

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



...the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

—Romans 8:19

Redeemed man must not internalize his salvation so that he thinks narrowly in terms of a “soul-saving” deliverance. To the contrary, redemption involves his total life-style as a social, cultural creature. Rather than withdrawing narrowly into a restricted form of “spiritual” existence, redeemed man must move out with a total world-and-life perspective.

—O. Palmer Robertson

God preserves man and the created order in the Noahic covenant because, even though covenant curse is the deserved outcome of man's enmity toward God and corruption of God's good gifts, God has bound himself to redemption...by His Garden promise.

—Michael Williams

The mystery of the Incarnation is the salvation of the whole of creation.

—St. Ambrose of Milan

☒ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*8:15 Marty Crawford*

*10:30 John Fountain*

☒ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

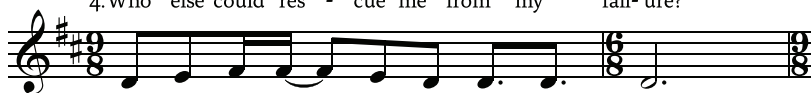
☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

## HYMN OF ADORATION

### "Only a Holy God"



1. Who else com mands all the hosts of heav en?
2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais es?
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ure?



Who else could make\_ ev - 'ry king bow\_n down?  
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?  
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles?  
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice?  
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed?  
Who else in - vites\_ me to call Him Fa - ther?



On - ly a Ho - ly God. *1 - to v. 2*  
*2, 3, 4 - to chorus*

### CHORUS:



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly.



Cry out, sing ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God.



Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

Words and Music: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren. CCLI 7073332.

## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

8:15 *Molly Stone*

10:30 *Ashley Senn*

Revelation 4:1-11

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."<sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.<sup>3</sup> And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.<sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.<sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,<sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:<sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.<sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!"

<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,<sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup>"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created."

This is the Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## ☒ HYMN OF HOPE

"Immortal, Invisible"

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
Hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unfasting,  
And silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains,  
High soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest,  
To both great and small,  
In all life thou livest,  
The true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
As leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish,  
But naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory,  
Pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
All veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render,  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor  
Of light hideth Thee!

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908). Music: Welsh melody.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Father in heaven,  
We are in desperate need of your grace and mercy,  
And we fall at your feet to plead the blood of Christ.  
We have been faithless, we have exalted ourselves over others,  
And we have not been good stewards of creation  
And the good gifts you have given to us.  
Forgive us, in Jesus name,  
and enable us to do everything in our lives as worship unto You.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

—Psalm 32:5

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

## SONG OF PROMISE

"Spirit, Keep On"

*Jeremy Casella*

Be still now child,  
When you've lost your way,  
And the hell of yesterday  
Bleeds into today;  
I see the storm is raging,  
Inside and all around,  
You're a tempest tossed, til you're lost  
And feeling for the ground.

Oh, I will never leave you, orphaned all alone;  
I'll send my Spirit to come and call you home.

I see the broken edges  
And the tearing of your will  
In the secret dark of the human heart,  
And I'll lean in closer still;  
'Cause I got mercy, miles and miles,  
I got truth full of years,  
And it goes on for ages,  
Stretching into the clear.

Oh, I will never leave you, orphaned all alone;  
I'll send my Spirit to come and call you home.  
Home, home...

Words and Music: Jeremy Casella.

*This morning we welcome special guest Jeremy Casella to help lead us in worship. Jeremy has been a singer/songwriter for almost twenty years and is an integral part of the hymn collective Indelible Grace Music.*

**GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"Lover of My Soul"

*Jeremy Casella*

You're the lover of my soul,  
And I'm like a drowning man;  
Only your tender mercy  
Can turn the sea to land.

You're the lover of my soul,  
My anchor in the storm;  
From out of the falling darkness,  
The hope of day is born.

Holy Spirit, heaven's wind,  
Come and make your presence known;  
Hold me in your righteousness,  
By faith in you alone.

