Our mission at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant is:
To awaken all people to our need for a life-changing encounter with the living Lord Jesus Christ, and to encourage and equip each one to become His fully-devoted follower.

The Congregation, in ministry
We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation
Sunday, January 13, 2019  
~ Baptism of the Lord ~  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music  
*O Magnum Mysterium*  
*Morten Lauridsen*  
*sung by McDowell Vocal Ensemble*

Welcome, Announcements & Reading of Mission Statement  
*Rev. Chris Weichman*

Prelude  
*Set Me as a Seal On Your Heart*  
*Rene Clausen*  
*sung by McDowell Vocal Ensemble*

Call to Worship (responsive)  
*Peter van den Honert*  

L: Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!  
P: Rest your spirits in the house of God.  
L: Come, all who thirst. Come, all who hunger.  
P: Come, and worship God!

*Hymn #475*  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
*Nettleton*

**PRAYING**

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)*  
*Peter van den Honert*  

Merciful God,  
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.  
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.  
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another;  
we allow the past to hold us hostage.  
In your loving-kindness,  
have mercy on us and free us from sin.  
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism,  
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace...  
Amen

*Words of Assurance*

*Sung Response to Forgiveness #435*  
*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*  
*In Babilone*

*Passing of the Peace*  
The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

*Gloria Patri #581*  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end...Amen, amen.

**LISTENING**

First Reading  
*Isaiah 43:1-7*  
*Peter van den Honert*  
*Page 585, Pew Bible*

Story Telling  
*Britney Knight*  
After Storytelling, children up to 3rd grade who leave the 11:00 service will be escorted to Reed Chapel on the third floor for Children’s Worship.
Hymn #321  The Church’s One Foundation  Aurelia

Scripture Reading  Luke 3:15-17, 21-21  Rev. Chris Weichman
Page 834, Pew Bible

Sermon  “Called By Name”  Rev. Chris Weichman

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
God is Good  All the Time!
All the Time  God is Good!

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.

RESPONDING

Officer Installation  ~ 11:00 a.m.
Dr. Tom Miller, Elder & Barb Macks, Trustee

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings
Offertory Anthem  ~
Arr. Greg Gilpin
Angel’s Watching over Me Traditional Spiritual
sung by McDowell Vocal Ensemble

*Doxology Hymn #609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low...Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication  Rev. Chris Weichman

*Hymn #547  Go, My Children, with My Blessing  Ar Hyd Y Nos

*Benediction  Rev. Chris Weichman

*Postlude  The Heavens Declare  Robert Wetzler

*Please rise in body or spirit

Liturgist  ~ Peter van den Honert  Sound Tech  ~ Jason Irwin

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  Text by Brian Wren, Music by Hal H. Hopson
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Thank you to McDowell Vocal Ensemble
for enriching the worship service this morning
with their beautiful singing!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Harold & Edith Konnerth
in loving memory of Lawrence & Maxine Howard.

At the conclusion of the service, Harold & Edith invite you to
take flowers from the Sanctuary bouquet & distribute them to a
shut-in, hospitalized friend, or person you wish to reach out to in
Christ’s name.
FAITH FORMATION HOUR

Join Us Every Week at 9:30 a.m.!

Children, Youth & Young Adults…
Pre-K ~ Grade 5 ------- Jr. High Lounge & Reed Chapel
Grades 6 ~ 8 ------ Sr. High Lounge
Grades 9 ~ College ------- Campus Ministry Lounge

Adults…
“Paul & the Thessalonians” with Bill Holmes … Room 313
“Jesus Christ: Teacher, Servant, Savior” with Rev. Chris Weichman… Fidelis
“Resurrecting Easter” with Rob Baker … Room 116
“The Holy Practice of Sabbath Keeping” with Britney Knight …Room 119
Connect with old & new friends at dinner this week! Fight cabin fever…Our Gannon friends are back…A delicious, home-cooked dinner is served on Wednesday nights in Knox Hall (lower level) at 5:15 p.m. $6 adults, $3 college students & children. $20 family maximum. RSVP to 456-4243 x100 or anne.sauer@firstcovenanterie.org

Middle School Montreat Summer Conference ~ registration is now available in the office & by email. Theme: For Such A Time As This; Where: Maryville College, TN; Date: July 16-22. Forms & $100 deposit are due by Jan. 27. There will be time to sign up after this date but the total price increases. This is for kids finishing 5th-7th grade this year. Questions? Contact Britney Knight.

