

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Eastertide
April 8, 2018

"Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good; He came into this world to make dead people live."

—Lee Strobel

"For me the most radical demand of Christian faith lies in summoning the courage to say yes to the present risenness of Jesus Christ"

—Brennan Manning

Our identity as Christians is strengthened as we stand in the lengthening shadows of saints down through the centuries, who have always answered back in antiphonal voice: 'He is risen, indeed!'

—Charles Swindoll

"It is a great truth that you will rise again. It is a sweeter truth that you will "always be with the Lord." Whatever else you draw comfort from, neglect not this deep, clear, and over-flowing well of delight."

—Charles Spurgeon

 **READING FROM THE GOSPELS AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dan Edwards

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

John 20:1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ

Let us worship the Lord.

We shall exalt the God and Father of our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

 *Congregation stand as able.*

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Father, Whose tender mercies are displayed in all Your works, we praise You.

Lord Jesus Christ, Whose death on the Cross and Whose mighty Resurrection have conquered sin, death, and the grave, we adore You.

Holy Spirit, Who graciously reveals Christ to us and increasingly conforms us to His likeness, we worship You.

Father, Son , and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever, we bow before Your Divine Majesty in humble adoration, now and forevermore. Amen.

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Margaret Ann Pyburn

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Joy Has Dawned Upon the World”



1. Joy has danned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre -
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the
 4. Son of A - dam, Son of Heav'n, giv - en as a



a - tion: God's sal - va - tion now un - furled,
 an - gels, as the might - y Prince of Life
 glo - ry; gifts of men from dis - tant lands
 7 ran - som; re - con - cil - ing God and man -



hope for ev - ery na - tion. Not with fan - fares
 shel - ters in a sta - ble. Hands that set each
 pro - phes - y a sto - ry. Gold, a King is
 10 Christ our might - y Champ - ion! What a Sav - iour,



from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 star in ___ place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 born to - day; in - cense, God is with us;
 what a ___ Friend, what a glo - rious mys - t'ry:



13 but a hum - ble gift of love:___ Je - sus, born of Ma - ry.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help less.
 myrrh, His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.
 once a babe in Beth - le hem,___ now the Lord of his - t'ry.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Vivian Lee McAllister

DAUGHTER OF CHRISTY AND PATRICK MCALLISTER

Madeline Jane Rush

DAUGHTER OF MALLORY AND HOLLINS RUSH

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taylor Brown

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

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Paul Loyless

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 4:2, 3

²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF LONGING

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heaven,
Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resist Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me,
Through the gospel or Your Son,
Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
That’s dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
Glorify Your Name through me.

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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

*Our Father in heaven,
With deep sorrow we confess that we, like Euodia and Synthche,
have at times failed to be reconciled in all ways with our spiritual family.
Our ego and pride have often drowned out the sounds of the gospel in our lives.
And we have sometimes neglected to help others in their need for reconciliation.
Please forgive us, Lord.
Move upon our hearts that we may, with one mind and heart,
enjoy the unity You have provided for us in Jesus Christ,
that all the world may know that we are Your disciples,
to the glory of Your matchless Name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness
of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21

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.

Apostles' 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.*

Congregational Praise

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.
Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Old 100th; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551 Edition; attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561.

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.

“My Jesus Has Done All Things Well”

O, for a heart prepared to sing
To God, my Savior and my King;
While with his saints I join to tell,
My Jesus has done all things well.

How sovereign, wonderful, and free
Is all his love to sinful me!
He plucked me as a brand from hell,
My Jesus has done all things well.

And since my soul has known his love,
What mercies has he made me prove!
Mercies which all my praise excel!
My Jesus has done all things well.

Soon shall I pass the veil of death
And in his arms shall lose my breath.
Yet then my happy soul shall tell,
My Jesus has done all things well.

And when to that bright world I rise,
And join the anthems in the skies,
Among the rest this note shall swell,
My Jesus has done all things well.

Words: Samuel Medley, 1776. Music: Jeff Koonce, 2014.

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

Jesus! what a friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
(Chorus)

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.
(Chorus, twice)

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910. Music: *HYFRYDOL*; Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give You thanks, loving Father,
for uniting us to Yourself and to one another
in unbreakable bonds of love.

You are One Lord,

You have given us one faith,

You have called us into one Body and baptized us in One Spirit.

With one voice we rise to bless Your holy Name,

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

O my soul,

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before,

O my soul;

I'll worship Your holy name.

