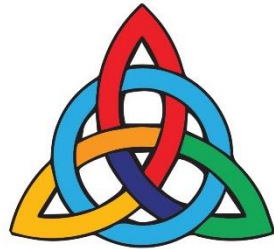


JUNE 9, 2024 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



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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: Stacy Larsen

Accompanist: Anne Smith

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*(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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: maker of heaven and earth.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord created the heavens and the earth, the sea and the land.

All: God makes the sun set and rise on a new day.

One: The Lord of the seasons thaws winter into spring and makes the summer bloom.

All: God is faithful in every generation and age.

One: The Lord has blessed us abundantly, in food to eat,
homes for rest, and people to love us.

All: God is with us always. Nothing can separate us from the love and grace of Christ.

One: The Lord keeps covenant faithfully forever; the promises of the Lord are sure.

All: God's steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us praise our faithful God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 21

"Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to you, confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, for in you do we find our refuge, hope, and strength. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

One: All who say they love God must love their neighbors also;
all who seek peace must share the peace that Christ offers.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Drifting Too Far From the Shore”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 573—OT)

Psalm 130

*HYMN OF INVITATION # 424

“Out of the Depths”

SECOND LESSON (p. 860—OT)

Jonah 1:17-2:10

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 Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: **That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has set me free from the tyranny of evil and watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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 # 791

“For You, My God, I Wait”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Frankie Wolff in the death of her sister, Nancy Blackwell, on June 1, 2024, and to Anne Trask in the death of her mother, Evelyn Hill, on June 5, 2024.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for our **Second Sunday Potluck.**

Session is meeting this afternoon. Please be in prayer for our church leaders.

JULY COURIER DEADLINE

The deadline for articles and meeting dates for the July newsletter and calendar is Monday, June 17, 2024. Please email your information to the church office at office@cpcjc.org. Thank you.

HAPPY TOGETHER IN JUNE

This month, on **Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.**, we hope you’ll join us at **McAllister’s Deli**, 2111 N. Roan St. You can call or text Pat Smith at 940-390-5607 to let her know if you’re coming.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Tom Wolf (Julie Wood’s brother); Estelle Armistead; Kendall Harris; Brian Smith (Gary & Anne’s grandson); 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