# The Lord's Day in Worship

#### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Epiphany January 13, 2018

"To a true child of God, the invisible bond that unites all believers to Christ is far more tender, and lasting, and precious; and, as we come to recognize and realize that we are all dwelling in one sphere of life in Him, we learn to look on every believer as our brother, in a sense that is infinitely higher than all human relationships."

—A.T. Pierson

"Believers are never told to become one; we already are one and are expected to act like it."

—Joni Eareckson Tada

"I have never yet known the Spirit of God to work where the Lord's people were divided."

—Dwight L. Moody

"In necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity."

—Richard Baxter

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

—Psalm 133:1

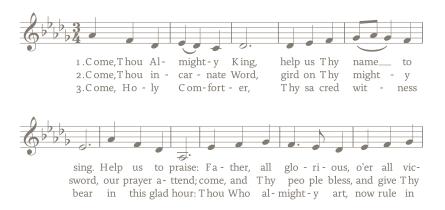
## **® CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dan Edwards

**M** Congregation stand as able.

## **M HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Come Thou Almighty King"





Word suc- cess: Spir - it of hol - i- ness, on us de- scend.

ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de part, Spir - it of pow'r. (to bridge)



Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, additional lyrics by Zac Hicks. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861, alt. Zac Hicks, 2018.

## **READING FROM THE PSALMS**

Ginny Johnston

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

## **M PRAISE TO THE LORD**

To The great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore. Your sovereign majesty, May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

#### **READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 17:1-3, 6-11, 20-26

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

<sup>6</sup>"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.  $^{25}O$  righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.  $^{26}I$  made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

## **M PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

"Jesus, With Thy Church Abide"



Words: Thomas Pollock. Music: Christopher Miner.

#### **GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"Who Is This?" Loren Spiller, Soloist

Who is this, so weak and helpless, Child of lowly Hebrew maid?
Rudely in a stable shelter,
Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
Lord from everlasting
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrow,
Walking sadly life's hard way?
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing,
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding Drops of blood upon the ground! Who is this, despised, rejected, Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound? 'Tis our God, who gifts and graces On His church is pouring down; Who shall smite in holy vengeance All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God who lives forever,
'Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city,
Reigning everlastingly.

Words: William Walsham How, 1823-1897. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997.

# The Sacrament of Baptism

George Lawson Baker
SON OF DORY AND LEE BAKER

James Dansby Evans III
SON OF HOLLY AND JAY EVANS

June Zaylor Fante

DAUGHTER OF JENNIFER AND JOE FANTE

#### PARENTAL VOWS

- Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

#### CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

## **M 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 22.

Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 22 for details).

## THE MORNING PRAYERS

Jeff Dyess

## **READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

## **M HYMN OF THE CHURCH**

"The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endured.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

## **MESSAGE**

'THE WORTHY WALK"
Sandy Willson
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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**

Marty Crawford

Almighty God,

Who has graciously called Your people into intimate fellowship with You and with one another,

we readily confess that we have grieved both You and Your Church in our insensitivity and self-centeredness.

We have often violated Your commandment to love You and one another in thought, word, and deed,

and we are without excuse.

Please forgive us,

and renew within us a desire and power to love You and to love our brothers and sisters in Christ,

for You have loved us with an everlasting and steadfast love,

through Jesus Christ our Savior,

in Whose Name we pray. Amen.

## M Assurance of Pardon

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

## —Ephesians 2:14-18

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.

## **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.

#### **HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST**

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

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874. Music: H. A. Cesar Malan, 1827.

## "Trinity Song"







Words and Music: Sandra McCracken.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **M** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

#### **BENEDICTION**

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 13 - 19, 2019

SUNDAY, January 13

8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 24)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | 3K through 2nd grade

MONDAY, January 14

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

9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Created for a Purpose Registration for Covenant members

**TUESDAY**, January 15

11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Letters of John (E201)

11:30 a.m. Gospel Manhood (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, January 9

5:30-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant

5:30-7:15 | Nursery Care (Nursery Floor)

kidConnection\* (3rd floor; dinner included)

5:30-6:15 | Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Menu: baked chicken, green beans,

roasted potatoes, salad

6:00-7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15-7:15 | Youth Activities (Youth Rooms)

Adult Bible Study | Worship: What is

Christian Worship (E201)

<sup>\*</sup>register for kidConnection at covpres.com

#### 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)

**Created for a Purpose 2019.** Created for a Purpose registration for Covenant members' is open tomorrow, January 14, from 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Register your rising 3rd grade through rising 8th grade daughters at createdforapurpose.org using the password "Covenant."

