

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 17, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"...the insistence on seventy at the end of the list vividly illustrates the biblical use of the numbers...Seventy is a fullness, a large round number ten times sacred seven, and its use here indicates that Jacob, once a solitary fugitive, has grown to a grand family, the nucleus of a nation."

—Robert Alter

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

—Jesus, Luke 24:46-47

"...the message of the kingdom can be boiled down to eight words: *God's reign through God's people over God's place*. This brief definition is more than a slogan...It's a vision of God bringing his loving reign to the ends of the earth and doing so through his reconciled people."

—Jeremy Treat

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP**☒ 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!

☒ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"O Father, You are Sovereign"

O Father, You are sovereign
In all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken,
And light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
And bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses
And stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign
In all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness
Can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
Supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children
Secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign
The Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows
To gold of heav'nly gain,
All evil overruling,
As none but Conq'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—
Our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign!
We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph
Earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us
Our faith springs up anew:
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior,
We trust and worship You!

Words: Margaret Clarkson. Music: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615 (ST THEODULPH).

 "We Come, O Christ to You"

10:30 a.m. service

We come, O Christ, to you,
True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist,
In whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move
And have our being in your love.

You are the way to God,
Your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge
And Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
Your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living truth;
All wisdom dwells in you,
The source of every skill,
The one eternal True!
O great I AM! In you we rest,
Sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true life
To know you is to live
The more abundant life
That earth can never give.
O risen Lord! We live in you:
In us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ,
Our Savior and our King;
To you our youth and strength
Adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts that all may view
Your life in us and turn to you!

Words: Edith Margaret Clarkson. Music: DARWALL.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Titus 3:1-8

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We acknowledge and confess before you;
Our sinful nature quick to do evil and slow to do good;
All our shortcomings and offenses are before you at all times.
You alone know how often we have sinned;
In wandering from your ways;
In wasting your gifts;
In forgetting your love.
O Lord, have mercy upon us;
For in our sin we have displeased you.
Teach us to hate our errors;
Cleanse us from our secret faults;
And forgive our sins;
For the sake of your dear Son.
And, most holy and loving Father,
Cause us to live in your light and walk in your ways;
In keeping with the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord,
According to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

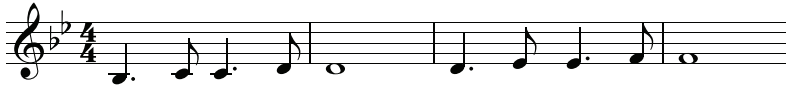
—Colossians 2:13-15

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.

✻ GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"The Power of the Cross"

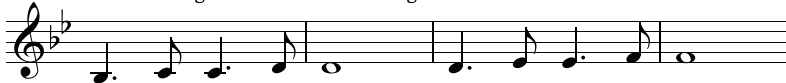
Congregational Hymn



1.Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
 2.Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
 3.Now the day - light flees, now the ground be -neath
 4.Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin;
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His head.
 for through Your suf - f'ring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
 ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry ev - il deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood.
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 won through Your self - less love.

Chorus:



This the pow'r_____ of the cross: Christ be - came_____

(*after 4th verse) Son of God,_____



sin for us, took the blame,_____ bore the wrath;
 slain for us. What a love!_____ What a cost!



we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 19 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 45:16-46:27

When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. ¹⁷And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.' ¹⁹And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

²¹The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. ²²To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes.

²³To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. ²⁴Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way."

²⁵So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. ²⁷But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

^{46:1}So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." ³Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had

sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

²⁶All the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six persons in all. ²⁷And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.

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.*

⁸Now these are the names of the descendants of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons. Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, ⁹and the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. ¹⁰The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. ¹¹The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ¹²The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan); and the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. ¹³The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Yob, and Shimron. ¹⁴The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. ¹⁵These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, together with his daughter Dinah; altogether his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.

¹⁶The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. ¹⁷The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, with Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel. ¹⁸These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bore to Jacob—sixteen persons.

