The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All Saints' Sunday November 4, 2018

"The operation of the Church is entirely set up for the sinner; which creates much misunderstanding among the smug."

—Flannery O'Connor

"The Church is the one institution that exists for those outside it."

—William Tyndale

"The True Church can never fail. For it is based upon a rock."

-T.S. Eliot

"One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organization do not constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team. The first requisite is life, always."

—A.W. Tozer

"...it is as impossible, unnecessary, and undesirable to be a Christian all by yourself as it is to be a newborn baby all by yourself."

—N.T. Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Driskill

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

I sing the Almighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at His command And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed Where'er I turn my eye, If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below But makes your glories known; And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from your thone; While all that borrows life from You Is ever in your care, And everywhere than man can be You, God, are present there.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: Traditional English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

Kristen Sartelle

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

 $the\ LORD\ opens\ the\ eyes\ of\ the\ blind.$

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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And built the lofty skies.
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PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

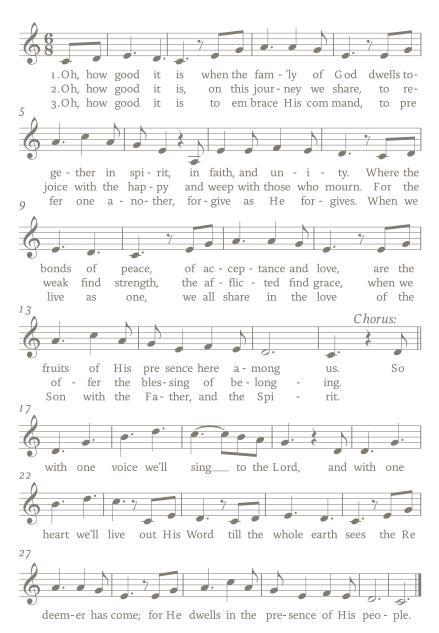
Deuteronomy 15:7-11

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, The seventh year, the year of release is near, and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. "For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

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

SONG OF LOVE

"Oh, How Good It Is"



Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"All Things Together" Rick Barnes, Soloist

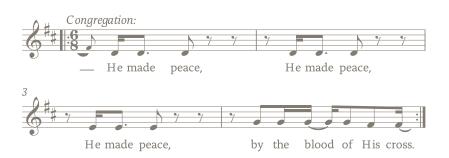
He's the image of the invisible God, The Firstborn of creation. By Him, all things were created in heaven and earth, Seen and unseen; Rulers, dominions, and powers, and kings.

Chorus:

He holds all things, all things, All things together. He holds all things, all things, All things together.

He is the head of the body, the church, The Firstborn from the dead; So in everything, He is the Head, And the fullness of God was pleased to dwell In Him to reconcile to Himself.

Through Him and for Him, all things were made, Through Him and for Him, all things were made; He is before all things, in Him, all things hold, Through Him and for Him, all things were made, Through Him and for Him, all things were made; He is before all things, in Him, all things hold.



Words and Music: Andrew Peterson.

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

Charles White

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

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

19 So 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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE

J.T. Fail father of Phyllis Farrar

Penny Florence Bowling grandmother of Donna Nathan

Conrad Bumgarner father of Stephanie Pfitzer

Eleanor Hudgens Ezell mother of Mark Taylor

John Hudgens grandfather of Mark Taylor

Sandra Bell Steele mother of Caty Bragg

John William Gant father of John Gant

Wayne Miller husband of Molly Miller

Vera Dozier Swift Smith T mother of John Smith T

James Henry Thomas grandfather of Lucas Fitts

Hilda Childs Faulkner mother of Jessica Dyess

Mary Emery Davis Willson mother of Sandy Willson

Florence Hails Spalding mother of Laura Gorham

Elizabeth Regan mother of Laura Gorham

Charles George Brown III father of Holly Evans

Terrell Wynn father of Molly Miller and Jennifer Regan

David Crawford father of Marty Crawford

George Smith father of Phyllis Hamm

Oliver Richardson son of Liz and Justin Richardson

Fred N. Hendon, Jr husband of Gery Hendon

Spence Mike Dye father of Jim Dye

Buddy Hanson father of Drew Hanson

Peggy Frese wife of AC Frese

Marvin Perry

M READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 3:7-13

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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.

MESSAGE

"the mysterious plan"	
Sandy Willson	

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*.

Today, we welcome our newest communing members to the table.