**Wednesdays**@**Covenant.** Our Wednesday night activities have begun! Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at 6:00, and youth activities and adult Bible studies at 6:15. Children's dinner and activities are from 5:30-7:15 on the third floor. Our adult study time will be broken down into three, three-to-four week sections: Worship, Scripture, and Prayer. We will answer questions such as:

- What is Christian Worship? What do the elements/order of our worship mean?
- What is the Bible? How did we get it? How do we read it?
- What is prayer? How do we put prayer into practice?

**Gospel Manhood.** Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is this Tuesday, January 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Harry Reeder, Senior Pastor, Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

**New Members' Class.** Covenant's next New Members' class is January 25-27. Please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com for the schedule and to register. Childcare is available for each session.

**2019 Missions Festival.** Covenant's annual Missions Festival is February 9-13! Mark your calendar, and check out our sign up at covpres.com/missions-festival to find out about how you can help.

**Sacred Studio.** Ladies, you can still sign up for Sacred Studio at sacredstudio.org. February 22-23 will be filled with worship, music, and creativity...you don't want to miss it.

## WEDNESDAYS@COVENANT

January 9 - March 20, 2019

Join your Covenant family each week for a time of food, fellowship, and study. Like any family, we need to spend time together, check in with each other, and break bread together. As we study God's word and pray with each other, this midweek time plays an important role in our growth as a church family. We have something for everyone!

## SCHEDULE

5:30-6:15 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

serving lines remain open until 6:00 \$6/adult, \$4/child with a \$25 family max

5:30-7:15 p.m. Nursery Activities

(infants through 2 year olds; Nursery Level)

kidConnection\*\*

(3 year olds through 6th grade; 3rd Floor)

6:15-7:15 p.m. Youth Activities (7th-12th grades; Youth Rooms)

Chancel Choir\*\*\*

Adult Bible Study (E201) Worship, Scripture, & Prayer

Week 1: What is Christian Worship?

\*Missions Festival activities February 13
\*\*dinner included, please register at covpres.com

\*\*\*rehearsal begins at 6:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

#### 9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

College students

**COLLEGE** | DINING ROOM\*

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 50s and 60s

**THRESHOLD** | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

OPEN DOORS | S105

UPPER ROOM | S101

20s and 30s

70s and above

60s and 70s

**YOUTH** | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

<sup>\*</sup>The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.

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## **RULING ELDERS**

2018 2019 2020 AC Frese Ty Dedmon Bill Bennett Eric Getty Jeff Dyess Will Brooke John Hamilton Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Warren Norville Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Jason Peevy John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Ben Walker Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard Clay Wheeler Steve Stigler Charles White Mark Taylor

#### **DEACONS**

2018 2019 Brandon Bishop Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander Nathan Collums Gary Gorham Paul Darden John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Jay Evans Randall Lancaster Bryan Flores Jeff Hayes Matt Searson John Gant Steve Killgore

Patrick Strong John David Gray Steve Pfitzer Darrell Tucker Marty Martin Brent Powell John Shank Bud Miller Tyler O'Connor Todd Sitton John Shults William Slappey Danny Smith Billy Tapscott

> Robert Stephens Clark Worrell

John Wood

2020

## **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.

#### JANUARY READING PLAN

JANUART READING PLAN			
	GENESIS	MATTHEW	
1	□ 1-2	□1	
2	□ 3-5	□ 2	
3	□ 6-7	□ 3-4	
4	□ 8-11	□ 5	
5/6	□ 12-14	□ 6	
7	□ 15-19	□ 7	
8	□ 20-22	□8	
9	□ 23-24	□ 9	
10	□ 25-26	□ 10:1-25	
11	□ 27-28	□ 10:26-42	
12/13	□ 29-30	□ 11	
14	□ 31–35	□ 12	
15	□ 36-37	□ 13:1-23	
16	□ 38-40	□ 13:24-58	
17	□ 41	□ 14:1-21	
18	□ 42-43	□ 14:22-36	
19/20	□ 44-45	□ 15:1-20	
21	□ 46-Exodus 1	□ 15:21-16:4	
	EXODUS		
22	□ 2-4	□ 16:5-28	
23	□ 5-6	□ 17	
24	□ 7–10	□ 18:1-20	
25	□ 11–12	□ 18:21-35	
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28	□ 16-19	□ 19:16-30	
29	□ 20-22	□ 20:1-16	
30	□ 23-25	□ 20:17-34	
31	□ 26-28	□ 21	