

*(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: There are a variety of gifts and services,  
People: **But there is one Spirit and one Lord.**

### PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 15

Leader: Who has the right to enter your tent, O Lord?  
To live on your holy mountain?

People: **Those who conduct themselves with integrity  
and work for justice,**

Leader: Who speak truth from their heart  
and do not slander,

People: **Who do not wrong their neighbors  
and cast no discredit on their friends,**

Leader: Who revere the Lord and keep their word,  
even when it hurts,

People: **Who look with contempt on the corrupt  
and cannot be bribed to exploit the innocent.**

Leader: The people who do these things can never be shaken.

People: **Come, let us walk in God's path of righteousness.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 395 *"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we fail to do what is right. Instead, we pursue wrong  
and do not speak the truth. Even when we try our best to be faithful,  
still we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us,  
that we may seek to do what you call good. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness,  
is the one who judges us.  
Christ is the one who was born for us  
and forgives us with abundant love.

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

### SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: You are the temple of God; the Holy Spirit dwells within you.  
May the peace of the Lord always abide in your heart.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC *"At the Name of Jesus"* arr.: J. Kirkby

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *(p. 866—OT)* Micah 6:1-8

\*HYMN OF INVITATION # 298 *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

SECOND LESSON *(p. 174—NT)* 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Maggie Rust

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS — Class of 2025

### Statement on Ordination

\*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.**

### Constitutional Questions

### Prayer of Ordination & Installation

### 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 # 744 *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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\*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 Library after worship for a  
time of fellowship and refreshments.*

## ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

This morning **Patti Coble, Ann Freeman, Hal Hunter, and Phyllis Thompson** are being installed for 3-year terms on the session of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Together we express our gratitude to **Tony Madden, Betsy Moakler, Anne Smith, and David L. Wood** for their faithful and generous service.

## COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

The SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

## NEWSLETTER

The FEBRUARY COURIER is on the table in the Narthex and/or has been emailed to you. There are extra printed copies on the table for those who want one. You will also be able to find the newsletter and February's calendar on our website under the "Media" tab: [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org).

## GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

Based on a visit we had to the church this week from a couple of homeless persons in the community, here's a new list of items to bring.

**Canned foods with pop-tops that are ready to eat "as is"  
for folks without resources to cook.**

**Foods that do not require adding water  
or other ingredients would be ideal.**

**(Chef Boyardee canned foods are often on sale at \$1.25/ea.)**

**Vienna Sausages, Beanie Weenie, Soup, Fruit, Vegetable cups, etc.**

If you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along, too. Remember, the Good Sam cart is outside in front of the church office Monday—Thursday from 10a—3p. Thank you for your generous donations to this local ministry!

## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING??

From serving on a committee (Communications/Outreach, Local & World-Wide Missions, Congregational Life, etc.), to bringing snacks for times of fellowship, to helping with cleanup after a church lunch, there are ample opportunities to be more involved and connected here at Covenant. Contact Tina in the office for more information! [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org) or 423-282-5324.

## 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, January 29

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 8:30a              | Issues Class—Zoom         |
| 9:30a              | Sojourner's Class         |
| 9:45a              | Bible Discovery Class     |
| 11:00a             | Worship Service           |
| Following worship: | Fellowship & Refreshments |
| 7:00p              | N.A. Mtg                  |

### Monday, January 30

10a—3p Good Sam Food Dropoff

### Tuesday, January 31

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| 9:00a  | Admin/Budget Comm Mtg on Zoom |
| 10a—3p | Good Sam Food Dropoff         |
| 10:00a | Al-Anon Mtg                   |
| 7:00p  | Al-Anon Mtg                   |

### Wednesday, February 1

|        |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|
| 10a—3p | Good Sam Food Dropoff |
| 6:00p  | Handbell Choir        |
| 7:00p  | Chancel Choir         |
| 7:00p  | N.A. Mtg              |

### Thursday, February 2

|        |                              |
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| 10a—3p | Good Sam Food Dropoff        |
| Noon   | Al-Anon Mtg                  |
| 3:30p  | Congregational Life Comm Mtg |
| 6:00p  | Library reserved             |

### Friday, February 3

6:30p Al-Anon Mtg

### Saturday, February 4

|       |                                |
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| 9:00a | Presbytery Meeting at Tusculum |
| 9a—2p | Fellowship Hall reserved       |
| 7:00p | AA Mtg (Library)               |

## TODAY AT COVENANT

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|------------------|----------------|
| Morning Greeter: | Stacy Larsen   |
| Liturgist:       | Ron Smith      |
| Accompanist:     | Jeremi Lukanus |
| Nursery:         |                |

## CHURCH STAFF

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Pastor:               | Rev. Maggie Rust |
| Music Director:       | Katelyn Gabler   |
| Office Administrator: | Tina Simon       |
| 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 January 29—February 4, 2023

Sharon Fuhrman; Cathy Eades, Jim Starr's cousin; Allen White, Maggie's uncle; Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler's mother; Estelle Armistead; Victory Cooper; 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  
Good Samaritan 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**

**JANUARY 29, 2023**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

## 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.