

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday
October 28, 2018

“The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life. It cannot be grasped by reason and memory only, but it is fully understood when it possesses the whole soul and penetrates to the inner recesses of the heart.”

—John Calvin

“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

—Timothy Keller

“What I need first of all is not exhortation, but a gospel, not directions for saving myself but knowledge of how God has saved me.”

—J. Gresham Machen

“The world has many religions; it has but one gospel.”

—Anonymous

“The gospel to me is simply irresistible.”

—Blaise Pascal

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

“A Mighty Fortress”

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow’rs, No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also,
The body they may kill, God’s truth abideth still;
His Kingdom is forever.

Words: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; based on Psalm 46.

Music: Martin Luther, 1529.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

Justin Richardson

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

*The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.*

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

*The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

*For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.*

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven;
The One eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858. Music: Johann Cruger, 1647; harmonization by J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Jesus I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness and into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows and into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Words: W.T. Sleeper, 1887. Music: Greg Thompson, 2000.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"O Glorious Word"

Chancel Choir

Not on my merit do I stand,
Not on the things which I have done;
Another's Worth, Another's blood,
On them I rest and them alone;
The love and life God's love has shown,
On them I rest, and them alone.

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die;
Upon Another's sacrifice
I place my hopes for endless life;
O Word of hope and love of Christ,
I trust the glorious Word of life!

O Word of grace, O Word that long sustained our faith;
Word of love and sacrifice;
O Word of hope and love of Christ,
I trust the glorious Word of life!

Not on the tears that I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears, Another's wounds,
Another's blood and death
Gave us life!
I place my hope for endless life
Upon the glorious cross of Christ!

O Word of grace, O Word that long sustained our faith;
Word of love and sacrifice,
I will trust the glorious Word of life!

O Word of grace, O Word that long sustained our faith;
Word of love and sacrifice,
The Word of grace, of life,
O Word of hope And the love of Christ,
O glorious World of life!

Words and Music: Steven Aldredge.

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

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad.
You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 20 for details).

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Tom McKnight

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 3:1-6

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

All flesh is 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.

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

John Fountain

*Almighty God,
Who has graciously revealed to us the mystery of Christ in the gospel,
we acknowledge and confess that we have paid too little attention
to Your glorious gospel
but have filled our lives with lesser concerns
and have wandered from Your ways at times like lost sheep.
Please forgive us for our foolish ways and our rebellious hearts,
and renew within us by Your Spirit
a wholehearted trust in Your promises
and a desire to live out the gospel in every area of our lives
that we may glorify and enjoy You forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

☒ Assurance of Pardon

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

—Romans 1:16-17

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.

☒ 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.*

☒ **Gloria Patri**

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.

Words: Anonymous, 2nd century. Music: GLORIA PATRI (Charles Meineke, 1844).

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

“Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted”

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted,
Through the cross behold the crown;
Look to Jesus, Look to Jesus, Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make your obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory;
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,
Bless the ears that hear His voice;
Blessed are the souls that trust Him,
And in Him alone rejoice:
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrim's weary,
Light to newly opened eyes,
Like full springs in deserts dreary,
Is the rest the cross supplies:
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Words: Joseph Swain (alt. Twit). Music: Kevin Twit 2013.

“What Wondrous Love is This?”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful cruse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And thro’ eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And thro’ eternity, I’ll sing on!

Words: American folk hymn. Music: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Christ, our faithful Christ,
True Fountain ever-flowing;
Without whom nothing is
All perfect gifts bestowing.
Thou true life-giving Vine,
With sweetness from above;
Renew our life with Thine,
Refresh our souls with love.

