

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



How many are the pains of those who hunger for revenge! They have killed themselves even before they kill their enemies.

—Catherine of Siena

Revenge leads to an empty fullness, like eating dirt.

—Mignon McLaughlin

No story has power, nor will it last, unless we feel in ourselves that it is true and true of us.

—John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

8:15 *Dan Edwards*

10:30 *Marty Crawford*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”
to the tune of “O Worship the King”

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still He is nigh—His presence we have.
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and pow’r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: LYONS.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

8:15 *Ingram Link*

10:30 *Justin Richardson*

Matthew 18:15-22

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Compassionate and Merciful Father,
We confess that we are slow to forgive,
And that we sinfully harbor hatred, bitterness,
and disdain for others in our hearts.
We assume the worst about our fellow Christ-followers,
And we pridefully exalt ourselves
Wrongly thinking we are great while others, even you, Lord, are small.
Please forgive us, and enable us by your gracious hand
To extend grace to others as it has been given to us.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

For the sake of King Jesus we pray, Amen.

HYMN OF MERCY

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"



1. "For - give our sins — as we for - give," —
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless —
3. In blaz - ing light — Your cross re - veals —
4. Lord, cleanse the depths — with - in our souls, —



You taught us, Lord, ————— to pray; —
the un - for - giv - - - ing heart —
the truth we dim - - - ly know; —
and bid — re - sent - - - ment cease; —



but You a - lone can give — us grace to —
that broods on wrongs and will — not let old —
how small the debts men owe — to us; how —
then, re - con - ciled to God — and man our —



live the words we say, —
bit - ter - ness de - part, —
great our debt to You, —
lives will spread Your peace, —



to live the words we say. —
old bit - ter - ness de - part? —
how great our debt to You. —
our lives will spread Your peace. —

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969. Music: Rick Barnes, 2007.

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

—Colossians 2:13-14

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.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 10:5-13

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ HYMN OF HOPE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,
Ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We’ll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

We’ll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. John Rippon, 1787. Music: Oliver Holden, 1793.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Teach Us Your Ways”

Ensemble

Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways;
As we learn from one another,
Learn to love each other,
Teach us Your ways.

Teach us to give, teach us to give;
Give ourselves for one another,
Learn to love each other,
Teach us to give.

Teach us to weep, teach us to weep;
Let us weep with one another,
Learn to love each other,
Teach us to weep.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Let us learn from one another,
Learn to love each other,
Teach us Your ways.

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach
CCLI: 7133715.

☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 17 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 *Norman Pless*

10:30 *David O'Dell*

This morning, we pray especially for those in our congregation who have lost loved ones during the past year (see page 15).

*For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.*

—Ephesians 2:18-19

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 4:17-5:32

Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. ¹⁹And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²²Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

²³Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
 you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:
 I have killed a man for wounding me,
 a young man for striking me.

²⁴If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,
 then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.”

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.” ²⁶To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.

^{5:1}This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ²Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. ³When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

⁶When Seth had lived 105 years, she fathered Enosh. ⁷Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years... ⁸and he died.

⁹When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. ¹⁰Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years... ¹¹and he died.

¹²When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. ¹³Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years... ¹⁴and he died.

¹⁵When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. ¹⁶Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years... ¹⁷and he died.

¹⁸When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. ¹⁹Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years... ²⁰and he died.

²¹When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. ²²Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

²⁵When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. ²⁶Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech... ²⁷and he died.

²⁸When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands." ³⁰Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

³²After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

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.

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**

"Come, Thou Fount"

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.

*"The stone of help" (1 Samuel 7:12-14)

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

 **BENEDICTION**

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE

Today, we remember those who have gone to be with our Heavenly Father within the past year (November 2019 through October 2020).

Llewelin Cox Comer
grandmother of Kimberly Araoz

Randall Barnes
father of Mallory Rush

Richard Reuben Laws, Sr.
father of Rich Laws

Julia Arbuthnot Strickland
mother of Joe Strickland

Margaret Lee Bradford Liles
mother of Molly Carter; grandmother of Liles Carter and Maggie O'Connor

William Midyette
father of Mark Midyette; grandfather of Sara Litten

Michael Thomas Murphy
father of Lauren Ward

Shirley Bush
mother of Karen Tynes

James Arthur Cuidon
grandfather of Tyler Cuidon

Linda Ann Sitton
mother of Todd Sitton

James Robert Wright
father of Carol Schaffeld

Carol King
mother of Kelli Threadcraft

Carl Fox III
father of Elizabeth Fox

Sue Mitchell Parham
mother of Mickey Parham

Cecilia LaSusa Brocato
grandmother of Emily Rein

Lois Callen
mother of Leslie Edwards

Roger Dale Meadows
father of Dale Meadows

Larry Dan Neese
father of Emily Lambert

Thomas Powers Bolton
brother of Sissy Flynn

Martha Chisenhall Adair
grandmother of Mivvi Rust

Harold Parish Ward
grandfather of Kate Graham

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 1 - 7, 2020**SUNDAY, November 1**

- 8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday School (Group A; Sanctuary)
Community, Crosspointe, Lighthouse, Living Stones, Open Doors, Upper Room
- Children's Sunday School (Group A)
- Youth Small Groups

MONDAY, November 2

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

TUESDAY, November 3

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Ephesians (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, November 4

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

THURSDAY, November 5

- 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 (Dan Edwards, November 2-8).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Worship, November 15. We will have a special church-wide evening worship service on November 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Alton Hardy (Senior Pastor) and Michael Bowen (Director of Operations) of Urban Hope Community Church will be with us that evening to share UHCC's vision and tangible ways that we can partner with them in ministry. We also will be collecting a love offering for UHCC. This service will conclude our Sunday School sessions for the year. Everyone is invited to this special evening of worship!

Feast Not Famine. Ladies, Feast Not Famine is November 17 with Sandra McCracken in concert at 6:30! We will also have a holiday market plus yummy treats, all while remaining safe and socially distanced. Reservations are required for this event and are limited to Covenant members and regular attenders age 18 and over. Make your reservation at covpres.com/feast-not-famine. The nursery will be available from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for children age 5 and under; to make a reservation, please email nursery@covpres.com.

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. By participating in Christmas in Fairfield you will bless these families with the gift of giving! There are two ways to get involved this year: sponsor a child by purchasing clothing and donate funds to fill the shop. Please visit covpres.com/fairfield-christmas to sign up to sponsor a child and to give online!

Congregational Meeting, December 6. On Sunday, December 6, we will hold a congregational meeting 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 around the world are called to pray for our sisters and brothers who are persecuted for their faith. The term "persecuted Christians" refers to any person who is harassed or attacked simply because they identify as being a Christian. Research suggests that more than 245 million Christians are persecuted. That 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 and persecution.com.

Covenant Name Tags. Please wear your name tag while on campus and return them to the boxes provided at the exits. If you would like to request a name tag, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.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

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