

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



If you would fare securely and rightly teach or grasp God so that you find grace and help with Him, then do not let yourself be persuaded elsewhere than in the Lord Christ, nor go round about and trouble yourself with other thoughts nor ask about any other work than how He has sent Christ. Fix your art and study on Christ, there let them also bide and hold. And where your own thought and reason or anyone else leads or guides you otherwise, do but close your eyes and say: "I should and will know no other God save in my Lord Christ."

—Martin Luther, "Sermon on John 17," 1528

☒ OPENING HYMN

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

I sing the Almighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below But makes your glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you Is ever in your care,
And everywhere than man can be, You, God, are present there.

I sing the Almighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: Traditional English melody;
arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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 • SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Morning	Psalm 66, 67	Ezekiel 3:16-27	Matthew 10:24-33, 40-42
Evening	Psalm 19, 46	Ephesians 2:1-10	

MONDAY

Morning	Psalm 89:1-18	Ezekiel 4:1-17	Luke 9:51-62
Evening	Psalm 89:19-52	Hebrews 6:1-12	

TUESDAY

Morning	Psalm 97, 99, 100	Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27	Luke 10:1-17
Evening	Psalm 94, 95	Hebrews 6:13-20	

WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalm 101, 109:1-30	Ezekiel 11:14-25	Luke 10:17-24
Evening	Psalm 119:121-144	Hebrews 7:1-17	

THURSDAY

Morning	Psalm 105:1-22	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32	Luke 10:25-37
Evening	Psalm 105:23-45	Hebrews 7:18-28	

FRIDAY

Morning	Psalm 102	Ezekiel 34:17-31	Luke 10:38-42
Evening	Psalm 107:1-32	Hebrews 8:1-13	

SATURDAY

Morning	Psalm 107:33-43, 108	Ezekiel 43:1-12	Hebrews 9:1-14
Evening:	Psalm 33	Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20	1 Peter 2:4-10 Luke 11:14-23

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • DAY OF PENTECOST

Morning	Psalm 118	Isaiah 11:1-9	John 14:21-29
Evening	Psalm 145	1 Corinthians 2:1-13	

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

All 2017 officers are set to roll off and must be nominated again to be considered for another term. We encourage all officers to take one year off after serving two consecutive three-year terms.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praises to His name!

People: *Lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts.*

Pastor: His name is the LORD;
exult before Him!

People: *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in His holy habitation*

Pastor: God settles the solitary in a home;
He leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
But the rebellious dwell in a parched land

People: *Awesome is God from His sanctuary;
the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength
to His people.*

ALL: *Blessed be God!*

Psalm 68:4-6; 35

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Rick Barnes, Director of Musical Arts	rbarnes@covpres.com
Marty Crawford, Church Administrator	mcrawford@covpres.com
David Driskill, Director of Ministries	ddriskill@covpres.com
Dan Edwards, Pastor to Children and Families	dedwards@covpres.com
Scott Leveille, Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor	scottleveille@gmail.com
Ingram Link, Director of Women's Ministries	ilink@covpres.com
Sara Litten, Director of Girls Ministries	slitten@covpres.com
Stacey Loyless, Director of Communications and Media	sloyless@covpres.com

MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Jami Bennett, Director of MDO and Nursery Ministries	jbennett@covpres.com
Austin Braasch, Student Ministries Intern	jabraasch129@gmail.com
Katie Caldwell, Director of Design and Production	kcaldwell@covpres.com
Meg Cotney, Financial Secretary	mcotney@covpres.com
Rachel Davis, Assistant Director of Girls Ministries	shields.rachel.c@gmail.com
Katie Flores, Director of Pre-School Ministries	kflores@covpres.com
Phyllis Hamm, Assistant to Director of Ministries	phamm@covpres.com
Bill Hay, Pastor Emeritus	bhay@covpres.com
Traci Parker, Director of Food Services	tparker@covpres.com
Tyrone Perry, Facilities Manager	tperry@covpres.com
Josh Harper, Audio/Visual Director	joshua.harper@ruf.org
Brooke Stewart, Covenant Day School Director	bstewart@covpres.com
Karan Stuart, Receptionist	kstuart@covpres.com
Laura Tucker, Ministry Assistant, Children & Families	ltucker@covpres.com
Victoria Williams, Pastoral Assistant	vwilliams@covpres.com

CONNECT at **Covenant**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stay up to date and in the know.

www.covpres.com

CHRONICLES.

To subscribe, send your email address
to chronicles@covpres.com

podcasts.

*Listen to sermons on iTunes
"Covenant Presbyterian Podcast"*

facebook.

Like our Facebook page | Covenant Presbyterian Church

Twitter.

Follow us on Twitter | CovPresBham

✠ SECOND HYMN

"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 Thy redeeming 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*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!

JUNE 6

Joan Kendall
sharing at the home of
Kem Bennett
2107 Chestnut Road | 35216

JUNE 13

Michele Smith
sharing at the home of
Sandy Whitten
1530 Wellington Road | 35209

JUNE 20

Layton Dyess
sharing at the home of
Jessica Dyess
3408 Water Oak Drive | 35243

JUNE 27

Kathryn Tortorici
sharing at the home of
Amelia Strauss
307 English Circle | 35209

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

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>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>40s, 50s, and 60s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E301	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIVING STONES S103	<i>40s and 50s</i>
OPEN DOORS S105	<i>70s and above</i>
UPPER ROOM S101	<i>50s, 60s, and 70s</i>
YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP E303	<i>Singles and newly married without children; college students</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Psalm 25:11

ALL: *Almighty God,
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: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Psalm 25:10

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.*

“Commit Now All Your Grievs”

Commit now all your griev's And ways into his hands;
To his sure truth and tender care, Who earth and heav'n commands.
Who points the clouds their course, Whom winds and seas obey,
He shall direct your wand'ring feet, He shall prepare your way.