Words: T.J. Campo. Music: Johann Cruger, 1647; harmonization by J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

☒ BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 28 - November 3, 2018

SUNDAY, October 28

- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 21)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship | 3K through 2nd grade
- 12:00 p.m. College Sunday School (Dining Room; lunch provided)
- 3:30 p.m. Communicants' Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups

MONDAY, October 29

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's Office)

TUESDAY, October 30

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Book of Joshua (E201)

WEDNESDAY, October 31

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. *Wednesdays@Covenant will resume November 7*
Children's Ministry Prayer Time (Children's Ministry Office)

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:

3K & 4K - C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten - C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

1st - 2nd Grade - C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

No Wednesday Night Activities. We will not have our Wednesday night activities this week but will resume our regular schedule on November 7.

Nominating Committee Recommendations. We are accepting recommendations for the 2019 Nominating Committee. This committee is elected to a one-year term by the congregation and is responsible for nominating church officers. Please submit your recommendations by November 4 for male and female lay persons by either emailing Kim Oliver at koliver@covpres.com or by filling out a form found in the foyer and placing it in the basket provided. There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 9 following gathered worship to elect the 2019 Nominating Committee members.

Congregational Meeting. On Sunday, November 11 we will hold a congregational meeting following gathered worship to elect our Senior Pastor Search Committee.

Family Promise at Covenant. Covenant will be hosting the families of Family Promise November 11-18. There are many ways to help during the week, including providing meals, serving and sharing a meal, and staying overnight at Covenant. Please contact Barbara Thompson (babsfthompson@gmail.com) for more information.

Chili Cookoff. The Great Chili Cookoff of 2018 is November 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the youth area parking lot. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 family max. Please bring extra money as that is how you will vote for your favorites in the People's Choice Award! All funds raised will go towards upcoming Covenant youth ministry trips and events. You can enter the cook-off by emailing your team name and the type of chili you intend to make to Sara Litten at slitten@covpres.com.

Feast Not Famine. Ladies, our fall outreach event will be held November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year there will be a market featuring the gifts and talents of Covenant women. The market will be open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please come fellowship and shop before dinner is served. Our guest speaker is Sophie Hudson (Boo Mama), and she will share with us about not only maintaining our sanity through the holiday season but rejoicing in all that God has blessed us with! Learn more about Sophie at boomama.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE DINING ROOM*	<i>College students</i>
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
CORNERSTONE S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
CROSSPOINTE S100	<i>20s and 30s</i>
FOUNDATIONS E304	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E301	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIVING STONES E303	<i>40s and 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>50s and 60s</i>
OPEN DOORS S105	<i>70s and above</i>
UPPER ROOM S101	<i>60s and 70s</i>
THRESHOLD DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

**The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.*

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RULING ELDERS

2018

AC Frese

Eric Getty

John Hamilton

Daniel Murray

Warren Norville

Jason Peevy

Ben Walker

Clay Wheeler

Charles White

2019

Ty Dedmon

Jeff Dyess

Rick Flynn

Heath Henderson

Tom McKnight

John Smith T

Richard Thompson

2020

Bill Bennett

Will Brooke

Michael Latta

Charlie Logan

Paul Loyless

Bob Schaffeld

Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler

Mark Taylor

John Wood

DEACONS

2018

Brandon Bishop

Nathan Collums

John Harrelson

Randall Lancaster

Matt Searson

Patrick Strong

Darrell Tucker

2019

Jim Bennett

Gary Gorham

Keith Harrelson

Jeff Hayes

Steve Killgore

Steve Pfitzer

Brent Powell

John Shank

Todd Sitton

William Slappey

Billy Tapscott

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

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.

OCTOBER READING PLAN

	JEREMIAH
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29	<input type="checkbox"/> 24-26
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31	<input type="checkbox"/> 29-30

NOVEMBER READING PLAN

	JEREMIAH
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LAMENTATIONS	
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2 TIMOTHY

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TITUS

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TITUS

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- Philemon-Hebrews 1

HEBREWS

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- 3:1-4:13
- 4:14-5:10
- 5:11-6:12
- 6:13-7:10

- 7:11-28

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- 11:1-16

- 11:17-40

- 12-13

JAMES

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1 PETER

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- 5

2 PETER

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