

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Day of Pentecost
May 20, 2018

"Without the Spirit we can neither love God nor keep His commandments."

—Augustine

"The Kingdom of God is not going to be advanced by our churches becoming filled with men, but by men in our churches becoming filled with God."

—Duncan Campbell

The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.

—A. W. Tozer

"The Christian's life in all its aspects—intellectual and ethical, devotional and relational, upsurging in worship and outgoing in witness—is supernatural; only the Spirit can initiate and sustain it. So apart from him, not only will there be no lively believers and no lively congregations, there will be no believers and no congregations at all."

—J. I. Packer

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you."

—Corrie Ten Boom

"Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, and thus they attempt very little and they always fail. All giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His power and presence to be with them."

—Hudson Taylor

READING FROM THE GOSPELS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day,
Jesus stood up and cried out,

*"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.
Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"*

Now this he said about the Spirit,
whom those who believed in him were to receive,

for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*Fill us with Your life and power
that we may worship You.*

 Congregation stand as able.

HYMN OF PENTECOST

“Come, O Come, Thou Holy Spirit”



1. Come, O come Thou Ho - ly Spir - it, Light and
2. Sav - ior, lead us to a - dore Thee by the
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, strong and might - y, Thou who
4. When my fi - nal hour a - pproach - es, let my



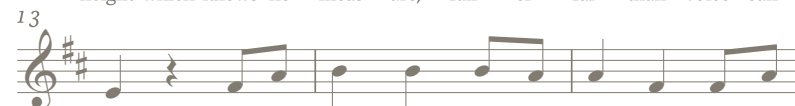
Life, Thy grace im - parts; bless - ed Source of con - sol -
true and liv - ing wayl then, with an - gel hosts be -
mak - est all things new, make Thy work with - in me
hopes grow yet more bright; let Thy love, which nev - er



a - tion, guide our minds and guide our hearts. Grant my
fore Thee, may we wor - ship, love and praise. Dwell with -
per - fect, help me by Thy word so true. In Thy
fails me, diss - i - pate the gloom of night. From that



mind and my af - fec - tions, wis - dom, coun - sel, pu - ri -
in us, pre cious Spir - it, where Thou art no ill can
faith, O, make me stead - fast, let not Sa - tan, death or
height which knows no meas - ure, fair - er far than voice can



ty; that I may be ev - er seek - ing on - ly
come; bless us now through Je - sus' me - rit, reign in
shame of my con - fi - dence de - prive me; Lord my
tell; in Thy glo - rious courts of hea - ven, there, re -



that which pleas - es Thee, on - ly that which pleas - es Thee.
ev - ery heart and home, reign in ev - ery heart and home.
re - fuge is Thy name, Lord my re - fuge is Thy name.
deemed by Christ to dwell, there, re - deemed by Christ to dwell.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Sovereign Lord,
Who graciously bids us come into Your presence,
and Who, by the power of Your Spirit, enables us to worship You,
fill us, renew us, empower us by Your Holy Spirit
that we may worthily magnify Your Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Jessica Dyess

Joel 2:28-31

"And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

*Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.*

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke.

*The sun shall be turned to darkness,
and the moon to blood,
before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes."*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE SPIRIT

“God the Spirit”



1. Ho - ly fount of in - spir - a - tion, by whose gift the
2. Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, giv - er of the
3. When we wan - der, Lord di - rect us, keep us in the



4
great of__ old__ spoke the word of re - ve - la tion,
sec - ond_ birth; may Thy cease - less ren - o - va - tion
7 Mas - ter's way_ Let Thy strong, swift sword pro - tect us__



mar - ve - lous and man - i - fold.___
cleanse our souls from stains of__ earth.___
war - ring in the ev - il__ day... (to bridge)

9 Refrain:



God the Spir - it, we a dore_ Thee, in the Tri - une God - head One;



13 one in love and pow'r and glo ry with the Fa ther_ and the_Son.

Bridge (after verse 3):



Shall the church now faint or fear when the Com fort - er is near?__

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”
Chancel Choir

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,
With all Your quick'ning powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

See how we trifle here below,
Fond of our earthly toys,
Our souls, how heavily the go,
To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs;
In vain we strive to rise,
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,
With all Your quick'ning powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love,
In these cold hearts of ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Joe Cox and Jody Lindh.



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

Hollye Stigler

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad.

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 18.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Daniel Murray

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF THE SPIRIT

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may Your
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing

3
life in - to my will - ing soul; Bring the pre - sence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to co - ver
6
life to all that God has made. Show Your pow - er once a -
Ri - sen Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev - 'ry sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

9
Cause Your Word to come a - live in me;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least;
11
Let the frag - rance of our prayers a - rise;
give me faith for what I can - not see.
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
13
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,
Give me pass - ion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly
Turn my striv - ing in - to works of grace; Breath of
15
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be
Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
God, show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

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

*Holy Spirit,
sent from the Father and the Son
that we might be conformed to the likeness of Christ,
we confess that we have often grieved You
in thought, word, and deed,
both in what we have done
and in what we have left undone.
We have no excuse.
We cast ourselves again upon Your infinite mercy,
praying that You forgive us
and that You revive our hearts
that we may seek Your life and power in our lives
in order that You, with the Father and the Son, be magnified.
We humbly offer our prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

—Romans 7:24-8:2

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.