Give to the winds your fears; Hope, and be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.
Through waves and clouds and storms He gently clears your way;
Wait for his time, so shall the night Soon end in joyous day.

Still heavy is your heart? Still sink your spirits down?
Cast off the weight, let fear depart, And every care be gone.
He everywhere has sway, And all things serve his might;
His every act pure blessing is, His path unsullied light.

Far, far above your thought His counsel shall appear,
When fully he the work has wrought That caused your needless fear.
Leave to his sovereign will To choose and to command;
With wonderful filled, you then shall own How wise, how strong his hand.

Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; John Wesley, 1737; alt. Music: George J. Elvey, 1868;
DIADEMATA.

BENEDICTION

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“Hide Away in the Love of Jesus”

Come, weary saints, though tired and weak,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
Your strength will return by His quiet streams,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come, wandering souls, and find your home,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
He offers the rest that you yearn to know,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Chorus:
Hear Him calling your name;
See the depths of His love in
The wounds of His grace.
Hide away.

Come, guilty ones, weighed down with sin,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
The freedom you long for is found in Him,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Come, hopeless hearts, do not despair,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
For ten thousand joys await you there,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Words and Music: Steve and Vikki Cook. © 2008 Integrity's Hosanna! Music
(Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing (IMI)). Sovereign Grace Worship
(Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing (IMI)).

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My King is Known by Mercy”

Heaven's crown, You laid aside.
For the weight of love, You came to die.
On gruesome cross, for cursed heart,
The hand of God brought light to dark,
And buried all my shame
Beneath His holy name.

Chorus:
My king is known by mercy.
From shadows forth He calls me.
His hands are hands of healing.
My king is known by mercy.

I see the sun rise in the East,
The reign of night, at last shall cease.
Oh, crimson flood that washes me;
This royal blood marks His redeemed
His grace is given freely,
That death may not defeat me.
(Chorus)

See my King, His crown of thorns.
From His side, the water poured.
My brokenness He has restored.
Sin and death have claim no more.
(Chorus, twice)

Words and Music: ©2013 Josh Pantana.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Calmer of My Troubled Heart"

Calmer of my troubled heart
 Bid my unbelief depart
 Speak and all my sorrows cease
 Speak and all my soul is peace

Hallelujah, hallelujah
 Hallelujah, hallelujah

Comfort me whene'er I mourn
 With the hope of Thy return
 And till I Thy glories see
 Help me believe in Thee

Words: Charles Wesley and Clint Wells. Music: Clint Wells.

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.

**If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly. Congregation will sing the printed hymns during Communion.*

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE *through May 12, 2017*

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

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$1,222,218	\$939,629	\$1,208,307

2017 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): (\$268,678)

2017 Operating Reserve: \$66,053

2017 Line of Credit: \$0

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (80 commitments totaling \$183,011)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
\$77,456	\$88,843	\$77,456

FAITH PROMISE RESERVE: \$65,567

*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:	\$2,675,183
Funds from sale of building:	<u>\$1,987,385</u>
Total funds provided:	\$4,662,568
Funds used for debt:	<u>(\$1,983,644)</u>
Funds available:	\$2,678,924
Costs to date:	<u>(\$2,606,367)</u>
Net funds available:	\$72,557

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: *He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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.

MORNING MESSAGE

SCOTT LEVEILLE

Lined area for writing a morning message.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 28-June 3, 2017

SUNDAY, May 28

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade

MONDAY, May 29

Memorial Day—Church Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY, May 31

6:00-7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30-8:45 p.m. Musicians' Rehearsal

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, May 29-June 4).

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 - C227 (dismissed during the worship hour)

1st through 3rd Grades - C316 (dismissed during the worship hour)

Sunday Summer Sessions. For the four Sundays in June, beginning June 4, we will offer two adult Sunday School options. Dr. Gordon Bals (Daymark Counseling) will be teaching "Upside Down Living: Finding Life Beyond Relational Tension," focusing on Ephesians 4:2. Dr. Mark Gignilliat (Beeson Divinity School) will be teaching from Philippians, following Paul in his quest to know Christ. Please join us each Sunday in June to learn from these two gifted teachers.

Summer Salad Suppers. Ladies, our first Summer Salad Supper is Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. We will hear from Joan Kendall at the home of Kem Bennett (2107 Chestnut Road). Dinner is \$8; no reservations required.

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'll be 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.

Family Promise. Covenant will be hosting the families of Family Promise June 4-11. Please check the sign-up sheet in your class to see how you can help! You may email Barbara Thompson at babsfthompson@gmail.com with questions.

Communion Prep Team. We have summer openings on our communion prep team. This team of volunteers prepares the elements for communion each week before worship. If you would like to serve Covenant in this way, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com.

Summer Choir. If you have ever wanted to sing in our Chancel Choir, this summer is the time to do it! There are no auditions and no long-term commitment required. Come to room S103 on any or all of these Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30 p.m.—June 7, 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.)

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.*