GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Robert Armistead

GREETING

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

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear God,
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

a great king over all the earth.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
thank you for creating people
and the world in which we live.
The carpet is being replaced in the Sanctuary and the Library on October 1st.
In order to prepare for this, we need volunteers to help move the organ and
books and shelving from the Library.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 482  “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*OPENING PRAYER from The Worship Sourcebook

*PRAYER OF ADORATION written by the Covenant Youth

Dearest God,

Thank you for giving us ears to hear joyful music;
the voices of friends.

But you have given us hearts to love your creation.
Thank you for your generous gifts of life,
including the sun, the rain, the seasons,
and the beauty of nature.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
and for guiding us.

Thank you for giving us eyes to see
the beautiful sunrise over the mountains;
the waves of the ocean;
the pets which keep us company.

You have given us hearts to love the outcasts and family alike,
and to care for your creation.
Thank you for your kindness and compassion.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
and for being awesome.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE # 376  “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*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.

*HYMN OF SENDING # 422  “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LITANY OF PEACE

SAINTS’ PRAYERS from The Worship Sourcebook

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LITANY OF PEACE

(Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings)

OFFERTORY “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Dykes

Doxology # 558 (vs. 3)  “Come, Sing a Song of Harvest”

*POSTLUDE  “Take My Life, And Let It Be”  Malan

*HYMN OF RESPONSE # 376  “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*HYMN OF ADORATION written by the Covenant Youth

Dear God,

Thank you for being awesome.

You have given us hearts to love the outcasts and family alike,
and to care for your creation.
Thank you for everything we are,
everything we have,
and the love we share.
We praise you for the fearfully and wonderfully made.
In your name we pray,
Amen.

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The worship service begins with a call to prayer, followed by hymns of praise and adoration. The congregation is encouraged to lift their voices in songs of joy and thankfulness for the gifts and blessings bestowed upon them. Prayers of adoration are lifted up to God, acknowledging the awesome power of the Lord and offering gratitude for creation, the beauty of the world, and the joys of fellowship.

The worship service continues with a thanksgiving prayer, where the congregation expresses their gratitude for the many blessings they have received. This is followed by a message from the pastor, where they share insights and teachings from the Bible, offering guidance and wisdom for living a life of faith.

The worship service concludes with a benediction, where the congregation is reminded of the love and care of God, and invited to continue in their faith journey, seeking to live out the principles of the faith in their daily lives.

The worship service is enriched by the presence of the congregation, who bring their hearts and minds to worship, and by the beauty of the setting, which provides a tranquil and inspiring environment for prayer and reflection.
We thank the COVENANT YOUTH GROUP for helping lead us in worship this morning.

The SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER will be celebrated next Sunday.

Take time this week to prepare yourself in prayer and meditation.

The OCTOBER COURIER can be found on the table in the narthex. Help us save postage! If you do not receive the newsletter via e-mail, please be sure to pick up your copy! (It is also posted on our website: www.cpcjc.org.)

Today is the DEADLINE for 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. Those who have already been honored are listed on a plaque in the hallway. Thank you!

World Communion / Peacemaking Offering

Next Sunday, October 6th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world. We will also receive the Peacemaking Offering. Our congregation will retain 25 percent of the Offering to be given to Family Promise of Greater Johnson City (formerly called HN). The other 75 percent will help our partners in the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly as they work on behalf of God’s peacemaking throughout the world.

Invitation from Erwin Presbyterian Church

Erwin Presbyterian Church is having its annual Apple Breakfast on Saturday, October 5th from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased by calling Secretary Pat at 423-743-3431. We would love for the great members of Covenant to come and Join us. This may be the last year.

Come Grow Together – Thursdays from 6 to 7 pm

Adults and youth (grades 6-12) are invited to participate in a conversational small group environment where we can explore faith together and experience community. We are calling this weekly event Grow, because we have been called to grow personally as followers of Jesus and to grow together as a community of disciples. Childcare will be provided each week, so the entire family can come and Grow together. No meal will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own. No one will be turned away. We are excited to work with you this fall! We meet in the Fellowship Hall. Come Grow with us!

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.

People in Our Prayers

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<td>Tracey Stanfield</td>
<td>Ben Stanfield (Sharon Miller’s sister &amp; father); Larry O’Connor (the Armistead’s cousin); Andrea Satter; Gayle Kemp (Evelyn’s sister); Barbara Pless (Melodye Sparks’ mother); Mary Frances White (Estelle Armistead’s sister); Mark Smith (Gary’s brother); Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss’ sister-in-law); Johanna Helphinstine (Paul’s mother); Bob &amp; Estelle Armistead; Liz Kuehling (Laure Zembower’s mother); Kirah Elliott (friend of Carolee Mabe); Dustin (Daddy); Nicole, Elijah &amp; Princess Story (a former HN guest family); Max &amp; Delilah Wilson; Amber Sparks (Gary &amp; Melodye’s niece); Richard Burnett (Charles Trifiletti’s cousin); Delores Johnson (friend of Charles Trifiletti); Catie Cheek; Charles Logan (father of a friend of the Dulin’s); Mike Garrison (Christian Zembower’s brother-in-law); Elva McCarr; Jack Fletcher; Audrey Thompson; Betty Wilson, Delcie Moore (friends of the Carr’s); Glenn McClure (friend of David Jones); Frank Kleinpeter &amp; Francis Davis (friends of David Wood &amp; Phyllis Thompson); Everette Dale Thompson (Phyllis Thompson’s uncle); Sharon Hatcher (friend of Victory Cooper)</td>
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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.

