

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CELEBRATING SAINTS ALIVE

Gary Smith

PRELUDE

*Prelude on "Bradbury"*  
*("Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us")*

Barr

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40:6-8, 16

Leader: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.

People: **Burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have not required.**

Leader: Then I said, 'Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

People: **I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.'**

Leader: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation  
say continually, 'Great is the LORD!'

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 525

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord,  
we confess that we are often concerned about our resources.  
We feel we don't have enough health, wealth,  
talents, opportunities, or good relationships.  
Since we feel that we barely get by with what we have,  
we do not want to share or turn loose much of it.  
Sometimes we are selfish.

Forgive us our failure  
to give generously to the Kingdom's work and this church.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576

*"Gloria, Gloria"*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING pg. 333

2 Kings 4:1-7

ANTHEM

*"Speak, O Lord"*

arr. McDonald

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word;  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the Light of Christ may be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.  
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.  
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory!  
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
to receive the truth of Your Holy Word.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

\*\*Gateway to Worship

\*HYMN # 329

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

GOSPEL READING pg. 41

Mark 6:30-44

SERMON

The Miracle of Multiplication

The Rev. Earle Barron

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (pg. 14 – traditional version) The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 16 (Trad. version)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Lachenauer

\*Doxology # 244 (v. 1)

*"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"*

Let us with a gladsome mind, Praise the Lord who is so kind:  
For God's mercies shall endure. Ever faithful, ever sure.

\*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN # 391 (vs. 1-5)

*"Take My Life"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Trio on "Trust and Obey"*

Nelson

\*For those who are able, please stand.

\*\*Gateway to Worship is our worship program for 4-year olds through first graders. The Gateway leader will take the children to their classroom in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Moments.

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Hearing devices and large-print Hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary; and a limited number of large-print (and larger-print) bulletins are on the table in the Narthex.

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join with us in service to Christ.

*Please join us in the library immediately following worship  
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

Today we welcome to our pulpit the Rev. Earle Barron. Earle has served churches in North Carolina and Virginia, and retired in 1986 after sixteen years at Erwin Presbyterian Church. Since his retirement he has kept busy serving eight interim pastorates, and keeping up with his three daughters and five grandchildren.

Saints Alive! Living Generously

Our journey to support God's kingdom and the mission of Covenant continues. If you have not done so, stop in at the "Giving Tree" in the Narthex and add a leaf or two, or three, or...! On the table by the tree is a basket full of leaves. Please pick out a leaf (or leaves) and write your reason for giving, then add it to the tree. Let's fill the tree by Dedication Sunday on November 6.

Meeting of the Congregation - TODAY

There will be a Meeting of the Congregation immediately following worship for the purpose of electing officers. The following are the nominees being presented by the Nominating Committee. Helen is being nominated to fill a 1-year unexpired term for the class of 2012; while the others are being nominated for the regular 3-year term as the class of 2014.

**Helen Davis:** Helen was born and mostly raised in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. (Some of those "mostly raised" years were spent in Nashville.) She earned her BS from the University of Tennessee and her Masters Degree in Reading from ETSU. She moved to Johnson City from Knoxville in 1972. She is a retired teacher from Washington County where she was employed for 32 years and also served as an adjunct professor at ETSU. Her greatest accomplishment is in being the proud mother of three amazing children...all grown and on their own. This will be her third term to serve as Elder. She is the very proud grandmother of Jaden, Carson, Riley, and soon-to-be-born Anna Paige. In her spare time, Helen loves to cook, read, sing in the choir, and spend time with her beautiful family. She feels strongly that she was born to serve others and enjoys doing so!

**Eileen Madden:** Eileen Benner Madden is a child of Covenant: she was confirmed here, served on the Presbytery Youth Council, and was a counselor at Holston Presbytery Camp. She graduated from Davidson College, Presbyterian School of Christian Education and Memphis State. She has worked as a Director of Christian Education and as an elementary school teacher. She currently works part time as a substitute at Fairmont Elementary and as an assistant instructor at Olson's Martial Arts. While holding a variety of church volunteer jobs, her favorite is always teaching elementary Sunday school. Eileen has served as an elder for Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN. She is married to her best friend, Tony, and is the proud mother of Sean and Grace.

**John Merriss:** John was raised in the Cincinnati area. Married to the late Imogene Green Merriss for 47 years, he has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. John was in Direct Sales for 50 years. He came to Johnson City 16 years ago and to Covenant 13 years ago. This will be John's third term serving on the Session at Covenant. He is presently on the Human Resources Committee and a member of the Thursday morning Men's Bible Study group and the Bible Discovery Sunday School class.

**Sally Nagel:** Sally was born and grew up in Columbia, SC. She went to college in Charlotte, NC and graduate school in Tucson, AZ. Sally and Jerry have been married for 47 years; they have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Sally taught English at ETSU and worked in technical services at the Johnson City Public Library. She has managed the Covenant Library for 19 years, served 3 terms on Session, has been involved with various committees, and occasionally leads the Issues Sunday School class.

