

MAY 26, 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Rust

Covenant is proud to be an **Earth Care Congregation**; a **More Light Church** – supporting the LGBTQ+ community; a **PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church** – committed to dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality; and a **Recovery Congregation** certified by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



ALL ARE WELCOME! We are glad you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, Pastor Maggie would be happy to talk to you about your faith journey and church membership after the service.

TODAY AT COVENANT

Liturgist: Lauri Zembower

Accompanist: Anne Smith

423-282-5324 ♦ www.cpcjc.org

Find us on Facebook: “Covenant Presbyterian Church (Johnson City, TN.)”

*(As you participate in worship today, you're invited to rise in body or spirit at * and read aloud the **bolded** responses together with the congregation.)*

WELCOME

GREETING

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
All: **the earth is full of the glory of God!**

PRELUDE

*LITANY FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:
All: **Glory to you forever!**

One: Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, and Life-Giving Womb; Font of Blessing, Living Water, and Flowing River:
All: **Glory to you forever!**

One: Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple; Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:
All: **Glory to you forever!**

One: Giver, Gift, and Giving; Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:
All: **Glory to you forever!**

One: God who was, who is, and is to come:
All: **Glory to you forever!**

One: Almighty and ever-living God, blessed Trinity, in whom we know the maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all near and far: by your Spirit, enable us to worship your divine majesty and mystery. Keep us steadfast in the faith and bring us at last to behold you in eternal glory,
All: **One God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have strayed from your way of truth and life, following other gods and ignoring your commandments. Have mercy on us and forgive our sin. Teach us again to serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community. Friends, in Christ we are forgiven and reconciled.
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of God the Creator, the peace of Christ the Redeemer,
the peace of the Life-giving Spirit, the peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Trust and Obey" Covenant Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 93—NT) John 3:1-17

*HYMN OF INVITATION # 10 "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

SECOND LESSON (p. 504—OT) Psalm 29

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Maggie Rust

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the *Second Helvetic Confession*

We believe and teach that God is One in essence or nature, all sufficient in himself, invisible, incorporeal, immense, eternal, Creator of all things both visible and invisible, the greatest good, living, quickening and preserving all things, omnipotent and supremely wise, kind and merciful, just and true. Notwithstanding, we believe and teach that the same immense, one and indivisible God is inseparably and without confusion distinguished in three persons as Father, Son and Holy Spirit so, as the Father has begotten the Son from eternity, the Son is begotten by ineffable generation, the Holy Spirit truly proceeds from them both, and the same from eternity is to be worshipped. Thus there are not three gods but three persons, consubstantial, coeternal, and coequal; for according to their nature or essence they are so joined together that they are one God.

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 # 8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Large-Print Hymnals & Hearing Assist Devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Please join us in the library for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

The **June Courier** has been mailed and emailed to you. There are printed copies on the table in the Narthex. You can also find the newsletter and the June calendar on our website at cpcjc.org.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

HAPPY TOGETHER DINNER: TUESDAY, MAY 28 AT 6P

On Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m., we will meet at **Ole's Guacamoles** (1805 N Roan St between Café Lola and Tiebreakers). We hope you'll join us for fun, food, and fellowship! **Please call or text Pat Smith at 940-390-5607** if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant an approximate number for the reservation. Hope to see you there!

PENTECOST OFFERING

It is not too late to give to the 2024 Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church as a whole to encourage, develop and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Offering will remain with Covenant and will be given to local mission projects making an impact in the lives of youth within our own community. Please give generously.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Estelle Armistead; Kendall Harris; the family of Sandy Laurilla; Deb Lewis; Brian Smith (Gary & Anne's grandson); Evelyn Hill (Anne Trask's mother); Sharon Benner; those affected by gun violence; victims of climate change and natural disasters; for peace in areas of conflict: Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

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 ☩ Holston Presbytery Camp

Good Samaritan Ministry ☩ The River ☩ BABMOC