Women & The Word ~ meet on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 7:00 PM in the Parlor to finish Inspired by Rachel Held Evans. Our group will take the month of February off & resume on March 12 for a 6-week consecutive study of women in the Bible during Lent. 6 different women; 6 differentWAYS of seeing God at work. No book to buy; nothing to prepare, just bring a Bible & yourself. New friends welcome! Questions, contact Britney at 456.4243 x112.

Youth Group Tonight ~ meet at the church at 4 PM. We are walking to Gannon’s St. Joseph House for our meeting if the weather is good or taking the van if not, so bring a coat & warm accessories just in case! Teens can be picked up at the church after music at the same time 6:30 PM.

The Sanctuary Guild wishes to thank all the elves for their creativity & commitment during Advent. We couldn’t have done it without you. We have an opening for Memorial Flowers or Mission Giving on Jan 27th & Feb. 3rd. If you would like to donate flowers for the lectern in memory or honor of a loved one, please call Mary Concoby at 814.864.0027.

Welcome Gannon students back to campus tomorrow & Tuesday. Serve coffee & sticky rolls from the church parking lot to all passers-by from 7-10 a.m. each morning. Also engage commuters arriving downtown & neighbors on their way to work/appointments. If you can assist, give Abby a call or text at 724.561.4482

Martin Luther King Dinner & March Save the dates: Jan. 19 & 21! Keep Dr. King’s dream alive at the community solidarity walk on Monday, Jan. 21. Gather at Perry Square at 11:30 a.m. for the annual walk down 6th St. to the MLK Center for a brief soup/sandwich lunch & program. Honor his legacy at a dinner on Saturday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m. at the MLK Center. Cost: $35 per person. Questions? Dinner reservations? Text or call Seph: 814.566.0287.

High School Students @ JUBILEE…All students in 9th-12th grade are invited to the Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh Feb. 22-24. Registration & $50.00 deposit due Jan. 20. Parents: check email or the office for info & registration.


~ Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part I ~
The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant calls for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part I to be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019. According to the revised By-Laws of the Congregation and Corporation Article VI, Section 1, the stated purpose of the meeting is “…electing the Nominating Committee, informing the congregation of the budget, approving pastoral terms of call, and filling existing vacancies on the Session and the Board of Deacons.” The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
Rev. Chris Weichman, Moderator
W. D. Holmes, Clerk of Session

~ Call for a Special Meeting of the Corporation ~
The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant calls for a special meeting of the corporation to be held in conjunction with Part I of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 20, 2019. The stated purpose of this special meeting of the corporation is to hear and act upon a recommendation from the session to withdraw up to $275,000.00 from the principle of the Endowment Fund in order to balance the 2019 General Fund Budget.

W.D. Holmes, Clerk of Session
**Sunday, January 13th**

- **~ ONP In ~**
  - 8:30 a.m. Worship ~ Sanctuary
  - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship ~ Parlor
  - 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation ~ Various
  - 11:00 a.m. Worship ~ Sanctuary
  - 12:00 p.m. Fellowship ~ Parlor
  - 4:00 p.m. Youth Group ~ Sr. Lounge
  - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Supper
    - 5:45 p.m. Greater than the Sum
      - ~ Sanctuary

