The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity September 9, 2018

"The witness or seal of the Spirit consists in the effect of the Spirit of God in the heart, in the implantation and exercises of grace there, and so consists in experience. And it is beyond doubt, that this seal of the Spirit is the highest kind of evidence of the saints' adoption that ever they obtain."

—Jonathan Edwards

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

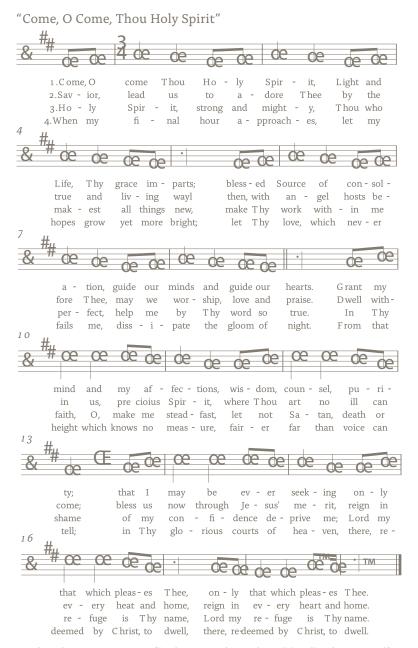
We say we want revival...but on our terms. We don't pray this way, but this is what our hearts are saying to God: "Come Holy Spirit...but only if you promise in advance to do things the way we have always done them in our church." "Come Holy Spirit...but only if I have some sort of prior guarantee that when you show up you won't embarrass me." "Come Holy Spirit...but only if your work of revival is one that I can still control, one that preserves intact the traditions with which I am comfortable." "Come Holy Spirit...but only if your work of revival is neat and tidy and dignified and understandable and above all else socially acceptable."

- Sam Storms

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

M HYMN OF PRAISE



Words and Music: Anonymous ["Holy Source of Consolation" (Noel's Selection 1838)] and Joachim Neander; translated by Charles William Schaeffer ["Come O Come Thou Quickening Spirit" 1866) and Julie Melucci.

MATTER NO. 1 READING FROM THE PSALMS

Kristin Sartelle

Psalm 139:1-10

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Father, Grant Your Holy Spirit"

Father, grant your Holy Spirit
In our hearts may rule today,
Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered,
Work in us His sovereign way.
Fill us with Your holy fullness,
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
In us, through us, then, forever,
Shall Your perfect will be done.

Words: Margaret Clarkson. Music: HYFRYDOL.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

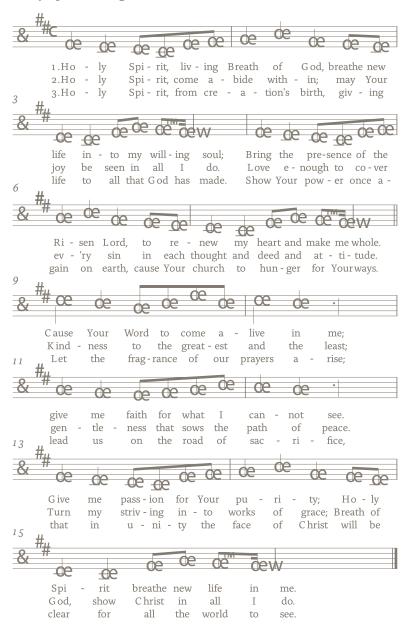
John 16:1-15

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judment: 9concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; "concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine: therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

◯ SONG OF THE SPIRIT

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"



Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

Chancel Choir

For Your gift of God the Spirit, Power to make our lives anew, Pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship you. Crowning gift of resurrection Sent from Your ascended throne, Fullness of the very Godhead, Come to make Your life our own.

He who in creation's dawning Brooded on the lifeless deep, Still across our nature's darkness Moves to wake our souls from sleep, Moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, Thrusts us through with sense of sin; Brings to birth and seals and fills us Saving Advocate within.

He, Himself the living Author, Wakes to life the sacred Word, Reads with us its holy pages And reveals our risen Lord. He it is who works within us, Teach rebel hearts to pray, He whose holy intercessions Rise for us both night and day.

