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# The Lord's Day in Worship

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Those magic men the Magi, some people call them wise  
or Oriental, even kings.  
Well anyway, those guys, they visited with Jesus,  
they sure enjoyed their stay.  
Then warned in a dream of King Herod's scheme,  
they went home by another way.

Steer clear of royal welcomes, avoid a big to-do.  
A king who would slaughter the innocents will not cut a deal for you.  
He really, really wants those presents, he'll comb your camel's fur  
until his boys announce they've found trace amounts of your  
frankincense, gold and myrth.  
Time to go home by another way, home by another way.

But Herod's always out there, he's got our cards on file.  
It's a lead pipe cinch, if we give an inch, old Herod likes to take a mile.  
It's best to go home by another way, home by another way.

"Home by Another Way," James Taylor, 1988

## ☒ OPENING HYMN

### "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, Bread of heaven,  
 Feed me till I want no more;  
 Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
 Lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
 Be thou still my strength and shield;  
 Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 Bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Bear me thro' the swelling current,  
 Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
 Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
 I will ever give to thee;  
 I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams, 1745. Music: John Hughes, 1907.

## DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES

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. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

### SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Morning	Psalm 146, 147	Isaiah 40:1-11	John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34
Evening	Psalm 111, 112, 113	Hebrews 1:1-12	

### MONDAY

Morning	Psalm 1, 2, 3	Isaiah 40:12-23	Mark 1:1-13
Evening	Psalm 4, 7	Ephesians 1:1-14	

### TUESDAY

Morning	Psalm 5, 6	Isaiah 40:25-31	Mark 1:14-28
Evening	Psalm 10, 11	Ephesians 1:15-23	

### WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalm 119:1-24	Isaiah 41:1-6	Mark 1:29-45
Evening	Psalm 12, 13, 14	Ephesians 2:1-10	

### THURSDAY

Morning	Psalm 18:1-20	Isaiah 41:17-29	Mark 2:1-12
Evening	Psalm 18:21-50	Ephesians 2:11-22	

### FRIDAY

Morning	Psalm 16, 17	Isaiah 42:1-17	Mark 2:13-22
Evening	Psalm 22	Ephesians 3:1-13	

### SATURDAY

Morning	Psalm 20, 21:1-14	Isaiah 43:1-13	Mark 2:23-3:6
Evening:	Psalm 110, 116, 117	Ephesians 3:14-21	

### SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Morning	Psalm 148, 149, 150	Isaiah 43:14-44:5	John 4:27-42
Evening	Psalm 114, 115	Hebrews 6:17-7:10	

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**People:** *Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.*

**Pastor:** There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard.  
Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

**ALL:** *The glory of God echoes throughout the world.  
Let us praise the name of the Lord.*

—based on Psalm 19:1-4 NIV

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, who by the leading of a star did manifest Your only begotten Son to the people of the earth: Lead us, who know You know by faith, to Your presence, where we may behold Your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer*

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## ☒ SECOND HYMN

### "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.

*(Refrain)*

Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a Deity nigh.

Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God on high.

*(Refrain)*

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom.  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*(Refrain)*

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.

*(Refrain)*

Words and Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

*Maps and directional signs are located around the church.*

<b>COMMUNITY</b>   E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
<b>CORNERSTONE</b>   S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>CROSSPOINTE</b>   E301A	<i>Recently married; 20s and 30s</i>
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>   E304	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>KINGDOM BUILDERS</b>   S100	<i>40s, 50s, and 60s</i>
<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b>   E301B	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>LIVING STONES</b>   S103	<i>40s and 50s</i>
<b>OPEN DOORS</b>   S105	<i>70s and above</i>
<b>UPPER ROOM</b>   S101	<i>50s, 60s, and 70s</i>
<b>YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP</b>   E303	<i>Singles and newly married without children; college students</i>
<b>YOUTH</b>   YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>



## “Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
 Let earth receive her King;  
 Let every heart prepare Him room,  
 And heaven and nature sing,  
 And heaven and nature sing,  
 And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
 Let men their songs employ;  
 While fields and floods,  
 Rocks, hills, and plains  
 Repeat the sounding joy,  
 Repeat the sounding joy,  
 Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
 Nor thorns infest the ground;  
 He comes to make His blessings flow  
 Far as the curse is found,  
 Far as the curse is found,  
 Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
 And makes the nations prove  
 The glories of His righteousness,  
 And wonders of His love,  
 And wonders of His love,  
 And wonders, and wonders, of His love.

And wonders of His love,  
 And wonders of His love,  
 And wonders, and wonders, of His love.

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: George Frederick Handel, arr. B Lowell Mason.

## BENEDICTION

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: And this is the judgement: the light has come into the world,  
 and people loved the darkness rather than the light because  
 their works were evil.

