The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Sarah's importance to salvation history is borne out by the fact that she is the only woman in the Bible whose name is changed and whose age at death is detailed."

-Bruce Waltke

"The theme of the Pentateuch is the partial fulfilment—which implies also the partial non-fulfilment—of the promise to or blessing of the patriarchs. The promise or blessing is both the divine initiative in a world where human initiatives always lead to disaster."

—David J. A. Clines

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

—Isaiah 62:2

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Psalm 68:4-6

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

ALL: his name is the LORD;

exult before him!

Leader: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

is God in his holy habitation.

ALL: God settles the solitary in a home;

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

M PRAYER OF ADORATION

M HYMNS OF ADORATION

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" to the tune of "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

I will sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me; How He left the realms of glory For the cross on Calvary.

Refrain:

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me; Sing it with His saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me, Found the sheep that went astray; Raised me up and gently led me Back into the narrow way. (Refrain)

Days of darkness still may meet me, Sorrow's path I oft may tread; But His presence still is with me, By His guiding hand I'm led. (Refrain)

He will keep me till the river Rolls its waters at my feet, Then He'll bear me safely over, Made by grace for glory meet.

Words and Music: Francis H. Rawley and Roland H. Pritchard.



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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

ALL: Most Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader: Lord, hear us as we silently confess our sins.

SECOND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

-Colossians 1:13-14

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe! Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow!

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone. (Refrain)

For nothing good have I, Whereby Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white, In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (Refrain)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete; "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. (Refrain)

Words: Elvina M. Hall (1820-1889). Music: John T. Grape (1835-1915).

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Galatians 3:26-4:7

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

^{4:1}I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Becca Davis, soloist

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear, And what a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer. Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Chorus:

Precious Jesus, Lord and friend, I give everything to You. Shelter, Shepherd, Savior, King, I give everything to You.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven. Music: Charles Crozat Converse, Adam Westlake, and Ross Fishburn, Arr. Grant Wall. CCLI 27714.

The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 AM

Frances Estelle Ftarrelson

DAUGHTER OF REBEKAH AND JOHN HARRELSON

Hudson Mayes Misner SON OF MAGGIE AND STUART MISNER

PARENTAL VOWS

- 1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Words: Anna Bartlett Warner (1859). Music: William B. Bradbury.

The peace of the LORD be with you. *And also with you.*

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 18 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 ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarten 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

Genesis 17:1-3a; 17:15-18:15

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be whole, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face.

her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" ¹⁹God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year." ²²When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

²³Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. ²⁴Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

^{18:1}And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

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.

MESSAGE

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.



Words: Samuel Trevor Francis. Music: Bob Kauflin. CCLI 5171596.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: February 14 - 20, 2021

SUNDAY, February 14

8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

5:00-6:30 p.m. 9th-12th Grade Small Groups

MONDAY, February 15

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time

(Zoom; covpres.com/womens-ministry)

TUESDAY, February 16

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship

(Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Esther, The Hidden Hand of God

(Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, February 17

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

5:00-6:00 p.m. 6th Grade Small Groups 6:00-7:30 p.m. 7th-8th Grade Small Groups

THURSDAY, February 18

11:00 a.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion
 6:00 p.m. Missions Festival 24 Hours of Prayer begins sign up at covpres.com/missions-festival

FRIDAY, February 19

6:00 p.m. Missions Festival 24 Hours of Prayer ends 7:00-9:30 p.m. MTW 2021 Virtual Missions Conference

mtw.ora

SATURDAY, February 20

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. MTW 2021 Virtual Missions Conference

mtw.org

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, February 15-21).

Lenten Journals & Ash Wednesday Service. Our pastors and ministry staff have created a Lenten Journal for the upcoming season of Lent. Please take one from the sanctuary foyer or the church office. And please join us Wednesday, February 17, for our Ash Wednesday Service. The service will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary (please note the time change). It also will be livestreamed.