You're the lover of my soul,  
My shelter and my shield;  
Surely your love surrounds me,  
My mortal wound is healed;  
Surely your love surrounds me,  
My mortal wound is healed.

You're the lover of my soul,  
You're the lover of my soul,  
You're the lover of my soul,  
You're the lover of my soul.

Words and Music: Jeremy Casella.



## ☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.  
*And also with you.*

### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*See page 16 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance sheet provided with your worship guide and leave it in your pew or at your table.*

**Children's Worship. Children.** 3 year olds (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarteners sitting in the Fellowship Hall are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children will walk with staff to C222, C223, or C224, and staff will then walk children back to the Fellowship Hall prior to the benediction to join their parents.

**Enfold Disability Ministry.** Our church seeks to embrace and enfold people affected by disability. Please let an usher know how we can support and accommodate your needs during worship.

### THE MORNING PRAYERS

*8:15 Bob Schaffeld*

*10:30 David O'Dell*

**READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH**

Genesis 9:1-17, 20-25

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. <sup>3</sup>Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. <sup>4</sup>But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. <sup>5</sup>And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

<sup>6</sup>"Whoever sheds the blood of man,  
by man shall his blood be shed,  
for God made man in his own image.

<sup>7</sup>And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

<sup>12</sup>And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and

remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”<sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

All flesh is like grass,

And all its glory is like the flower of the field.

*The grass withers, the flower fades,*

*But the word of our God stands forever.*

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<sup>20</sup>Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. <sup>21</sup>He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. <sup>22</sup>And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. <sup>23</sup>Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. <sup>24</sup>When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, <sup>25</sup>he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;

a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.”



## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

*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.*

## ☒ HYMN OF GLORY

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
 Pilgrim through this barren land;  
 I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
 Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;  
 Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
 Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
 Let the firey, cloudy pillar  
 Lead me all my journey through;  
 Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield,  
 Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 Bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
 Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
 Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee,  
 Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side,  
 Bid my anxious fears goodbye...

Words: William Williams, 1745; alt. Jeremy Casella. Music: Jeremy Casella, 2002.

## ☒ BENEDICTION

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 15 - 21, 2020

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### SUNDAY, November 15

- 8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Q&A with Urban Hope Community Church (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY, November 16

- 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

### TUESDAY, November 17

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship
- 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Feast Not Famine Holiday Market
- 4:00 - 6:15 p.m. Feast Not Famine Holiday Market
- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Feast Not Famine Concert  
featuring Sandra McCracken (Sanctuary)
- following concert - 8:30 p.m. Feast Not Famine Holiday Market

### WEDNESDAY, November 18

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 8:30 p.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

### THURSDAY, November 19

- 11:00 a.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (John Fountain, November 16-22).*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Evening Worship, November 15.** Tonight is our evening worship service with Alton Hardy (Senior Pastor) and Michael Bowen (Director of Operations) of Urban Hope Community Church. They will be sharing with us during the service and there will be a Q&A session after. We also will be collecting a love offering for UHCC. Our Missions Committee has committed \$10,000 of Faith Promise funds to UHCC and is prayerfully challenging our congregation to match, and even exceed, that amount during the month of November! You can bring your offering tonight or send it to the church office marked for UHCC. This will be a special worship service for our church family!

**Commitment Sunday.** 2021 Commitment Cards will be mailed this week. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Covenant Presbyterian Church for next year and bring your card to gathered worship next Sunday, November 22.

**Feast Not Famine.** Ladies, Sandra McCracken will be in concert this Tuesday at 6:30! The holiday market will be open at three different times: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., 4:00 - 6:15 p.m., and following the concert until 8:30 p.m.

**Christmas in Fairfield.** Christmas in Fairfield, Covenant's annual holiday outreach opportunity, is a unique ministry that provides clothing for children in need and participating parents the opportunity to shop for gifts for their children at highly reduced prices. There are two ways to get involved this year: sponsor a child by purchasing clothing and donate funds to fill the shop. Visit [covpres.com/fairfield-christmas](http://covpres.com/fairfield-christmas) to sign up to sponsor a child and to give online! Please drop off clothing at Covenant by Sunday, November 22.