—John 3:19

**ALL:** *God of light and darkness,  
 we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us,  
 but we have turned away and followed other paths.  
 We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,  
 with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.  
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 Forgive us, Holy One.  
 Strengthen our faltering steps  
 and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.*

—based on Isaiah 60:1-6

## ❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

—2 Corinthians 4:6

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

**ALL:** *Amen.*

## HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James, 4th century; adapt. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885).  
Music: French melody, 17th century, PICARDY.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**ALL:** *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 eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body and our souls washed through His most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.*

## CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

**Celebrant:** 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, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

*\*If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly. Congregation will sing the printed hymns during Communion.*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE AND GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“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.

# *The Sacrament of Baptism*

*Callen James Edwards*

SON OF JACEY AND STUART EDWARDS

*William Jackson Slappey V*

SON OF SARAH BETH AND WILL SLAPPEY



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

## GOD WELCOMES US TO HIS TABLE

### INVITATION

#### The Nicene Creed

All: *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Mark 14:22-25*

## MORNING MESSAGE

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## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the LORD be with you.

**People:** *And also with you!*

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation such as those above.

## PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

*The “passing of the peace” precedes the Lord’s Supper as a liturgical reminder of our unity as members of Christ’s body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us to not let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us.*

*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.*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards located in the pew racks.

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 14.

*Children are dismissed at this time.*

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

## MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

And so Lord, we pray as Christ taught:

**ALL:** *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.*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE *through* December 31, 2016 (preliminary)

GENERAL FUND GIVING (147 commitments totaling \$1,905,770)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$3,348,930	\$3,613,192	\$3,345,062

2016 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): \$268,130

2016 Operating Reserve: \$0

2016 Line of Credit: \$0

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (100 commitments totaling \$202,730)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
\$214,239	\$250,231	\$214,239

*If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Marty Crawford in the church office or members of the Joint Finance Committee:*

Ty Dedmon	Merrill Johnston
Jeff Dyess	Lee Sheppard
Gary Gorham	Mark Miller
Fred Henry	John Wood

| *The Campaign for Covenant* |

## FAITHFUL over a LITTLE

**Pledges (252 commitments):** **\$3,506,682**

Receipts:	\$2,355,066
Funds from sale of building:	<u>\$1,987,385</u>
Total funds provided:	\$4,342,451
Funds used for debt:	<u>(\$1,983,644)</u>
Funds available:	\$2,358,807
Costs to date:	<u>(\$1,548,124)</u>
Net funds available:	\$810,683

## 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 - C224** (available for the entire worship hour)
- 4K - C221** (available for the entire worship hour)
- Kindergarten - C227** (dismissed during the worship hour)
- 1st through 3rd Grades - C316** (dismissed during the worship hour)

**kidConnection 2017.** Our Wednesday night children's activities will resume January 18 from 5:30-7:15! kidConnection has provided our 3k-6th graders with a chance to fellowship, worship, learn, play, and connect with each other in a unique and powerful way. Check out [covpres.com/weekly-activities](http://covpres.com/weekly-activities) for more information and to register.

**Missions Festival 2017.** Covenant's annual Missions Festival is February 11-15. Visit [covpres.com/missionsfestival](http://covpres.com/missionsfestival) to read about who is attending the festival and to sign up and be involved in sharing gospel hospitality with our missionary partners.

**Barnabas Training Basic.** Save the date for Barnabas Training Basic on March 4, 2017! Covenant is excited to host this one-day seminar led by counselors from the Barnabas Center counseling ministry in Charlotte, NC. Barnabas Training Basic equips you to better encourage friends facing difficult times in life and faith. This seminar helps you understand others by gaining a biblical understanding of your own heart. It includes lectures, an interactive small group experience, and reflective time to apply principles to one real-life friendship. The seminar will help you better understand yourself as well as invite others into a deeper relationship in Christ. Details and registration coming soon!

**Covenant Chronicles.** If you are not receiving our weekly email, Covenant Chronicles, and would like to stay up-to-date on all Covenant news, please send your email address to [chronicles@covpres.com](mailto:chronicles@covpres.com).

**Tuesday Pick-Up Meals.** Each week our Covenant Kitchen staff cooks up yummy food for Tuesday pick up. The main meals are \$25 each and feed 4-6 people (you may choose a half-order for \$13). View the full menu and place your order at [covpres.com/covenantkitchen](http://covpres.com/covenantkitchen).

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 8 - 14, 2017

### SUNDAY, January 8

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship (Parlor)
- 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
- Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages
- 5:00-6:30 p.m. Senior & Junior High Small Groups

### MONDAY, January 9

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (E305)  
*(focused on our church family)*

### WEDNESDAY, January 11

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (E305)  
*(focused on our area schools and students)*
- 6:00-7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30-8:45 p.m. Musicians' Rehearsal

*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dan Edwards, January 9-15).*