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BENEDICTION

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)

Come to the Table. Ladies, "Come to the Table" is just around the corner on April 24. We will have an opportunity to give to several of our missions partners, worship in song with some of our own talented ladies, hear from a panel of our members serving with local missions, and gather in homes for dinner and fellowship in smaller groups. Invitations will be mailed this week and are also available in the Sanctuary Foyer and Commons.

Artist Meet & Greet: Christina Johnson. The artwork now hanging in our Commons Area was created by Christina Johnson, and you are invited to meet her and hear about her creative process on April 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Commons. Christina is a local, self-taught artist who uses her empathy for the world to connect on a deep level with those that cross her path. Her work is Spirit lead, as her quiet time with the Lord is a key part of her creative process. Come hear from Christina about how she is committed to using her gift to glorify the Lord and to share his unconditional love with others.

Gospel Manhood. Men, our next Gospel Manhood event is April 17 in the Fellowship Hall. Sandy Willson will be continuing our series "The Man and...", with "The Man and His Church." Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m.

New Members' Class. We have restructured our New Members' Class, and the next one is scheduled for Friday, May 4 - Sunday, May 6. We will meet Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Sunday during Sunday School, and conclude with lunch on Sunday from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided for each session. If you would like to register, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com.

Officer Recommendations. We are accepting recommendations for the offices of Deacon, Elder, and Trustee (class of 2021) through the month of April. Please complete and submit the form at the back of this worship guide, or you may visit covpres.com/officers2021 and submit a form online.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 8 - 14, 2018

SUNDAY, April 8

- 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 23 for details)
- 5:30 p.m. Senior and Junior High Small Groups

MONDAY, April 9

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Llnk's office)

TUESDAY, April 10

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Study: Hope & Help for Mothers (E303)
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Book of Romans (Dining Room)

WEDNESDAY, April 11

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Featured Artist Meet & Greet: Christina Johnson
(Commons Area)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dave Driskill, April 2-8).

FINANCIAL UPDATE *through* March 28, 2018

GENERAL FUND GIVING (137 Commitments totaling \$1,944,262)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$868,970	\$669,728	\$831,631

2018 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): (\$161,903)

2018 Operating Reserve: \$420,096

2018 Line of Credit: \$0

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (79 commitments totaling \$207,045)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
\$49,700	\$57,297	\$49,700

FAITH PROMISE RESERVE: \$127,253

MISSION DISBURSEMENT FROM GENERAL FUND: \$44,100

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

Pledges (252 commitments): **\$3,506,682**

Receipts:	\$2,999,110
Funds from sale of building:	<u>\$1,987,385</u>
Total funds provided:	\$4,986,495
Funds used for debt:	<u>(\$1,983,644)</u>
Funds available:	\$3,002,851
Costs to date:	<u>(\$2,669,490)</u>
Net funds available:	\$333,361

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

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>50s, 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

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.

APRIL READING PLAN

	JUDGES	LUKE
2	□ 8-10	□ 8:40-56
3	□ 11-12	□ 9:1-27
4	□ 13-14	□ 9:28-62
5	□ 15-17	□ 10:1-24
6	□ 18-19	□ 10:25-42
7/8	□ 20-RUTH 4	□ 11:1-12:3
	1 SAMUEL	
9	□ 1-2	□ 12:4-34
10	□ 3-6	□ 12:35-59
11	□ 7-9	□ 13:1-21
12	□ 10-12	□ 13:22-35
13	□ 13-14	□ 14:1-24
14/15	□ 15-19	□ 14:25-15:10
16	□ 20-21	□ 15:11-32
17	□ 22-23	□ 16:1-13
18	□ 24-26	□ 16:14-31
19	□ 27-29	□ 17:1-19
20	□ 30-31	□ 17:20-37
	2 SAMUEL	
21/22	□ 1-5	□ 18:1-19:10
23	□ 6-8	□ 19:11-27
24	□ 9-11	□ 19:28-48
25	□ 12-14	□ 20:1-26
26	□ 15-16	□ 20:27-47
27	□ 17-18	□ 21:1-19
28/29	□ 19-23	□ 21:20-22:23
30	□ 24-1 Kings 1	□ 22:24-38

RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

Qualifications for Church Officers

- 1 Timothy 3:1-13 (Note: Titus 1:5-9 is a companion text)
- Chapters 7 through 9 of the *Book of Church Order* (PCA)

(Elected officers serve a three-year term.)

► Recommendations for the Office of ELDER:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

► Recommendations for the Office of DEACON:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

► Recommendations for the Office of TRUSTEE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____