Allie Acken Camille Lassiter
Gideon Ammons Evie Loyless
Brooks Bennett Anna Martin

Hamilton Bennett Catherine Meadows Miller Brooks Elizabeth Meadows Charlie Casey Claire Spooner Isabella Chavar **Emily Spooner** Sarah Chavar Anne Bailey Stone Amelia Cox Wynn Strubel Reed Edwards Claire Taylor Max Hamer Caroline Thames

Grace Henry Ragan Walker
Cam Hicks Anne Rainey Waltchack

John Rushton Johnston

Prayer of Confession

Josh Johnson

Holy Father, Who has ordered all things from eternity that we might display Your manifold wisdom to all creation and that we might live with You forever, we confess that we have fallen far short of Your will for us and have transgressed Your holy law. Please forgive us, and grant to us the desire and power to do Your will that Your matchless Name May be forever glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M Assurance of Pardon

They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.

-Malachi 3:17

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.

M 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.

◯ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Old 100th; Genevan Psalter, 1551 Edition; attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561.

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.

"My Worth is Not in What I Own"



Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick. ©2014 Getty Music Publishing (BMI) / Makeway Music (Admin. by musicservices.org).

"Nothing But the Blood"

What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

Oh precious is the flow That makes me white as snow! No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Chorus, twice*)

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1876.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Glazer, 1828; arr. Jeff Koonce, 2012.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 4 - 10, 2018

SUNDAY, November 4

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)

5:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups

MONDAY, November 5

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

TUESDAY, November 6

10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)

11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Book of Joshua (E201)

WEDNESDAY, November 7

12:00-1:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Prayer Time (Children's Ministry Office)

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: Chicken Alfredo

6:00-7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103) 6:15-7:15 | Youth Activities (Youth Rooms)

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Study Option 1: Believing & Living the Gospel

"Ethical Living," with Sandy Willson and

David Driskill (E201)

Study Option 2: Sharing the Gospel

"Evangelism & Apologetics,"

with Josh Johnson (Dining Room)

^{*}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)

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 today 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.

Christmas in Fairfield, December 7. Christmas in Fairfield is a unique ministry that provides clothing for children in need and participating parents the opportunity to shop for toys and gifts for their children at highly reduced prices. By participating in Christmas in Fairfield you are blessing these families with the gift of giving! There are several ways that you and your family can be involved: 1) sponsor a child, 2) donate funds to the toy shop, and 3) volunteer at the Christmas shop on December 7. Please stop by our information tables for more information (Sanctuary Foyer, Commons Area).

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

Family Promise at Covenant. Covenant is hosting Family Promise November 11-18. There are many ways to help during the week. 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 open from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6:30. Our guest speaker is Sophie Hudson (Boo Mama). 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* College students

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 3os and 4os

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

OPEN DOORS | S105 *70s and above*

UPPER ROOM | S101 *60s and 70s*

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

^{*}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

201820192020Brandon BishopJim BennettTripp

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Patrick Strong Steve Pfitzer John David Gray

Darrell Tucker Brent Powell Marty Martin

John Shank Bud Miller

Todd Sitton Tyler O'Connor

William Slappey John Shults

Billy Tapscott Danny Smith

Robert Stephens Clark Worrell

John Wood

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.

NOVEMBER READING PLAN

	JEREMIAH	TITUS
1	□ 31-32	□ 2
2	□ 33-35	□ 3
3/4	□ 36-41	□ Philemon-Hebrews 1
		HEBREWS
5	□ 42-43	□2
6	□ 44-45	□ 3:1-4:13
7	□ 46-48	□ 4:14-5:10
8	□ 49-50	□ 5:11-6:12
9	□ 51-52	□ 6:13-7:10
	LAMENTATIONS	
10/11	□ 1-Ezekiel 1	□ 7:11-28
	EZEKIEL	
12	□ 2-3	□8
13	□ 4-6	□ 9
14	□ 7-9	□ 10
15	□ 10-12	□ 11:1-16
16	□ 13-15	□ 11:17-40
17/18	□ 16-20	□ 12-13
		JAMES
19	□ 21	□1
20	□ 22-24	□ 2
21	□ 25-26	□ 3
22	□ 27-28	□ 4
23	□ 29-31	□ 5
		1 PETER
24/25	□ 32-34	□ 1-2
26	□ 35-36	□ 3
27	□ 37-38	□ 4
28	□ 39-40	□ 5
		2 PETER
29	□ 41-42	□1
30	□ 43-44	□ 2