Missions Festival. Our Annual Missions Festival is next weekend, February 19-22! It will be different this year, but we encourage you to participate as you are able. Sandy Willson will be our guest speaker in three services: Sunday morning and Sunday and Monday evenings at 6:00. We also encourage you to participate in MTW's 2021 Virtual Missions Conference, "His Story Continues," at mtw.org. There are several speakers and breakout sessions during the Friday night and Saturday morning MTW conference, including Lloyd Kim, MTW Coordinator and our 2020 Missions Festival speaker, speaking Friday at 8:00 p.m. We also will have our 24-Hours of Prayer for Missions February 18-19, a food drive for Christian Service Mission, and a diapers/wipes drive for Sav-A-Life. Visit covpres.com/missions-festival for all of the details!

Enfold Book Discussion. Please join our Enfold Disability Ministry for a 5-week book discussion of *Suffering in 3-D: Connecting the Church to Disease, Disability, and Disorder* by John C. Kwasny, Ph.D. We will talk about struggling with disease (the absence of ease), disability (the absence of ability), and disorder (the absence of order) as well as how to care for those struggling in the church. We will meet each Thursday from February 18 - March 18 at 11:00 a.m. on the third floor at Covenant. If there is interest, we will have a virtual group as well. Email Katie Flores at kflores@covpres.com in you are interested, and she will have the books available at our first meeting.

Sunday School Podcast. Our weekly Sunday School podcasts from the Gospel of Matthew can be accessed through iTunes (search for "Covenant Presbyterian Church") and at covpres.com/see-hear/audio. This week's lesson features Josh Johnson and Dan Edwards discussing Matthew 9.

Officer Recommendations. We are now accepting recommendations for deacons, elders, and trustees for the class of 2024. Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, March 7, by completing the form at the back or your worship guide. You may place your recommendation form in the baskets provided in the sanctuary foyer or the church office.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

COLLEGE | COMMONS College students

CROSSPOINTE | S100 Young families; 30s

THRESHOLD | E304 Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | \$101 60s and 70s

(Pastor: Marty Crawford)

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

FOUNDATIONS | DINING ROOM 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 30s and 40s

(Pastor: David Driskill)

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

(Pastor: Dan Edwards)

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

(Pastor: John Fountain)

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2021 2022 2023

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Norman Pless Bob Schaffeld

Kurt Senn John Smith T

Steve Stigler

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2021 2022 2023

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Greg Tomlinson

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Marty Crawford, Pastoral Liaison (Missions)
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Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session

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John Shank, Finance Committee Chair
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John Smith T, Assistant Clerk of the Session
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Darrell Tucker

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. You can use them along with the readings, prayers, and hymns from your worship guide each week. 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 2021.

FEBRUARY READING PLAN

	EXODUS	MATTHEW	
1	□ 27-28	□ 21:33-46	
2	□ 29-30	□ 22:1-22	
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4	□ 33-34	□ 23:1-22	
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8	□ 40-Leviticus 1	□ 25:1-10	
	LEVITICUS		
9	□ 2-3	□ 25:31-26	
10	□ 4-6	□ 26:1-35	
11	□ 7-9	□ 26:36-56	
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15	□ 16-18	□ 28	
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16	□ 19-20	□1	
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19	□ 27-Numbers 1	□ 4	
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20/21	□ 2-7	□ 5:1-20	
22	□ 8-9	□ 5:21-43	
23	203	□ 5.21-43	
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	□ 10-12	□ 6:1-29	
24	□ 10-12 □ 13-15	□ 6:1-29 □ 6:30-56	
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OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

Elected officers serve a three-year term.

Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, March 7. You may place this form in the baskets provided in the sanctuary foyer or the church office.

•	Recommendations for the Office of ELDER :
	1
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•	Recommendations for the Office of DEACON :
	1
	2
	3
	4
•	Recommendations for the Office of TRUSTEE:
	1
	2

Note: Those elders and deacons currently serving in the classes of 2022 and 2023 should not be recommended