**Monday, January 14th**

- **~ ONP In ~**
  - 7:00 a.m. Back2Grind ~ Parking Lot
  - 9:00 a.m. Women Connections ~ 116
  - 4:00 p.m. ICM Council ~ 116
  - 6:30 p.m. NA ~ Sr. Lounge
  - 7:00 p.m. Core Board ~ 116

**Tuesday, January 15th**

- **~ ONP In ~**
  - **~ Chimes Due ~**
    - 7:00 a.m. Back2Grind ~ Parking Lot
    - 3:00 p.m. Urban Univ. ~ Knox Hall
    - 5:15 p.m. Properties ~ Parlor
    - 7:00 p.m. Budget ~ 119
    - 7:30 p.m. AA ~ 313
    - 7:30 p.m. NA ~ Sr. Lounge

**Wednesday, January 16th**

- **~ ONP Out in AM. ~**
  - 9:45 a.m. Story Time ~ Parlor
  - 10:30 a.m. Bible Study ~ 116
  - 1:30 p.m. Staff mtg. ~ Office
  - 5:15 p.m. Connections ~ Knox Hall
  - 5:30 p.m. NA ~ 116
  - 6:00 p.m. Jr. Ringers ~ Music Rm
  - 8:00 p.m. Restore ~ Kirk House

**Thursday, January 17th**

- 8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast ~ Perkins
- 10:30 a.m. Urban Univ Planning ~ 119
- 11:00 a.m. ICM mtg. ~ Library
- 12:00 p.m. NA ~ Knox Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Urban Univ. ~ Sr. Lounge
- 4:00 p.m. YPC ~ Knox Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Bells ~ Sanctuary
- 7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir ~ Music Rm
- 7:30 p.m. NA ~ Sr. Lounge

**Friday, January 18th**

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible ~ Parlor

**Saturday, January 19th**

- 8:30 a.m. K-Board ~ Discovery/Calvin
- 10:30 a.m. Ghana Partners ~ Library

**Sunday, January 20th**

- **~ Annual Meeting ~**
  - 8:30 a.m. Worship ~ Sanctuary
  - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship ~ Parlor
  - 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation ~ Various
  - 11:00 a.m. Worship ~ Sanctuary
  - 12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting ~ Sanctuary
  - 4:00 p.m. Youth Group ~ Sr. Lounge
  - 5:00 p.m. Sunday Supper ~ Knox Hall
  - 5:45 p.m. Greater than the Sum
  - ~ Sanctuary

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**January 6, 2019 Attendance:**

- 8:30 a.m. = 40 people / 11:00 a.m. = 136 people

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**2018 Year End Pledge = ( both pledge & non-pledge revenue )**

- Budget : $426,845     ~ Actual: $405,918

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When you wish to contact our Pastor, Rev. Chris Weichman, he can be reached in the Church office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, at 814-456-4243 ex. 103 or anytime by email at chris.weichman@firstcovenanterie.org
It’s SOUPER Bowl Time!

On January 27th,
we will be having a Soup Cook-Off
after the 11:00 worship service!

Children in Pre-k through 12th Grade are encouraged to pair up with a parent or grandparent and present their best soup!

Does Dad make the best Beef Vegetable Soup?!
Does Mom kill the competition with Cheeseburger Soup?!
Or, maybe Grandpa has the family’s secret recipe he isn't willing to share yet ~ make it with him & find out!

Families with multiple children can have more than one pairing or “team”...
it might be fun to see Mom & Dad duke it out for Best Chef!

Bring a hug pot or a crock-pot full of soup on Sunday, January 27th, dress up to support your favorite football team (Pro, College, or High School), & compete against other families.

Bring cash or check this day to vote on the BEST soup!
The soup to raise the most money wins bragging rights… until next year !!!

Salad & bread will be provided by the Church.
All proceeds for this event will go to support a program in Our West Bayfront that fights hunger & poverty ~ the children & youth will get to vote on the organization.
A Sign-Up Sheet is in the main floor hallway.
For questions, contact Britney Knight at 456.4243 x110.

We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship & mission!