

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 9, 2017

Whoever recoils from this expression of joy at God's revenge and the blood of the godless still doesn't know what happened on the cross of Christ. God's righteous vengeance on the godless one has already come over us. The blood of the godless one has already flowed. God's death sentence on the wicked is pronounced. God's justice is fulfilled. This has taken place in the cross of Jesus Christ.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Vengeance and Deliverance"

## OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: John B. Bykes (1823-1876).

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,

**People:** *They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.*

Pastor: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.

**People:** *The LORD will fulfill his purpose for us.  
Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.*

*from Psalm 138:4-6, 8*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Before the resplendent throne of Your majesty, O Lord, and the exalted and sublime throne of Your glory, and on the awesome seat of the strength of Your love and the propitiatory altar which Your will has established; in the region of Your pasture, with thousands of cherubim praising You, and ten thousand seraphim sanctifying You: we draw near, adore, thank, and glorify You always, O Lord of all. *Amen.*

—The Liturgy of the Blessed Apostles

## SECOND HYMN

### “Though Troubles Assail Us”

Though troubles assail us and dangers afright,  
Though friends should fail us and foes all unite,  
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,  
The promise assures us, “The Lord will provide.”

The birds, without garner or store-house, are fed;  
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.  
His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied  
So long as ‘tis written, “The Lord will provide.”

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,  
And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.  
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,  
This heart cheering promise, “The Lord will provide.”

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;  
Yet, since we have known of the Saviors great name,  
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:  
The Lord is our power, “The Lord will provide.”

Words: John Newton, 1779. Music: Joanna (St. Denio) 1839.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 2:6-15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:12-13

**ALL:** *Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Maker of all things,  
Judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and weep over our many sins and wickedness.  
We have sinned by thought, word and deed,  
and we have done so against your divine majesty,  
justly provoking your anger and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent as we heartily grieve our many misdoings.  
The remembrance of each is distressing to us;  
the collective burden intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us most merciful Father;  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you  
in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Book of Common Prayer*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

—Ephesians 2:14-16

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** *Amen.*



## CHORAL RESPONSE AND GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

### "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.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE *through* June 23, 2017

GENERAL FUND GIVING (181 commitments totaling \$2,306,030)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$1,505,401	\$1,227,898	\$1,590,814

2017 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): (\$362,916)

2017 Operating Reserve: \$5,734

2017 Line of Credit: \$50,000

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (83 commitments totaling \$187,711)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
\$92,606	\$103,063	\$92,606

FAITH PROMISE RESERVE: \$64,637

*If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Marty Crawford in the church office or members of the Joint Finance Committee:*

Ty Dedmon	Lee Sheppard
Gary Gorham	Todd Sitton
Merrill Johnston	Darrell Tucker
Mark Miller	John Wood

| *The Campaign for Covenant* |

## FAITHFUL over a LITTLE

<b>Pledges (252 commitments):</b>	<b><u>\$3,506,682</u></b>
Receipts:	\$2,708,214
Funds from sale of building:	<u>\$1,987,385</u>
Total funds provided:	\$4,695,599
Funds used for debt:	<u>(\$1,983,644)</u>
Funds available:	\$2,711,955
Costs to date:	<u>(\$2,635,035)</u>
Net funds available:	\$76,920

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Pastor:** The peace of the LORD be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation such as those above.

## PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

*The “passing of the peace” precedes the Lord’s Supper as a liturgical reminder of our unity as members of Christ’s body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us to not let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us.*

*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.*

## **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Visitors, please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards located in the pew racks.

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 14.

*Children are dismissed at this time.*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: July 9-July 15, 2017

### SUNDAY, July 9

- 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 22)

### MONDAY, July 10

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon *Senior High departs for RYM*  
Game On\* (rising 1st-4th graders)

### TUESDAY, July 11

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Game On\*
- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CDS Summer Fun\* and MDO Summer Program\*
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry: Summer Salad Supper  
*Abby Gray will be sharing at the home of Maggie Brooke (4325 Altamont Rd, 35213)*

### WEDNESDAY, July 12

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Game On\*
- 6:30 p.m. Musicians' Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, July 13

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Game On\*
- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CDS Summer Fun\* and MDO Summer Program\*

### FRIDAY, July 14

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Game On\*

*\*pre-registration required*

*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dan Edwards, July 3-9).*

## 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:

**Rising 4K-Kindergarten • C221** (available during the entire worship hour)

**Rising 1st-4th Grades • C316** (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

**Summer Salad Suppers.** Ladies, Summer Salad Suppers continue next Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. Abby Gray will be sharing at the home of Maggie Brooke (4325 Altamont Rd, 35213). Dinner is \$8; no reservations are required. Invite a friend!

**Fruit & Veggie Boxes for Missions.** For the eighth year in a row, we have a mission team headed to Manchester, NH, in July to work alongside a sister church in leading a children's camp. You can support us by purchasing fresh produce that is delivered straight to your door! We are delivering fruit and veggie boxes on Saturdays in June and July. A small box is \$30; a large is \$50. You can sign up for deliveries on the sheet in your Sunday School class, or you can make your selections at [covpres.com/missions](http://covpres.com/missions).

**Summer Choir.** If you have ever wanted to sing in our Chancel Choir, now is the time to do it! There are no auditions and no long-term commitment required. Come to room S103 on either or both of these Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15 p.m.—July 19 and August 2—to find out what singing and serving with the choir is all about! (Childcare is available upon request by emailing [nursery@covpres.com](mailto:nursery@covpres.com).)

**Children's Ministry Volunteers.** We need YOU this summer to serve our kiddos on Sundays as they learn about God's Word! You can volunteer with our rising 1st-4th graders during Children's Worship and Sunday School or with our rising 5th and 6th graders during Sunday School. For more information and to sign up, please visit [covpres.com/volunteering](http://covpres.com/volunteering).

