

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Eastertide
April 22, 2018

"To be content in worshipping God is the essence of Christian experience."

—Anonymous

"If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled."

—Charles Spurgeon

"If we have not quiet in our minds, outward comfort will do no more for us than a glass slipper on a gouty foot."

—John Bunyan

"But godliness with contentment is great gain,
for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."

—the Apostle Paul

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him."

—John Piper

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Driskill

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,

*who by God's power are being guarded through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Let us worship the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Risen King.

 *Congregation stand as able.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Worship Christ the Risen King”

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him,
Empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain him,
For the throne of life he shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer,
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen
Now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus,
Now we sing your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
But your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

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Worship Christ, the risen King!

Words: Jack W. Hayford, 1986. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We indeed rise to worship You, O God,
for through the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ
You have conquered sin, death, hell, and the grave.
Hear our praises;
receive our worship;
and glorify Your holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Risen King. Amen.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Jessica Dyess

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



HYMN OF RESURRECTION

“The Day of Resurrection”



1. The day of res - ur - rec tion! Earth, tell it out a broad; the
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right the
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin; let

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Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God. From
Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light; and
the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in; in -

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death to life e - ter - nal, from this world to the sky, — our
lis tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain, — his
vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, their notes let all things blend, — for

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Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus, 8th century; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1862; alt. Music:
LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836; alt. 1990.

READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE

Revelation 19:11-16

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Crown Him King of Kings”

Chancel Choir

Crown Him King of Kings, and Lord of Lords...

Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord;
Shout to God, the Lord, O sing His praises.
All ye heavens, all the earth,
Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord.

Truth, unchanging is His law,
In His justice we rejoice.
Praise His name in joyful voice,
Sing to God, the mighty Lord;
Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord
With joyful heart and voice.

In humility we bow in thanks
For all His tender love...

Words and Music: J.S. Bach from the cantata “Auf, schmetternde Tone”
arr. by Hal H. Hopson.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hollye Stigler

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

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 21.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Lee Sheppard

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 4:10-13

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF CONTENTMENT

“He Will Hold Me Fast”



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those he saves are his de - light,
3. For my life he bled and died,

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when the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
pre-cious in his ho - ly sight,
just - ice has been sa - tis - fied,

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I could nev-er keep my hold_ through life's fear - ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost_ his pro - mis - es shall last,
Raised with him to end-less life,___ He will hold me fast.

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for my love is oft - en cold, He must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last.

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He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast,

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for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Words: Ada R. Habershon (1861-1918). Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, 2013.

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

*Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
Who has graciously given us all we need for life and godliness,
we sorrowfully confess that we have often not been content with Your
kindness.
We have sought more,
which has made us less;
we have looked elsewhere,
which has made us miserable;
we have not trusted You,
which has made us displeasing in Your sight.
We are truly sorry and humbly turn to You in repentance and faith.
Grant us forgiveness, O Lord,
and cleanse us from all our sinful ways
that we may glorify you with contented hearts, now and always,
through Jesus Christ, our Joy and Treasure. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16

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.*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end,
Amen, amen.

Words: 2nd century. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851.

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.

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh for grace to trust Him more!*

Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
’Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.
(Refrain)

Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882. Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthems drown
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for Thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend,
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12).
Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank You, O Lord, for Your gifts of bread and wine,
whereby we have partaken of the Body and Blood
of our dear Savior.

We thank You for the secret of full contentment
found only in Him.

We thank You for His death and resurrection,
which have won for us an eternity of joy and peace.

We thank You for holding us fast until the day we see You
face to face,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

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)

All-Adult Sunday School. This morning we will have all adult Sunday School in the Sanctuary to hear a report from the Strategic Vision Committee.

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

New Members' Class. We have restructured our New Members' Class, which will be held 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. Please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com to register.

Communing Member. In accordance with Covenant's Children and Communion Policy, Charlotte Brown, daughter of April and Jeremy Brown, has been baptized and has made a profession of faith in Christ before the members of the Session. At this time she is admitted to the Table only, and will enroll in the Sixth-Grade Communicants' Class in order to attain voting rights and take membership vows.

Financial Update. Covenant's financial information and updates can now be found linked in Covenant Chronicles, our weekly email newsletter. If you do not receive Chronicles each week and would like to subscribe, please send an email to chronicles@covpres.com.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 22 - 28, 2018

SUNDAY, April 22

- 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. All-Adult Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Senior and Junior High Small Groups

MONDAY, April 23

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

TUESDAY, April 24

- 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)
- 5:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Women's Ministry: Come to the Table (Sanctuary)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dave Driskill, April 23-29).

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Darden

Jeff Dyess

Dave Driskill (*Pastoral Liason*)

Will Gurner

John Hamilton

Keith Harrelson

Randall Lancaster

Michael Latta

Kate McKnight

Mary T Miller

Nancy Pless

Clyde Prather

Joe Strickland

Barbara Thompson

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. _____

(Please place completed forms in the basket provided in the Sanctuary Foyer.)