The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity July 29, 2018

"[Paul] had no power of himself to accomplish any thing. His fitness for his work, whether consisting in knowledge, or grace, or fidelity, or efficiency, did not arise out of any thing he was in or of himself... Paul means to say that so far as the subject in hand is concerned, he could do nothing, not even think. He was in himself absolutely empty and powerless. *Our sufficiency is of God*. All our fitness for our work—all our knowledge, holiness and power are of God. They are neither self-acquired nor self-sustained. I am nothing, the apostle would say; God in me is every thing."

—Charles Hodge (1797-1878)

READING FROM THE PSALMS & CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

(Congregational responses are italicized.)

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear; now to His temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things So wondrously reigneth; Shelters thee under His wings, yes so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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Words: based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990. Music: *LOBE DEN HERREN*.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of all the earth,
Whose glory extends beyond the heavens,
we worship and adore You
and pray that all the nations of the earth
may one day glorify Your Name,
that Jesus Christ be exalted as Lord of Lords and King of Kings,
and that in every place Your peace may reign.
This we pray in the Name of the Father, of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Kristen Sartelle

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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

M HYMN OF THE CROSS

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709. Music: Gregorian chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 20:20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." 22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." ²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Come Thou Fount" Congregational Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: NETTLETON; Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leslie Brooks

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 18.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Will Brooke

GUEST PREACHER

John Wood, Senior Pastor (retired)
Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN)

John Wood retired as the Senior Pastor of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in April 2018. While growing up, he lived in Illinois and North Carolina. John, wife Marianne, and their family moved to Knoxville in January 1990, where he served for 28 years. The Woods have three children, Rachel, David, and Sarah, and six grandchildren, three boys and three girls.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, ¹³my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

3 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? ²You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. ³And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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

MESSAGE

OUR SUFFICIENCY IS FROM GOD"	
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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

Who left Your throne in heaven to bring us the Good News, and Who calls us now to take this News to the ends of the earth, we confess that we have been preoccupied with lesser things and have neglected the greatest need of our neighbors here and around the world.

Please forgive us for our self-absorption, our lack of love, and our disobedience.

We are deeply sorry.

We ask Your help that we may truly repent and give our lives anew to You alone, thus bringing honor to Your glorious Name, in which we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

-John 3:16

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.

Apostle's 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.

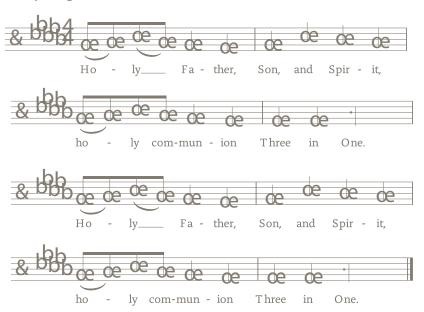
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Response

"Trinity Song"



Words and Music: Sandra McCracken.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of your dear son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast and united in ministry with your people in every place.

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Hallelujah, What a Savior"

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name For the Son of God, who came Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood, Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He, Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah! Hallelujah, what a Savior! (Twice)

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior! (Chorus)

When He comes, our glorious King, All his ransomed home to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

(Chorus)

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"By Thy Mercy"



Words: James John Cummins. Music: Greg Thompson.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank You, Lord, for giving of Yourself on Calvary's Cross that we might live forever; we thank you for the high calling to walk in Your steps; we thank You for giving us the grace of Your Spirit, Who enables us to follow You; we thank You for Your promise to go with us, even to the end of time; we thank You for the assurance of an eternity in Your loving presence; we thank You and bless You in the matchless Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Come Thou Fount"

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.



MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

Rising 4K & Kindergarten • C221 (available for the entire worship hour) **Rising 1st-4th Grades • C316** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

NEW Sunday Schedule. Beginning August 12, we will meet for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Gathered Worship at 10:30. Our session has approved this change as a way to reach out to those neighbors and college students in our community who may not yet have a church home. So mark your calendars, set a reminder, and tell you friends about the coming change on August 12!