¹⁹The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁰And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On, bore to him. ²¹And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. ²²These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob—fourteen persons in all.

²³The son of Dan: Hushim. ²⁴The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. ²⁵These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob—seven persons in all.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

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

Confession of Faith: The 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.*

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.

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.

"My Help My God," Instrumental

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"In My Place"



In my place, He stood con - demned,___



He who knew no sin___ be - came sin for us___



that we might be - come___ His right - eous - ness___



Bear - ing all my sin and shame,___



the pun - ish-ment and blame;___ He con quered the grave,___



that we might be - come___ the heirs of___ grace___

Chorus:



In my___ place___ Je - sus___ died,___



the spot - less_ Lamb_ laid down His life;_



the wrath of_ God_ was sa - tis - fied;_



in my_ place,_ Je - sus died._

Bridge:



Nail - pierced hands,_ bleed - ing_ side,_



His bod - y_ bruised,_ my God cru - ci - fied;_



a crown of_ thorns,_ dy - ing_ cries,_



His flesh was_ torn,_ my God cru - ci - fied;_



Hal - le - lu - jah! What a_ Sav - ior!

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 17 - 23, 2021

SUNDAY, October 17

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages (see page 20)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
5:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing (parking lots outside of Sanctuary) <i>Dinner immediately following</i>

MONDAY, October 18

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
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TUESDAY, October 19

6:30 - 7:15 a.m.	Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
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: 1 & 2 Peter (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, October 20

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Covenant Prayer Time (S101)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Kid Connection (ages 3 - 5th grade; 3rd floor)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Church-wide Study: A Joyfully Galvanizing Missional Vision (E201)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Women's Study: Steadfast, A Study of James (E303)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (Tower Room) <i>discussion only</i>
6:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (E206) <i>lesson and discussion</i>

THURSDAY, October 21

10:30 a.m.	Enfold Book Discussion (Youth Room)
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Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dan Edwards, October 18 - 24).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn Sing. Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Fall Hymn Sing! We will worship together in the parking lots outside of the Sanctuary and then enjoy dinner on the grounds, made by our CovPres Grill Masters and Kitchen. You do not want to miss this night with your Covenant family!

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our new memory verse is Titus 3:4-8. We will be memorizing these verses as a church body now through November 27.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

Feast Not Famine. This annual women's event is Friday night, November 12! This event is for the women in our congregation and those around you: in your families, in your neighborhoods, in your work place, anyone that God lays on your heart to invite. Feast Not Famine provides us with a time to focus on the feast that God has set before us. During the holiday season we often have expectations that are not met due to relational conflict and strife. That can lead to frustration and disappointment that looks like famine. How do we prepare our hearts to feast on the goodness of the Lord when the people around us are not cooperating? Anna Nash of Beacon People will be speaking to that topic and encouraging us in Christ. The event also includes a Holiday Market featuring the talents of our Covenant ladies—it is a great way to get some shopping done as well as enjoy and support your sisters in Christ. Reservations are now open at covpres.com/feast-not-famine. If you would like to set up a booth at the Holiday Market, please click on the sign up link at covpres.com/feastnotfamine.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

CROSSPOINTE Fellowship Hall	<i>mid 30s to early 40s</i>
THRESHOLD E301	<i>Singles, college students, and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM S101	<i>late 60s and above</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
CORNERSTONE S100	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i>
FOUNDATIONS DINING ROOM	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E304	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
LIVING STONES E303	<i>late 40s to late 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>late 40s to late 60s</i> (Pastor: Dan Edwards)
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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Samuel Bragg

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Will Graham

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Alan Spooner

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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.

OCTOBER READING PLAN

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□ 6

PHILIPPIANS

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COLOSSIANS

□ 1:1-2:5

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1 TIMOTHY

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□ 5:1-6:2a

□ 6:2b-2 Timothy 1

2 TIMOTHY

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□ 3

□ 4

TITUS

□ 1

□ 2

□ 3-Philemon