He, the mighty God, indwells us; His to strengthen, help, empower; His to overcome the tempter Ours to call in danger's hour. In His strength we dare to battle All the raging hosts of sin, And by Him alone we conquer Foes without and foes within.

Father, grant Your Holy Spirit In our hearts may rule today, Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, Work in us His sovereign way. Fill us with Your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son; In us, through us, then, forever, Shall Your perfect will be done.

Words: Edith Margaret Clarkson. Music: BLAENWERN.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rosalie Dearing Ford

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Ivy Hope Ford,
DAUGHTER OF HOLLY AND JONATHAN FORD

Margaret Kathryn Zwitty DAUGHTER OF MARY ASHLEY AND THOMAS TWITTY

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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her 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 her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

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

M 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 19.

Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 19 for details).

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Norman Pless

MREADING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 1:11-14

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

All flesh is like grass,

And all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

 $The\ grass\ withers,\ the\ flowers\ fades,$

But the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

"GUARANTEED INHERITANCE" Sandy Willson
Sandy Whison

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

John Fountain

Holy Spirit of God,

Whose sovereign work is to transform us into the very likeness of Jesus Christ, we readily and sorrowfully confess that we have at many times, and in many ways, resisted and grieved You.

For this and every offense, we beg Your forgiveness.

 ${\it Please come in all Your fullness into each of our lives and into our congregation.}$

Mold us and shape us after Your holy will

that we may glorify You, with the Father and the Son, now and forever. Amen.

M Assurance of Pardon

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

—Revelation 22:17

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.

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:

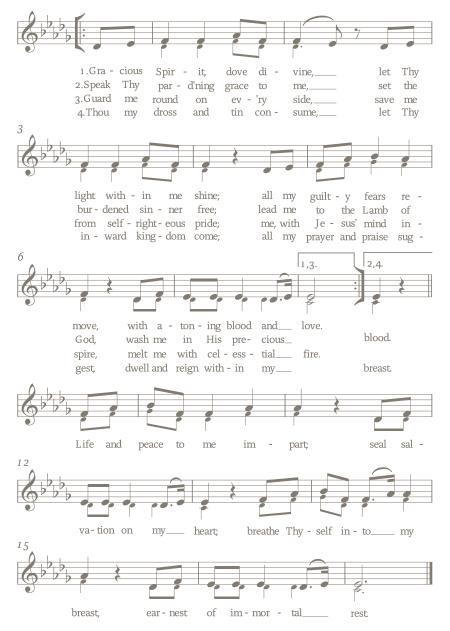
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and 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.

"Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine"



Words: John Stocker, 1777. Music: Karl Digerness, 2011.

"Make Me a Captive Lord"

Make me a captive, Lord, And then I shall be free. Force me to render up my sword And I shall conqu'ror be. I sink in life's alarms When by myself I stand. Imprison me within Thine arms And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find.
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move
Till Thou hast wrought its chain.
Enslave it with Thy matchless love
And deathless it shall reign.

My pow'r is faint and low
Till I have learned to serve.
It wants the needed fire to glow,
It wants the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world
Until itself be driv'n.
Its flag can only be unfurled
When Thou shalt breathe from heav'n.

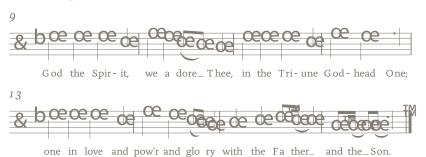
My will is not my own
Till Thou hast made it Thine.
If it would reach the monarch's throne
It must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife
When on Thy bosom it has leaned
And found in Thee its life.

Words: George Matheson, 1890. Music: George J. Elvey, 1868 (DIDEMATA).

M PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"God the Spirit"



Words: Samuel J. Stone. Music: Matt Boswell, 2010.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: September 9-15, 2018

SUNDAY, September 9

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. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups

MONDAY, September 10

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

TUESDAY, September 11

10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (\$104)11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Book of Joshua (Dining Room)

7:30 p.m. Grief Support Group (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, September 12

5:15-5:45 p.m. 40 Days of Prayer for Covenant (Dining Room)

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: sliders)

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

Study Option 1: Believing & Living the Gospel

"Six Weeks to Sane Thinking,"

with Julie Sparkman

(September 5-October 10; E201)

Study Option 2: Sharing the Gospel

"Evangelism & Apologetics,"

with Josh Johnson (Dining Room)

THURSDAY, September 13

7:00 p.m. Women's Event: "Is God Trustworthy?" Nancy Guthrie (OMPC)

^{*}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)

Congregational Meeting. This morning, immediately following worship, we will hold a congregational meeting to act on the recommendation to appoint the Session to nominate candidates for a Senior Pastor Search Committee. Please remain in the Sanctuary for this brief meeting.

Wednesdays@**Covenant.** Our Wednesday night activities have begun! Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (menu: sliders). We have two options for adult study and Chancel Choir rehearsal, plus children's and youth activities.

40 Days of Prayer. Today begins our second full week of the 40 days of prayer for Covenant leading up to our 40th anniversary. To that end, we have provided a Prayer Journal to guide you in your prayer time. We also have a children's version available. You can find both journals in the commons area, church office, and sanctuary foyer.

Grief Support. We are offering a 6-week grief support group, led by Dan Edwards, beginning Tuesday, September 11 for those who have lost loved ones. The group will meet 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parlor and will use curriculum developed by Church of the Advent. Please email Phyllis Hamm (phamm@covpres.com) if you are interested in learning more.

Nancy Guthrie at OMPC. Ladies, Nancy Guthrie will be speaking at Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church September 13 at 7:00 p.m. Through suffering, many of us begin to question God. If you've ever wondered if God is good or trustworthy, please join us for this unique opportunity. The cost is \$5, and you can register at ompc.org/events (childcare available). This event is cohosted by the Women's Ministries of OMPC, Briarwood, and Covenant.

Women's & Men's Ministries. Our women's Bible studies kick off this week. We have several opportunities for study, both morning and evening, and you can find all the details at covpres.com/upcoming-events. Gospel Manhood begins September 18 with guest speaker Randy Pope of Perimeter Church in Georgia. You can find a full list of dates and speakers at covpres.com/mens-ministry.

COVENANT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Studies

BEGINNING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10

MORNING, MIDDAY, AND EVENING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

REGISTER AT COVPRES.COM/STUDIES-EVENTS



TUESDAYS, 11:30A-12:30P FELLOWSHIP HALL

Kick-off September 18 with guest speaker Randy Pope Founding & Lead Teaching Pastor Perimeter Church (Johns Creek, GA)

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	30s and 40s	
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

John Wood

DEACONS

2018 2019 2020

Brandon Bishop Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander
Nathan Collums Gary Gorham Paul Darden
John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Jay Evans
Randall Lancaster Jeff Hayes Bryan Flores
Matt Searson Steve Killgore John Gant

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

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.

SEPTEMBER READING PLAN

- /-	PSALMS	1 CORINTHIANS
1/2	□ 148-Proverbs 1	□ 11:17–12:11
	PROVERBS	
3	□ 2-4	□ 12:12-31
4	□ 5-6	□ 13
5	□ 7-8	□ 14
6	□ 9-10	□ 15:1-34
7	□ 11-12	□ 15:35-58
8/9	□ 13-16	□ 16-2 Corinthians 1
		2 CORINTHIANS
10	□ 17-18	□ 2
11	□ 19-20	□ 3
12	□ 21-22	□ 4
13	□ 23-24	□ 5:1-6:13
14	□ 25-27	□ 6:14-7:1
15/16	□ 28-Ecclesiastes 2	□ 7:2-8:24
	ECCLESIASTES	
17	□ 3-4	□ 9
18	□ 5-6	□ 10
19	□ 7-9	□ 11:1-15
20	□ 10-12	□ 11:16-33
	SONG OF SOLOMON	
21	□ 1-3	□ 12
22/23	□ 4-Isaiah 1	□ 13-Galatians 1
	ISAIAH	GALATIANS
24	□ 2-3	□ 2
25	□ 4-6	□ 3
26	□ 7-9	□ 4
27	□ 10-12	□ 5
28	□ 13-15	□ 6
		EPHESIANS
29/30	□ 16-20	□ 1-2