter: Kathi Cary
Liturgist: Betsy Moakler
Accompanist: Anne Smith
Nursery: Dana Hewitt & Don Coble
Covenant Handbell Choir

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 6—12, 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.

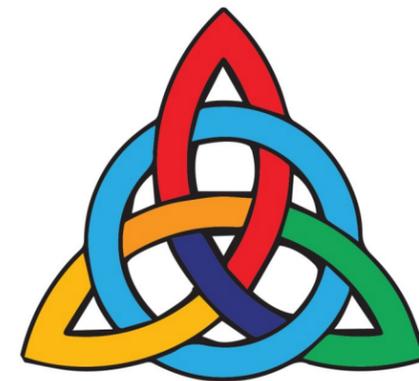


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Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

ALL SAINTS COMMUNION SUNDAY

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.