Apostle's 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.*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end,
Amen, amen.

Words: 2nd century. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851.

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

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.

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

Melt me! Mold me!

Fill me! Use me!

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

(Twice)

Words and Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926.

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not like them untrue;
Oh, while thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me;
Show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,
Twill but drive me to thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
While thy love is left to me;
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with thee.

Go then, earthly fame and treasure;
Come disaster, scorn and pain;
In thy service pain is pleasure;
With thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on thee;
Storms may howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Words: Henry Lyte. Music: Bill Moore.

☒ LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

For all Your manifold gifts to us,

We give You thanks, O Lord.

Especially for the gift of Your Holy Spirit,

*We give You high praise and thanksgiving
and pray that You fill us always with the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.*

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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God the Spir- it, we a dore_ Thee, in the Tri- une God- head One;

13



one in love and pow'r and glo ry with the Fa ther_ and the_ Son.

☒ BENEDICTION

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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 Prayer Time. From the beginning, the early church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). In the same way Covenant desires to establish a dedicated time of prayer open to all congregants. **TONIGHT**, you are invited to our first once-a-month, 30-minute guided time of prayer that will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-5:30 p.m. We will be praying once a month on the Sunday evening prior to the monthly officers' meeting. Adults, youth, and children...all are invited!

Women's May Bible Study. Join us for our final Wednesday night study on May 23 to discuss Abby Hutto's lessons from the book of John that she shared at our Winter Retreat. We meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Commons area, and the lessons can be found at covpres.com/may-study.

Summer Sessions. We are offering two great Sunday School options this summer for all adults! For four Sundays—June 10, 17, 24, and July 1—you can hear Dr. Mark Gignilliat in the Sanctuary or Melody and Traylor Lovvorn in the Fellowship Hall. Mark will be teaching from Psalms, or "the little seminary of the Bible," which shape our hearts and minds God-ward. The Lovvorns will be teaching a seminar entitled "My Secure Family," which helps parents understand the constantly changing technological terrain so that they can step in and shepherd their child's heart effectively. Please join us this summer for one of these classes!

Women's Summer Salad Suppers. Ladies, we are once again joining together homes on Tuesday evenings this summer to hear the stories of our Covenant sisters. These evenings are a wonderful time of food and fellowship and a great way to get to know each other. We will meet each week at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be available and no reservations are required! You can find all the dates and details at covpres.com/summersaladsuppers.

Men's Chorus. Men, join our men's chorus on Sunday, June 17! All men are invited to sing that morning (Father's Day!), and we will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. Please email Rick Barnes at rbarnes@covpres.com if you plan to sing.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 20 - 26, 2018

SUNDAY, May 20

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
- 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 (see page 20)
- 11:45 a.m. College Ministry Brunch (2205 Comer Place)
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. Senior and Junior High Small Groups

MONDAY, May 21

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's office)
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. College Ministry: Monday Dinner
(3416 Water Oak Drive)

WEDNESDAY, May 23

- 7:30-8:30 p.m. Women's Study: The Book of John (Commons)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dan Edwards, May 21-27).

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE E300	<i>College students</i>
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>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>

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RULING ELDERS

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

2020

Bill Bennett

Will Brooke

Michael Latta

Charlie Logan

Paul Loyless

Bob Schaffeld

Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler

Mark Taylor

John Wood

DEACONS

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

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Darden

Jeff Dyess

Dave Driskill (*Pastoral Liaison*)

Will Gurner

John Hamilton

Keith Harrelson

Randall Lancaster

Michael Latta

Kate McKnight

Mary T Miller

Nancy Pless

Clyde Prather

Joe Strickland

Barbara Thompson

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.

MAY READING PLAN

	1 KINGS	LUKE
1	□ 2-3	□ 22:39-71
2	□ 4-5	□ 23:1-25
3	□ 6-7	□ 23:26-43
4	□ 8-9	□ 23:44-56
5/6	□ 10-14	□ 24:1-35
7	□ 15-16	□ 24:36-53
		JOHN
8	□ 17-18	□ 1
9	□ 19-20	□ 2
10	□ 21-22	□ 3:1-21
	2 KINGS	
11	□ 1-3	□ 3:22-36
12/13	□ 4-9	□ 4
14	□ 10-11	□ 5:1-29
15	□ 12-14	□ 5:30-47
16	□ 15-17	□ 6:1-21
17	□ 18-19	□ 6:22-59
18	□ 20-22	□ 6:60-71
19/20	□ 23-1 Chronicles 2	□ 7:1-52
	1 CHRONICLES	
21	□ 3-5	□ 7:53-8:11
22	□ 6-7	□ 8:12-38
23	□ 8-10	□ 8:39-59
24	□ 11-13	□ 9:1-23
25	□ 14-16	□ 9:24-41
26/27	□ 17-20	□ 10
28	□ 21-23	□ 11:1-27
29	□ 24-26	□ 11:28-44
30	□ 27-29	□ 11:45-57
	2 CHRONICLES	
31	□ 1-3	□ 12:1-19