

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2017

For the past century, many in the Western Church have set aside the last Sunday before the Season of Advent as “Christ the King” Sunday. Today we gladly honor Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. As the Westminster Catechism teaches us, “Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Most remarkably, this King of All Kings is the one Who was humbly born of a peasant woman, lived in poverty, and died as a crucified criminal. What amazing condescension! What outrageous love!

We gather to worship our King, Who was gloriously raised from the dead and exalted to God's right hand and will soon return in all of His glory.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

Revelation 19:11-16

Pastor: Then I saw heaven opened,
and behold, a white horse!

People: *The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True,
and in righteousness he judges and makes war.*

Pastor: His eyes are like a flame of fire,
and on his head are many diadems,
and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

People: *He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood,
and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.*

Pastor: And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen,
white and pure, were following him on white horses.
From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to
strike down the nations, and he will rule them
with a rod of iron.

People: *He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath
of God the Almighty.*

Pastor: On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written,

ALL: *King of kings and Lord of lords.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Worship the King”

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Words: based on Psalm 104; Robert Grant, 1833. Music: Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806; arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty and everlasting God, Whose will it is to restore all things to Your beloved Son, Whom You anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

—from the Lutheran Book of Worship

FIRST READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ginger Nix

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF CHRIST

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, Binding all the church in one,
Holy Zion's help for ever, And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring In glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today:
With accustomed lovingkindness, Hear Your servants as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls always.

Lord, here grant to all Your servants what they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You, forever With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three, and ever One,
One in might, and one in glory, While unending ages run.

Words: 7th century, Latin; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972.
Music: (WESTMINSTER ABBEY), Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Humble King”

Oh kneel me down again,
Here at Your feet
Show me how much You love humility
Oh Spirit be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in You

You are the God of the broken
The friend of the weak
You wash the feet of the weary
Embrace the ones in need
I want to be like You, Jesus
To have this heart in me
You are the God of the humble
You are the humble King

Words and Music: Brenton Brown.

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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taylor Brown

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 20.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

John Smith T

SECOND READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor: All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

People: *The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God stands forever.*

Isaiah 40:6b, 8

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.

Prayer of Confession

ALL: *Gracious Lord Jesus Christ, Who, though a King,
humbled Yourself that we might be exalted,
and Who calls us to follow You in lowly humility,
we confess that we have too often exalted ourselves before others
and have proudly advanced ourselves at others' expense.
Please forgive our foolish thoughts,
our arrogant words,
and our hard hearts;
and so humble and strengthen us by Your gracious Spirit
that we may honor and glorify Your matchless Name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

—Matthew 11:28-30

Brothers and sisters, for All who trust our humble Savior, your sins are forgiven. Glory be to His most excellent Name.

Apostle's Creed

ALL: *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.*

☒ **Doxology**

1

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;

2

praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low: al - le -

3

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host,

5

praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le -

6

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

7

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 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

Pastor: 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:

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.*

**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.*

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
‘Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925. Music: traditional Gaelic melody;
arr. by Audrey Assad.

“Great High Priest”

Jesus, my great High Priest,
Offered His blood and died, Offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks
No sacrifice beside, No sacrifice beside.
(Repeat)

*His pow'rful blood did once atone, And now it pleads before the throne.
His pow'rful blood did once atone, And now it pleads before the throne.*

To this dear Surety's hand
Will I commit my cause, Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills
His Father's broken laws, His Father's broken laws.

*Behold my soul at freedom set; My Surety paid the dreadful debt.
Behold my soul at freedom set; My Surety paid the dreadful debt.*

My Advocate appears
For my defense on high, For my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears
And lays His thunder by, And lays His thunder by.
(Repeat)

*Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love, away.
Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love, away.
(Repeat)*

Words: Isaac Watts, 1709. Music: Rick Barnes, 2010.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SONG OF ENTHRONEMENT

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthems drown
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for Thee,
And hail Him as Thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring
(1823-1903). Music: George J. Elvey (1816-1893).

BENEDICTION

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 - C221 (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

1st through 3rd Grades - C316 (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

Congregational Meeting | All-Adult Sunday School. On December 3 we will have a Congregational Meeting and All-Adult Sunday School to approve the slate of new church officers and to hear from our Session on the progress that has been made with our Strategic Vision Committee.

Choral Advent Vespers. Join us December 3 at 6:00 p.m. for a special evening worship service featuring "The Straight Highway," a presentation from our Chancel and Children's Choirs. It will be an evening of worship and the Word with a dessert fellowship immediately following the service.

Christmas in Fairfield. If you have sponsored a child, please turn in your clothing bags to one of our information tables or to the church office by December 3. There are still a few openings for you and your family to be involved with this ministry on December 8. We are still accepting monetary donations as well. Please visit our information tables outside the Sanctuary and the first floor or covpres.com/fairfieldchristmas for more information.