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<td>Recorder Consort</td>
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Preparation for Worship

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

For the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

Psalm 47
Fall Church Clean-Up Day – Saturday, October 12
The Property Committee has planned a Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 12th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and going until everyone gets tired. There will be some cleaning materials available, but everyone is encouraged to bring supplies and materials, such as cloths/buckets/brooms/step-ladders, etc. Tasks will be split into groups (window cleaning, floor cleaning, landscape bed cleaning, etc.). If you can only be here for an hour, we would still greatly welcome you. Wear older clothes, bring gloves, and join in the camaraderie of making Covenant look great going into the winter season! If you have any questions please contact a Property Committee member.

Knitting/Crocheting Time in the Library
We will begin to meet again with Amy Hecht in the Library on Monday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. If you wish to learn how to knit or crochet, or if you just want to bring your needlework (or other craft) and enjoy the fellowship, please join us! Meeting times may vary, but for now we plan to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. If there is a better time/day for you, please let us know – perhaps we will have 2 groups!

Upcoming Birthdays:
Sept. 26: Jim Crandall
Sept. 30: Rosemary Whitson
Oct. 2: Woody Underwood
Oct. 4: Karen Mabe
See the October Courier for more October birthdays!

Contact Information for the Rev. Paul Helphinstine:
Phone: Church 423-282-5324, Cell: 423-534-3676,
Home: 423-578-3413; paul@cpcjc.org

Church Staff:
Pastor/Rev. Paul Helphinstine
Director of Youth Ministry: Lynnea Hunter
Music Director & Accompanist: Melodye Sparks
Office Administrator: Tina Simon
Custodian: Marie Britt
Nursery Worker: Jeanne Gamble

(from Insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (sung)
We are crying, oh we are crying
We are crying, oh we are crying
We are man, woman, we are children
And, oh we are crying.

So let the rains go, let the healing river flow
Let justice roll like water
Let the day begin when new life enters in
And let your Kingdom come.

We are praying, oh we are praying
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LITANY OF PEACE (spoken)
Holy and Almighty God,
we come to you with heavy hearts.
We grieve for this world we live in,
for the strife and struggle and violence that engulf it.
We grieve for our own incompetence
and come to you helpless and at a loss for direction.
We do now the only thing we can do.

Father God,
in your perfect realm no sword is drawn
but the sword of righteousness;
there are no tears
but the tears of joy and laughter;
there is no strength
but the strength of love.

For our brothers and sisters in Syria;
for both sides of the conflict;
for all the people caught between guns and grenades;
Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Nairobi;
for both the hostages and victims,
and for the terrorists who see no other way;
Hear our prayer.

For the soldiers who follow orders,
and for the commanders who issue them;
for the civilians and the innocents,
and for the politicians and leaders;
Hear our prayer.

For the healing of religious, racial, and ethnic divisions,
whether in Syria and the Middle East
or Northern Ireland or Rwanda
or inner-city Chicago or East Tennessee;
Hear our prayer.

For both the peacemakers and the warriors
all of whom you call by name as children,
Hear our prayer.

Mother God,
who gathers your children together
as a hen gathers her chicks,
who holds us safely under her wings
and guards us from harm,
deliver us from evil.
From devastation and violence,
from bombs and chemical weapons,
and above all from the belief that we need to use them;
Deliver us, O God.

From prejudice and hate,
from doubt, uncertainty, and the need to be right;
Deliver us, O God.
From borders, boundaries, and walls
that only serve to cut us off from one another;
from fear of “them;”
Deliver us, O God.
From arrogance and pride,
from the addiction to power,
and from our own hard-heartedness;
Deliver us, O God.

From the destruction of your creation,
from fires and floods,
from earthquakes and tsunamis,
and from our own actions which may cause them;
Deliver us, O God.

Wonderful God,
who wipes away the tears of the world,
who grieves with us and mourns with us,
whose heart breaks as ours do,
be near to us.
You have promised that you will never be far from our cries for help.
You have promised to always be near to the brokenhearted,
and to lift up the heads of those who mourn.
Gather us together now as your children.
Give us your eyes
that we might see one another as you see us;
give us your ears
that we might hear one another’s prayers as you hear them;
give us your compassion
that we might love one another as you first loved us.