The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Genesis begins with the making of heaven and earth and all life, and ends with the image of a mummy—Joseph's—in a coffin. But implicit in the end is a promise of more life to come, of irrepressible procreation, and that renewal of creation will be manifested, even under the weight of oppression, at the beginning of Exodus."

-Robert Alter

"I was the lion who forced you to join with Aravis. I was the cat who comforted you among the houses of the dead. I was the lion who drove the jackals from you while you slept. I was the lion who gave the Horses the new strength of fear for the last mile so that you should reach King Lune in time. And I was the lion you do not remember who pushed the boat in which you lay, a child near death, so that it came to shore where a man sat, wakeful at midnight, to receive you."

—C.S. Lewis, *The Horse and His Boy*

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M RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!

All: Extol him, all peoples!

Leader: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

M HYMNS OF ADORATION

"Come Thou Fount"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;*
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: NETTLETON; Asahel Nettleton, 1825. *"The stone of help" (1 Samuel 7:12-14)

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 forever, 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 Thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today: With thy wonted loving-kindness Hear Thy people as they pray; And Thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls alway.

Here vouch-safe to all thy servants What they ask of Thee to gain, What they gain from Thee forever With the blessed to retain, And hereafter in thy glory Evermore with Thee to reign.

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

Words and Music: Latin, 7th century, tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 5:38-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 32:1-5

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Oh what joy for those Whose disobedience has been forgiven, Whose sin is put out of sight.

Yes, what joy for those Whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, Whose lives are lived in complete honesty.

When I refused to confess my sin,
My body wasted away;
And I groaned all day long,
Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.

Finally, I confessed all my sin to you, And I stopped trying to hide my guilt; I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord,"

Silent Confession

MASSURANCE OF PARDON

You forgave me; all my guilt is gone!

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: Psalm 32:1-5. Music: Randall Goodgame.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Behold" Congregational Hymn



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He's mak - ing all things new.

be - hold,

Be - hold,

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 | 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2021) through Kindergarten 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 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, prior to communion, 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

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 50

Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. ²And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. ³Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

⁴And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5'My father made me swear, saying, "I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me." Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return." ⁶And Pharaoh answered, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear." ⁷So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. 9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company. 10 When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and grievous lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father seven days. 11When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. 12 Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them, ¹³ for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. 14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

²²So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. ²³And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. ²⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." ²⁵Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." ²⁶So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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		
Josh Johnson		
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LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are italicized.

Words of Institution

from Luke 22:14-23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Confession of Faith: The 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 Spirit,

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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King, to gather up the crumbs under your Table, yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
in this breaking of bread, a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you
and you with 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

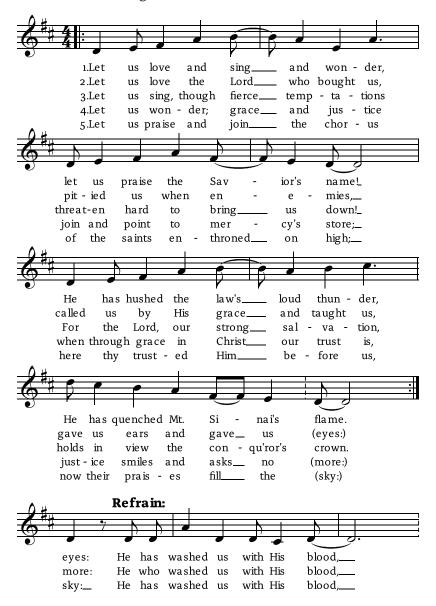
Invitation to the Table

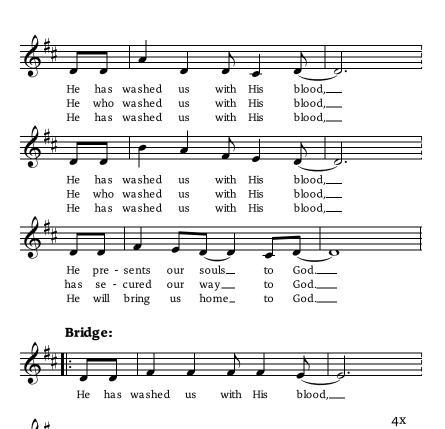
All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not partaking of these elements but would like to come forward with your fellow worshipers, please cross your hands in front of your chest, and the one serving communion will pray a brief prayer for you or pronounce a blessing over you.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"





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with His

us

He

has washed

blood.

"The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Words: Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900). Music: Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876).



THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 21 - 27, 2021

SUNDAY, November 21

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages (see page 19)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

WEDNESDAY, November 24

12:00 p.m. - Church Office closed

FRIDAY, November 26

Commitment Sunday. Today is Commitment Sunday. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Covenant Presbyterian Church for next year and place your card in the offering plate or in the baskets provided as you come forward during communion.

Lesson & Carols. Our annual Lessons & Carols service is Sunday, December 5, with a church-wide dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. and the service in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. We also will enjoy desserts in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Join us for this special night of worship and fellowship!

Advent & Christmas Journals. Our pastors and ministry staff have written an Advent & Christmas Journal for this season. Please pick up your copy in the Sanctuary foyer!

Nursery Bonus Fund. Please consider giving to our Nursery Bonus Fund. This fund goes to our wonderful nursery staff who create a nurturing environment for our youngest to participate in the life of the church. You may donate online at covpres.com or drop your donation by the Nursery Desk through December 1.

Church-wide Memory Passage. Our new memory passage for Advent and Christmas is Galatians 4:4-7:

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Congregational Meeting, December 5. On Sunday, December 5, we will hold a congregational meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary to elect our slate of officers (class of 2024) and the members of our 2022 Nominating Committee.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

CROSSPOINTE | Fellowship Hall mid 30s to early 40s

THRESHOLD | E301 Singles, college students, and

young marrieds; 20s and 30s

(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

OPEN DOORS &

UPPER ROOM | S101 late 60s and above

(Pastor: Marty Crawford)

CORNERSTONE | S100 late 30s to late 40s

FOUNDATIONS | DINING ROOM early 40s to early 50s

LIGHTHOUSE | E304 *late 30s to early 50s*

(Pastor: David Driskill)

LIVING STONES | E303 late 40s to late 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 late 40s to late 60s

(Pastor: Dan Edwards)

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

(Pastor: John Fountain)

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BIBLE READING PLAN

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.

NOVEMBER READING PLAN

	JEREMIAH	HEBREWS
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2	□ 37-38	□ 2
3	□ 39-41	□ 3:1-4:13
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8	□ 51-Lamentations 2	□ 7:11-28
	LAMENTATIONS	
9	□ 3-4	□8
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	EZEKIEL	
11	□ 2-3	□ 10
12	□ 4-6	□ 11:1-22
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15	□ 12-14	□ 13
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17	□ 18-20	□ 2
18	□ 21	□ 3
19	□ 22-24	□ 4
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		1 PETER
22	□ 28-29	□ 2
23	□ 30-31	□ 3
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		2 PETER
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27/28	□ 39-42	□ 2-3
		1 JOHN
29	□ 43-44	□1
30	□ 45-46	□ 2

"We don't have to bury hope, because Hope himself was buried for us and walked up out of a grave."

—Ellie Holcomb