**Congregational Meeting, December 6.** On Sunday, December 6, we will hold a congregational meeting immediately following both services to elect our slate of officers (class of 2023) and the members of our 2021 Nominating Committee.

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church.** During the month of November, Christians are called to pray for our sisters and brothers who are persecuted for their faith. Research suggests that more than 245 million Christians are persecuted, which is 1 in 9 Christians in the world today. Please pray for these brothers and sisters as they stand firm in their love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 5:6-10). For more information, stories, and resources, visit [opendoorsusa.org/international-day-of-prayer](http://opendoorsusa.org/international-day-of-prayer) and [persecution.com](http://persecution.com).



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## RULING ELDERS

2020

Bill Bennett  
Will Brooke  
Michael Latta  
Charlie Logan  
Paul Loyless  
Bob Schaffeld  
Lee Sheppard  
Steve Stigler  
Mark Taylor  
John Wood

2021

Eric Getty  
Russell Martin  
Daniel Murray  
Warren Norville  
Sandy Stradtman  
Clay Wheeler

2022

Ty Dedmon  
John Hamilton  
Mark Hogewood  
John James  
David O'Dell  
Norman Pless  
Kurt Senn

## DEACONS

2020

Tripp Alexander  
Paul Darden  
Jay Evans  
Bryan Flores  
John Gant  
John David Gray  
Marty Martin  
Bud Miller  
Tyler O'Connor  
John Shults  
Danny Smith  
Robert Stephens  
Clark Worrell

2021

Nick Baggett  
Ward Bailey  
Samuel Bragg  
Trey Clegg  
Will Graham  
Jeff Hicks  
Jim Jenkins  
Alan Spooner  
Patrick Strong

2022

Jim Bennett  
William Edwards  
Merrill Johnston  
Randall Lancaster  
Mark Midyette  
Stephen Mince  
Clyde Prather  
John Shank  
Matt Thomas  
Greg Tomlinson

## STEERING COMMITTEE

2020

Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session  
Stephen Mince, Chair of the Diaconate  
Lee Sheppard, Personnel Committee Chair  
John Shank, Finance Committee Chair

Will Brooke, Member At-large  
Daniel Murray, Family Ministry Chair  
Steve Stigler, Missions Ministry Chair  
Ty Dedmon, Shepherding Ministry Chair

## BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers, and hymns. The scripture readings are from Ligonier Ministries and are designed around a one-year cycle that will allow you to read through the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2020.

### NOVEMBER READING PLAN

	<b>JEREMIAH</b>	<b>TITUS</b>
1	□ 29-34	□ 3-Philemon
		<b>HEBREWS</b>
2	□ 35-36	□ 1
3	□ 37-38	□ 2
4	□ 39-41	□ 3:1-4:13
5	□ 42-43	□ 4:14-5:10
6	□ 44-45	□ 5:11-6:12
7/8	□ 46-50	□ 6:13-7:10
9	□ 51-Lamentations 2	□ 7:11-28
	<b>LAMENTATIONS</b>	
10	□ 3-4	□ 8
11	□ 5-Ezekiel 1	□ 9
	<b>EZEKIEL</b>	
12	□ 2-3	□ 10
13	□ 4-6	□ 11:1-16
14/15	□ 7-11	□ 11:17-12:29
16	□ 12-14	□ 13
		<b>JAMES</b>
17	□ 15-17	□ 1
18	□ 18-20	□ 2
19	□ 21-22	□ 3
20	□ 23-25	□ 4
21/22	□ 26-29	□ 5-1 Peter 1
		<b>1 PETER</b>
23	□ 30-31	□ 2
24	□ 32-34	□ 3
25	□ 35-36	□ 4
26	□ 37-38	□ 5
		<b>2 PETER</b>
27	□ 39-40	□ 1
28/29	□ 41-44	□ 2-3
		<b>1 JOHN</b>
30	□ 45-46	□ 1