**Covenant Chronicles.** If you are not receiving our weekly email, Covenant Chronicles, please send your email address to [chronicles@covpres.com](mailto:chronicles@covpres.com).

**Covenant Kitchen.** Tuesday Pick-Up Meals return this week! View the menu and order online at [covpres.com/covenantkitchen](http://covpres.com/covenantkitchen).

## MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

And so Lord, we pray as Christ taught:

**ALL:** *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.*

## READING FROM PSALMS

Psalm 21

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices,  
and in your salvation how greatly he exults!

<sup>2</sup>You have given him his heart's desire  
and have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah*

<sup>3</sup>For you meet him with rich blessings;  
you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

<sup>4</sup>He asked life of you; you gave it to him,  
length of days forever and ever.

<sup>5</sup>His glory is great through your salvation;  
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

<sup>6</sup>For you make him most blessed forever;<sup>1</sup>  
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

<sup>7</sup>For the king trusts in the Lord,  
and through the steadfast love of the Most High  
he shall not be moved.

<sup>8</sup>Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
your right hand will find out those who hate you.

<sup>9</sup>You will make them as a blazing oven  
when you appear.

The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath,  
and fire will consume them.

<sup>10</sup>You will destroy their descendants from the earth,  
and their offspring from among the children of man.

<sup>11</sup>Though they plan evil against you,  
though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.

<sup>12</sup>For you will put them to flight;  
you will aim at their faces with your bows.

<sup>13</sup>Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*





# GOD WELCOMES US TO HIS TABLE

## INVITATION

### 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 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Mark 14:22-25*

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**ALL:** *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 eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body and our souls washed through His most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.*

## CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Celebrant: 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, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

## HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain—  
Free to all, a healing stream—  
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

*Refrain:*

*In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and Mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star  
Sheds its beams around me.

*Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadows o’er me.

*Refrain*

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.

*Refrain*

Words: Frances J. Crosby, 1869. Music: William H. Doane, 1869.

## “Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)”

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long  
From this labor and this heartache, I have come  
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same  
Rock of Ages, I praise your name

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near  
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears  
To make this stone heart come alive again  
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

*Rock of ages. Rock of ages.  
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.  
Rock of ages your will be done*

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,  
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess  
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace.  
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.  
Who am I that you would die to make me free?  
To give me glory, (you) took the death and pain.  
Rock of Ages, my Offering.  
*Chorus*

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.  
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied  
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands.  
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.  
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul  
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.  
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.  
*Chorus*

Words: Sandra McCracken. Music: Kevin Twit.



**BENEDICTION**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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10:30 a.m.

*These classes will be combined from July 9 through August 13.*

*Maps and directional signs are located around the church.*

## **CORNERSTONE AND UPPER ROOM | S104**

*30s and 40s; 50s, 60s, and 70s*

## **CROSSPOINTE AND LIVING STONES | S100**

*20s and 30s; 40s and 50s*

## **FOUNDATIONS, OPEN DOORS, AND COMMUNITY | E304**

*All ages and life stages*

## **KINGDOM BUILDERS AND**

## **YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP | E201**

*40s, 50s, and 60s; singles and newly married*

*without children and college students*

## **LIGHTHOUSE | E301**

*30s and 40s*

## **YOUTH | YOUTH AREA**

*Students grades 7-12*

*Join us weekly for food, fellowship,  
and to hear stories of God's grace.*

# SUMMER SALAD SUPPERS



Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner is \$8. Reservations are not required!

## **JULY 11**

Abby Gray  
*sharing at the home of*  
Maggie Brooke  
4325 Altamont Road | 35213

## **JULY 18**

Sissy Flynn  
*sharing at the home of*  
Kathy Girardeau  
1808 Indian Creek Circle | 35243

## **JULY 25**

Julie Tapscott  
*sharing at the home of*  
Virginia McDonald  
2628 Abingdon Road | 35243

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## RULING ELDERS

2017

Paul Loyless  
Russell Martin  
Mark Miller  
Norman Pless  
Charlie Regan  
Lee Sheppard  
Mark Taylor

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

## DEACONS

2017

Lee Baker  
Aaron Coffey  
Paul Darden  
John Gant  
Jonathan Gidley  
Grant Haines  
John James  
Stephen Mince  
Carey Rome  
Steve Stigler

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

## DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES

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. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

### SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning	Psalms 146, 147	1 Samuel 14:36-45	Matthew 22:1-14
Evening	Psalms 111, 112, 113	Romans 5:1-11	

### MONDAY

Morning	Psalms 1, 2, 3	1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23	Luke 23:44-56
Evening	Psalms 4, 7	Acts 9:19b-31	

### TUESDAY

Morning	Psalms 5, 6	1 Samuel 15:24-35	Luke 23:56-24:11
Evening	Psalms 10, 11	Acts 9:32-43	

### WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalms 119:1-24	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Luke 24:12-35
Evening	Psalms 12, 13, 14	Acts 10:1-6	

### THURSDAY

Morning	Psalms 18:1-20	1 Samuel 16:14-17:11	Luke 24:36-53
Evening	Psalms 18:21-50	Acts 10:17-33	

### FRIDAY

Morning	Psalms 16, 17	1 Samuel 17:17-30	Mark 1:1-13
Evening	Psalms 22	Acts 10:34-48	

### SATURDAY

Morning	Psalms 20, 21	1 Samuel 17:31-49	Luke 1:14-28
Evening:	Psalms 110, 116, 117	Acts 11:1-18	

### SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning	Psalms 148, 149, 150	1 Samuel 17:50-18:4	Matthew 23:29-39
Evening	Psalms 114, 115	Romans 10:4-17	