Lovelady Dinner & Concert. Join us December 12 at 6:00 p.m. as we host the women of the Lovelady Center. This annual event is a great time of food, fun, and music with the women of the Lovelady Center! Our musical guests this year will be Act of Congress. Please visit covpres.com/lovelady to find out how you can be involved in this special night.

Women's Winter Retreat. Ladies, join us in January 26-28 at the Auburn Marriott at Grand National. Abby Hutto will be our guest speaker, and she will be sharing on "The Heart of the Father." Abby is the Director of Women's Ministry at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church in Gahanna, OH, and she also works for Parakaleo, a ministry that comes alongside women in ministry, as a Network Leader, Gospel Coach, and Alongside Trainer. Early-bird registration is good through December 10 for a \$25 per person discount! Register today at covpres.com/womens-ministry.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 26-December 2, 2017

SUNDAY, November 26

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade
- 5:00 p.m. Sr. and Jr. High Small Groups

MONDAY, November 27

- 8:15 a.m. Women in Prayer (Ingram Link's office, 3rd floor)
- 6:00-7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)

TUESDAY, November 28

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Women's Study: Young Mothers Study (E303)
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Women's Study: The Book of Romans (Dining Room)

WEDNESDAY, November 29

- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (David Driskill, November 27-December 3).

FINANCIAL UPDATE *through* October 31, 2017

GENERAL FUND GIVING (181 commitments totaling \$2,306,030)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$2,782,672	\$2,642,596	\$2,715,356

2017 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): (\$72,760)

2017 Operating Reserve: \$261,971

2017 Line of Credit: \$0

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (83 commitments totaling \$187,711)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
\$172,381	\$225,506	\$172,381

FAITH PROMISE RESERVE: \$107,305

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

Ty Dedmon	Lee Sheppard
Gary Gorham	Todd Sitton
Merrill Johnston	Darrell Tucker
Mark Miller	John Wood

| *The Campaign for Covenant* |

FAITHFUL over a LITTLE

Pledges (252 commitments):	<u>\$3,506,682</u>
Receipts:	\$2,843,764
Funds from sale of building:	<u>\$1,987,385</u>
Total funds provided:	\$4,831,149
Funds used for debt:	<u>(\$1,983,644)</u>
Funds available:	\$2,847,505
Costs to date:	<u>(\$2,665,490)</u>
Net funds available:	\$182,015

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

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>40s, 50s, and 60s</i>
OPEN DOORS S105	<i>70s and above</i>
UPPER ROOM S101	<i>50s, 60s, and 70s</i>
THRESHOLD DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and newly married; 20s and 30s</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>



"Gloria
in excelsis
Deo!"

CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT COVENANT

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN ADVENT

December 3, 10, 17, & 24*

Gathered Worship ▪ 9:00 a.m.

CHORAL ADVENT VESPERS

December 3 ▪ 6:00 p.m.

*A special evening worship service featuring "The Straight Highway,"
a presentation from our Chancel and Children's Choirs.*

CHRISTMAS EVE AT COVENANT

Family Candlelight Service ▪ 4:30 p.m.

Candlelight and Communion Service ▪ 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMASTIDE SUNDAY

December 31*

Gathered Worship ▪ 9:00 a.m.

**No Sunday School*

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RULING ELDERS

2017

Paul Loyless
Russell Martin
Mark Miller
Norman Pless
Charlie Regan
Lee Sheppard
Mark Taylor

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

DEACONS

2017

Lee Baker
Aaron Coffey
Paul Darden
John Gant
Jonathan Gidley
Grant Haines
John James
Stephen Mince
Carey Rome
Steve Stigler

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

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 • CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Morning	Psalm 118	Isaiah 19:19-25	Luke 19:11-27
Evening	Psalm 145	Romans 15:5-13	

MONDAY

Morning	Psalm 106:1-18	Joel 3:1-2, 9-17	Matthew 19:1-12
Evening	Psalm 106:19-48	1 Peter 1:1-12	

TUESDAY

Morning	Psalm 121, 122, 123	Nahum 1:1-13	Matthew 19:13-22
Evening	Psalm 124, 125, 126	1 Peter 1:13-25	

WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalm 119:145-176	Obadiah 15-21	Matthew 19:23-30
Evening	Psalm 128, 129, 130	1 Peter 2:1-10	

THURSDAY

Morning	Psalm 131, 132, 133	Zephaniah 3:1-13	Matthew 20:1-16
Evening	Psalm 134, 135	1 Peter 2:11-25	

FRIDAY

Morning	Psalm 140, 142	Isaiah 24:14-23	Matthew 20:17-28
Evening	Psalm 141, 143	1 Peter 3:13-4:6	

SATURDAY

Morning	Psalm 137, 144	Micah 7:11-20	Matthew 20:29-34
Evening	Psalm 104	1 Peter 4:7-19	

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Morning	Psalm 146, 147	Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8	Luke 21:5-19
Evening	Psalm 111, 112, 113	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	