Praise & Prayer: A Hymn Sing. Join us in the Sanctuary on August 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a hymn sing and prayer service to kick off our fall quarter and the new school year. We will join together in song and in prayer for Covenant and for our school systems, teachers, and students of all ages.

New Members' Class. Our next new members' class is August 17-19. We meet Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Sunday during Sunday School, and lunch on Sunday from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Childcare is provided for each session. You will be taken through all of the new member information and will have ample opportunities to ask questions and discuss beliefs. If you would like to attend, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com.

Grief Support. This fall Covenant is offering a 6-week grief support group, led by Dan Edwards, for those who have lost loved ones (a licensed counselor will be at each meeting as well). The group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., September 11-October 16 in E201, and will walk through curriculum developed by Church of the Advent. Our desire is to keep the group small, so space is limited at this time. However, we will continue to offer support groups throughout the year, as needed. Please email Phyllis Hamm if you are interested in learning more about this group, (phamm@covpres.com).

Covenant's 40th Anniversary. On October 7 we will have a special Sunday School hour, morning service, and luncheon to celebrate Covenant's 40th anniversary! All are invited as we take a look back at the last 40 years of Covenant and look ahead to the next 40 years of ministry. Invitations coming soon!

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: July 29 - August 1, 2018

SUNDAY, July 29

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons) 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | rising 4K through rising 4th grade

10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 20)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Grow & Go (Youth Rooms)

MONDAY, July 30

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CDS Kindergarten Camp*

6:30-8:30 p.m. College Ministry: Monday Dinner

(3416 Water Oak Drive)

TUESDAY, July 31

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CDS Kindergarten Camp*

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nursery & MDO Summer Play Day*

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry: Summer Salad Supper

Tricia Prather sharing at the home of Rachel Barlotta

(1900 Wellington Road, 35209)

WEDNESDAY, August 1

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CDS Kindergarten Camp*

6:00-8:00 p.m. Jr. High In the House (locations vary; covpresyouth.com)

THURSDAY, August 2

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CDS Kindergarten Camp*

Nursery & MDO Summer Play Day*

FRIDAY, August 3

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CDS Kindergarten Camp*

*pre-registration required

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, July 30-August 5).

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | E300 College students

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 30s and 40s

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 4os, 5os, and 6os

OPEN DOORS | S105 *70s and above*

UPPER ROOM | S101 6os and 7os

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and newly married;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12



NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

beginning August 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

will meet at 9:15AM

GATHERED WORSHIP will begin at 10:30AM

As we seek to share the gospel with our community, we believe this change will enhance our ability to reach out to our neighbors who do not yet have a church home.

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Charles White

2018 2019 2020

Brandon Bishop Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander
Nathan Collums Gary Gorham Paul Darden
John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Jay Evans
Randall Lancaster Jeff Hayes Bryan Flores
Matt Searson Steve Killgore John Gant

Patrick Strong Steve Pfitzer John David Gray

Darrell Tucker Brent Powell Marty Martin

John Shank Bud Miller

Todd Sitton Tyler O'Connor
William Slappey John Shults
Billy Tapscott Danny Smith

Robert Stephens Clark Worrell

Mark Taylor
John Wood

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 Keith Harrelson
 Nancy Pless

 Jeff Dyess
 Randall Lancaster
 Clyde Prather

 Dave Driskill (Pastoral Liaison)
 Michael Latta
 Joe Strickland

Will Gurner Kate McKnight Barbara Thompson

John Hamilton Mary T Miller

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 2018.

JULY READING PLAN

30	PSALMS □ 59-61	ACTS □ 28:11-31	
31	□ 62-64	ROMANS □ 1	
AUGUST READING PLAN			
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2	□ 68-69 □ 70-72	□ 3 □ 4	
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