

*(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: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

People: **Great are the works of the Lord!**

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 36

Leader: Your love, O Lord, reaches the heavens,
your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

People: **Your justice is like the mountains in their splendor,
your wisdom like the great deep.**

Leader: Whether human or animal, O Lord,
you keep us all in your care.

People: **How great and precious is your love!**

Leader: Creatures of heaven and children of earth,
we all find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: **We feast on the bounty of your estate,
and drink from the stream of your delights.**

Leader: In you is the wellspring of Life;
in your light we become enlightened.

People: **Prolong your love for those who know you Lord,
and your justice for the upright in heart.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 477 *"Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you set before us the way of life and prosperity, but we turn towards death and adversity. We do not listen to your commandments of love; we bow down to other gods of convenience, self-reliance, greed, and bitterness. Break us out of our destructive patterns. Turn us back to you, mysterious and miraculous God of might, that we may walk in your ways of life, justice, and peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, God is always offering us another chance.
God is always offering life and abundance.
Turn to God and receive the good news:
we are forgiven and restored!

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

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Day by Day" Mark Schweizer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 168—NT) 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

*HYMN OF INVITATION # 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

SECOND LESSON (p. 93—NT) John 2:1-11

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.

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, 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.**

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 # 504 "We Come as Guests Invited"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

All music reprinted/streamed under CCLI copyright licenses #20361799 & 11359569.

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.

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.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH—FEBRUARY 12

Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, February 12, for After Church Lunch. The theme this month is **Foods that Warm Your Heart**. Please bring a dish or a side or a dessert to share with the congregation.

RISE & SHINE!

Join us after worship on Transfiguration Sunday, February 19th, for a special Coffee Tasting! We will be sampling some of the options available from Café Justo before we place a group order from the congregation. Given all we learned from Mark & Miriam's visit last month about the important work Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo are doing, we are excited to expand this mission partnership.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Monday, February 13:** Black/White Dialogue on Zoom from 6—8p. Ed Wolff will send out the Zoom invitations.
- **Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday:** mid-day service at noon at Covenant and an evening service at Watauga Ave. Pres. Church.
- **Sunday, February 26—**Deadline to order trees (see back of bulletin)

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

We are collecting the following items: **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. As always, if you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along.

TREE DAY AT COVENANT—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Covenant's role in the Tennessee Environmental Council's (TEC) Tree Day is to serve as a distribution site for seedlings. The Earth Care Team is looking for volunteers to:

- **Pick up** seedlings from Evergreen Nursery on or around March 14 (1—2 people)
- **Sort** seedlings according to individual orders, wrap roots with wet newspaper and bundle for distribution on March 16 (4—6 people, depending on number of orders)
- **Hand out** bundles on March 17 from 1—5p and March 18 from 10a—1p (4 people each day but the more the merrier!)

If you'd like to help, contact Laura Phillips at lauralivelp@gmail.com or text her at 304-546-7831. If you're interested in getting seedlings for yourself, you can order from the TEC website for a suggested donation starting at \$1.99/tree from a selection of 10 varieties. **Deadline for ordering is February 26.** To order, go to <https://www.tectn.org/tennesseetreeday.html> where you will find a map of the distribution sites.

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, February 5

8:30a	Issues Class—Zoom
9:30a	Sojourner's Class w/Zoom option
9:45a	Bible Discovery Class
11:00a	Worship Service
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

Monday, February 6

10a—3p *Good Sam Food Dropoff*

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

10a—3p *Good Sam Food Dropoff*
1:30p **Friendship Circle**
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Chancel Choir
7:00p N.A. Mtg

Thursday, February 9

10a—3p *Good Sam Food Dropoff*
11:30a **Joy Circle**
Noon Al-Anon Mtg
7:00p **Red Tent Circle**

Friday, February 10

6:30p Al-Anon Mtg

Saturday, February 11

7:00p AA Mtg (Library)

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.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:	Stacy Larsen
Liturgist:	Betsy Moakler
Accompanist:	Jeremi Lukanus
Nursery:	Anne Smith

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 February 5—11, 2023

Sharon Fuhrman; Vickie Koppel, friend of Don & Patti Coble; Allen White, Maggie's uncle; Cathy Eades, Jim Starr's cousin; 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.

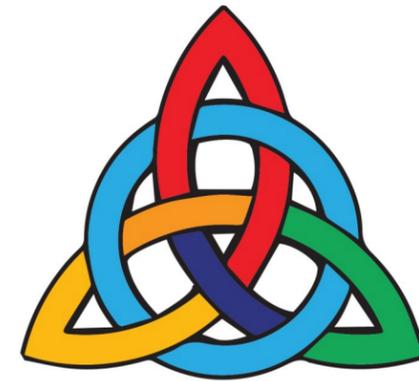


Covenant Presbyterian Church

603 Sunset Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604

423-282-5324 ♦ fax 423-282-5346 ♦ office@cpjc.org ♦ www.cpcjc.org

Facebook: "Covenant Presbyterian Church (Johnson City, TN.)"



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

5TH 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.