

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

PRELUDE "Wade in the Water" arr. Carl Haywood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good.
All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
Leader: Let the redeemed, those redeemed from trouble, bear witness:
All: **God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**
Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Wade in the Water" arr. Carl Haywood
(See Insert)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you deliver from distress those who cry to you in their trouble.
We who are in trouble raise our voices to you.
Deliver us, we pray, from the burden of sin:
from wanting too much to impress others
and needing to prove our worth;
from inner confusion that has us say one thing, but do another—
foolishly pursuing what does not lead to life;
from oppressive and unjust practices
and from bondage to greed and desire,
Lord, deliver and redeem us.
Gather us in from our wandering and lead us by your way,
until we reach the place you prepare for those who follow you.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 576 "Gloria, Gloria"

Canon (A) (B) (C) (D)
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING pg. 25 Matthew 23:1-12

OLD TESTAMENT READING pg. 195 Joshua 3

MESSAGE Leap of Faith Lynnea Hunter & Angel Cooper

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 386 "O for a World"

*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 "The Church's One Foundation" Rutz

*Doxology #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN # 281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Allegro moderato Wesley

*For those who are able, please stand.

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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.

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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.

We thank the Covenant Youth Group for leading us in worship this morning.

Communion

The **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated next Sunday. Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

The Newsletter

The **November Courier** can be found on the table in the narthex. Help us save postage! Be sure to pick up your copy! (It is also posted on our website: www.covenantpresjc.org)

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.**

Fall Church Clean-Up Day - Sat. November 5th

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 5th 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!

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

Our goal has been met! We have **400 boxes of Mac 'n Cheese and 447 cans of Sweet Potatoes** for the Good Samaritan's Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you for your support and generosity!!

Young Adult Monthly Gathering

The **Young Adults will meet on Friday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m.** at a fabulous, as-yet-to-be-determined restaurant in the Boone's Creek or Gray area. After dinner, we will adjourn to John & Jane Deaton's home for dessert. As always, bring yourselves and your friends, and call Lynnea (828-266-1917) with restaurant suggestions or questions. See you there!

Middler Retreat - November 18th - 20th

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 for more details!

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!

Presbyterian Women - November Meetings

Friendship (Afternoon) Circle:

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Rose Willis

2734 E. Oakland Ave #C-24, 282-3325

Lesson 3 Leader: Dot Carpenter

Joy (Evening) Circle:

Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Anne Smith (929-1604)

Meeting will be at the church.

Lesson 3 Leader: Melanie Jones

After Church Lunch - November 13

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Nov. 13th. **Congregational Life will provide soup, but if anyone would like to bring soup (or cili, too), please let us know so we can balance the right amounts.** Otherwise, please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. If your dish needs to be kept warm or even heated at the last minute, someone will be in the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. to receive your dish and your instructions. We look forward to sharing this fellowship opportunity with you! If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Sutter (773-5602) or Lauri Zembower (620-3625).

Alternative Gift Fair - Sunday, November 20

WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT ANYWAY?

For many of us, Christmas has become commercialized to the point that we feel pressure to buy and consume. But what do we buy a friend or loved one who has few needs or wants?

This year, Covenant will sponsor its 18th **Alternative Christmas Gift Fair.** It is a special opportunity to give to those in need. The **2011 Alternative Christmas Giving Guide**, in your bulletin and on the table in the Narthex, gives you a chance to think about worthy organizations and how we as a Christian community can become partners in the work of the church. The Mission and Outreach Committee has identified four mission organizations that will be featured at this year's Alternative Gift Fair. These include Missionaries Kristi and Bob Rice, The River, Interfaith Hospitality Network and Living Waters for the World.

After the worship service on Sunday, November 20th, join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, and meet the representatives from these mission organizations who will answer questions and discuss the work in which they are involved. You will be given an opportunity to give to any of these organizations in honor of friends and loved ones. Gift cards will be available. If you miss this event, you can still participate throughout Advent.

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

Upcoming topics:

Nov. 2 – Marcia Songer: Greetings from Hanoi

Nov. 9 – Dr. William Bridgeforth: Mission Work in Africa

Nov. 16 – Taneem Aziz: Islam in Northeast Tennessee

Nov. 23 - NO MEETING – Thanksgiving

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Margaret Sullenger, Eileen Madden, Pat Wiley, Betty Maletich, Sue Sheffield, Hugh Underwood, Everrette Dale Thompson & Barbara Thompson England (Phyllis Thompson's uncle & sister), 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, Joyce Ford & her family (all 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
Nursery: Jan Paveglio
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Helen Davis & Jim Starr

This Week at Covenant:

<u>Today, October 30</u>	
9:45a	Sunday School
11:00a	Youth-led Worship Service
<u>Monday, October 31</u>	
7:00a	AA Meeting
9:00a	Advent Planning Meeting
<u>Tuesday, November 1</u>	
6:00p	NETMA
7:00p	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p	Worship Committee Meeting
7:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Wednesday, November 2</u>	
7:00a	AA Meeting
5:00p	WNL!
7:30p	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, November 3</u>	
8:00a	Men's Bible Study
9:30a	Women in the Bible
Noon	Al-Anon Meeting
<u>Friday, November 4</u>	
7:00a	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday, November 5</u>	
7:00a - ???	Church Fall Clean-Up Day

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 30, 2011

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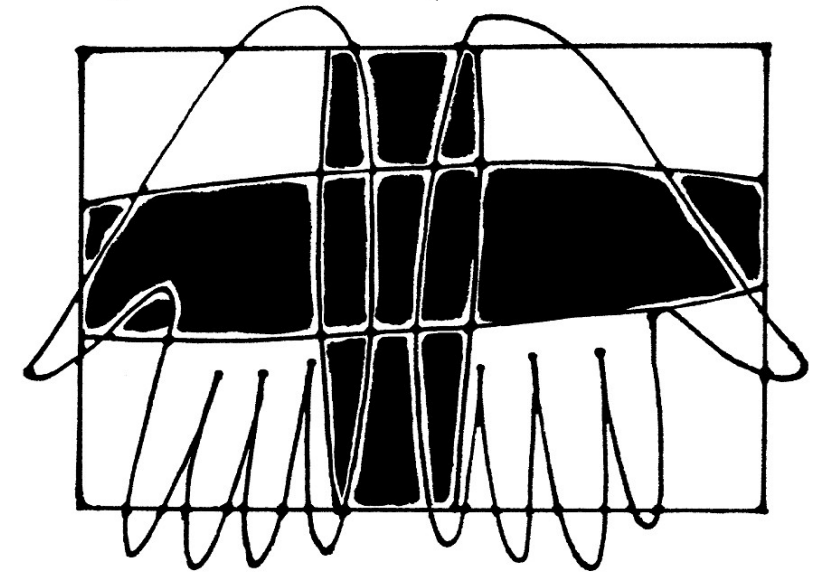
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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Psalm 107: 1-3

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble and
gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.