**David Wood:** Originally from New Orleans, LA, David and his wife, Phyllis Thompson, came to Johnson City six years ago from Baton Rouge, where they were active members of University Presbyterian Church. David is a free lance photographer and, in his leisure time, he enjoys mountain biking and/or kayaking with Phyllis. This will be David's first term as an Elder.

### Fall Church Clean-Up Day - Sat. November 5<sup>th</sup>

Tired of seeing those dried up flowers and other vegetation around the church building from summer? Then come join the Property Committee on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for Fall Clean-up Day! We will begin bright and early at 7 a.m. and go until it is finished or until we tire out. If you can only be here for an hour, we would still greatly welcome you. Wear older clothes, bring gloves and other necessary materials, and join in the camaraderie of making Covenant look great going into the winter season!

### Campus House Lunch & Colloquium Wednesdays 11:45 to 12:45

**The topic for October 26<sup>th</sup> will be Psychological Counseling at the VA, presented by Dr. Evelyn Kemp, a VA Psychologist.** Evelyn is a member and elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church and currently works at the Veterans Administration. In addition to her work at the VA, she is kept busy with a private counseling practice. She will talk with us about the nature of her work at the VA and the needs of our veterans. Come and enjoy our fellowship and a good lunch while Evelyn shares with us the challenges of her work at the VA.

### Good Sam - Food for Life: Neighbor Helping Neighbor - 2011

#### ONE WEEK TO GO!!

**Would you people get off your cans!!! Your sweet potato cans, that is.** Covenant is about half of the way to reaching our **goal of 400** for Good Samaritan's Thanksgiving baskets, but we still have a long way to go. Thanksgiving dinner is not complete without the sweet taste of yams, so let's not disappoint those for whom a hot, quality meal is not an everyday blessing. The Thanksgiving holiday is fast approaching, with **Good Sam needing our contribution BY NEXT SUNDAY, October 30<sup>th</sup>.** Won't you please help those who could use a little sweetness in their lives? (Food City: \$1/can, Mac 'n Cheese 3/99 cents)

***The count as of Wed. morning is: 382 Mac 'n Cheese (18 packages still needed) 311 sweet potatoes (still need 89 cans)***

### Presbyterian Women

**Joy (Evening) Circle: Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.** Contact: Anne Smith (929-1604). Meeting will be at the church. Lesson Two Leader: Margie McGonagle.

### Wanted: Nominations for Presbyterian Women's

#### Honorary Life Membership Award

We are blessed to have many, many women in the church who give unselfishly of their talents. **If you would like to nominate one of these women for this year's Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership, please submit her name and a brief compilation of her activities** (i.e., Sunday school teachers, session members, committees, etc.) **to Amy Hecht or to Tina in the church office as soon as possible.** Those who have already been honored are listed on a plaque in the hallway. Thank you!

### Middler Retreat - November 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

**What to expect?** Expect a fun and fast paced weekend full of energetic games, exciting music, and relevant messages. Expect to make new friends and reconnect with old friends. Expect God to meet us at the camp once again, and challenge us to live differently. See Lynnea Hunter or visit [www.holstonyouth.org](http://www.holstonyouth.org) for more details!

### PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Margaret Sullenger, Eileen Madden, Pat Wiley, Betty Maletich, Sue Sheffield, Hugh Underwood, Jon Christiansen (missionary), Bob Rice (missionary), Peggy Underwood, Eric Smith (son of former members Keith & Pam Smith), Barbara & Jerry Ladich, Jack Fletcher, Bob Maletich, Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Corrine Broyles, Elva McCartt, Marie Britt, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patsy Young (Butch Carr's cousin), Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Tim Jones (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr)

*If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share with others please complete a prayer card with your requests.*

### Today at Covenant:

Morning Greeter:	Jim Starr
Liturgist:	Evelyn Kemp
Gateway:	Rosemary Whitson
Nursery:	Andrea Sutter
Coffee Fellowship Hosts:	Bob & Estelle Armistead

### This Week at Covenant:

#### Today, October 23

9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship Service

**Immediately following worship: Meeting of the Congregation**

#### Monday, October 24

7:00a	AA Meeting
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#### Tuesday, October 25

7:00p	Joy (Evening) Circle
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting

#### Wednesday, October 26

7:00a	AA Meeting
5:00p	WNL!
7:30p	Choir Practice

#### Thursday, October 27

8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting

#### Friday, October 28

7:00a	AA Meeting
8:30a - 6:00p	TN Mediation Training

#### Saturday, October 29

8:30a - 12:45p	TN Mediation Training
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### Church Staff:

Director of Youth Ministry:	Lynnea Hunter
Music Director:	Melodye Sparks
Accompanist:	Jennifer Marshall
Secretary:	Tina Simon
Financial Secretary:	Anne Webb
Custodian:	Marie Britt
Nursery Worker:	Jeanne Gamble

### 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.

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 23, 2011

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving God,  
for each one who leads us in worship today,  
we pray that they may be so filled with your Spirit  
that they will clearly reflect the glory of Christ  
in all they say and do.

We pray that everyone in this place  
will know you are with us  
and be drawn to bring you all honor and praise. Amen.