

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity  
November 18, 2018

“Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness...”

—Thanksgiving Proclamation, George Washington, October 3, 1789

“A spirit of thankfulness is one of the most distinctive marks of a Christian whose heart is attuned to the Lord. Thank God in the midst of trials and every persecution.”

—Billy Graham

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that, I still possess.”

—Martin Luther

 **CALL TO WORSHIP & RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS**

*Marty Crawford*

Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*

## ☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Thank the Lord, for Good is He”

Thank the Lord for good is He, For His steadfast love endures.  
To the God of gods, thanks be, For His steadfast love endures.  
Praises give the King of kings, For His steadfast love endures.  
He alone does wondrous things, For His steadfast love endures.

He with skill has made the skies, For His steadfast love endures.  
From the seas made land arise, For His steadfast love endures.  
He has made great shining lights, For His steadfast love endures.  
Sun rules day; stars rule night, For His steadfast love endures.

Egypt’s firstborn He did smite For His steadfast love endures.  
Brought out Isr’el by His might, For His steadfast love endures.  
He the Red Sea split in two, For His steadfast love endures.  
He made Isr’el pass on through; For His steadfast love endures.

He remembered us when low, For His steadfast love endures.  
Gave deliv’rance from our foe, For His steadfast love endures.  
He gives food to all that live, For His steadfast love endures.  
Thanks to God of heaven give, For His steadfast love endures.

Words: Psalm 136. Music: Adapt. 1749 from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; *EASTER HYMN* (77.77).

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

*Taylor Brown*

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## ☒ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven;  
The One eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858.

Music: Johann Cruger, 1647; harmonization by J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

## ☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

### READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
<sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the Lord;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
<sup>19</sup>God, the Lord, is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the deer's;  
he makes me tread on my high places.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## ☒ SONG OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold,  
He must hold me fast.

*Chorus:*

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast,  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast;  
He'll not let my soul be lost,  
His promises shall last,  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

*(Chorus)*

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied,  
He will hold me fast;  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast,  
'Till our faith if turned to sight  
When He comes at last.

*(Chorus, twice)*

## GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"It is Good to Give Thanks"

*Chancel Choir*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
And to give praises to Your name;  
Oh Most High, O Most High,  
It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

To declare Your steadfast love  
In the morning,  
And Your faithfulness by night;  
O Most High,  
For You, O Lord, have made me glad;  
By Your word,  
At the work of Your hands,  
At the work of Your hands,  
I sing for joy.

Words: Psalm 92:1-2, 4. Music: Dan Forrest.



## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

## **PRAYER FOR OUR SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Will Brooke, Chair

Anna Kate Coffey

Heather Hagins

John Harrelson

Joan Kendall

Preston Sartelle

John Smith T

Hollye Stigler

## **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*A word from Will Slappey regarding Christmas in Fairfield.*

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad.  
You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 19.

*Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 19 for details).*

## **THE MORNING PRAYERS**

*Bob Schaffeld*

## ☒ READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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.*



## 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**

*Josh Johnson*

*Loving Father, Who has graciously given us all things,  
and Who has called us to seek the knowledge of Your unfailing love toward us,  
We confess with great sorrow  
that we have failed to live as those Who are dearly beloved,  
but rather have often behaved as those who are orphaned:  
we have desperately sought the favor of people  
rather than the pleasure of our Savior,  
we have been obsessed with the things of this world rather than the next,  
and we have worried about our peace and happiness  
rather than trusting in Your care.  
Please forgive us, for we now turn to You in faith and repentance,  
asking that you renew and restore us  
that we may once again be astonished by Your love  
and empowered by Your Holy Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## ☒ Assurance of Pardon

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

—James 4:8, 10

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.

## ☒ Congregational Response

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; tr. by William H. Draper, 1926.  
Music: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*.

## 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 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.*

*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.*

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch a treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything—  
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart—  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Words and Music: Stuart Townend, © 1995 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing).

“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.

 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



## ☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



All praise and thanks to God the

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Fa - ther now be giv - en, the

6



Son, and Him who reigns with them in high-est

9



heav - en-- the One e - ter - nal God, Whom

13



earth and heav'n a - dore; for thus it was, is

16



now, and shall be ev - er - more.

## ☒ BENEDICTION

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 18 - 24, 2018

### **SUNDAY, November 18**

- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 21)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)  
Children's Worship | 3K through 2nd grade
- 5:00 p.m. Congregational Prayer (Fellowship Hall)

### **MONDAY, November 19**

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **TUESDAY, November 20**

- 11:30 a.m. Gospel Manhood (Fellowship Hall)

### **THURSDAY, November 22**

*Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday*

### **FRIDAY, November 23**

*Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday*

## 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 & 4K - C221** (available for the entire worship hour)

**Kindergarten - C221** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

**1st - 2nd Grade - C316** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

**2019 Pledge Cards.** Please bring your pledge cards forward during communion and place them in the baskets provided. If you did not receive a pledge card, you may pick one up in the Sanctuary foyer or church office. You may also mail in your completed pledge card or drop it off in the church office. Thank you for your commitment to growing God's kingdom!

**Gospel Manhood.** Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is this Tuesday, November 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL), will be sharing from Galatians 5:22-23, "The Fruit of Gentleness." Make plans to join us, and invite your friends!

**Christmas in Fairfield, December 7.** Christmas in Fairfield is a unique ministry that provides clothing for children in need and participating parents the opportunity to shop for toys and gifts for their children at highly reduced prices. By participating in Christmas in Fairfield you are blessing these families with the gift of giving! There are several ways that you and your family can be involved. See page 20 for details, and stop by one of our information tables for more information (Sanctuary Foyer, Commons Area).

**Lovelady Dinner and Concert.** Our annual Lovelady Dinner and Concert is Tuesday, December 11 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. For the past several years Covenant has had the privilege of hosting the women and children of The Lovelady Center for a dinner and concert. You do not want to miss this special evening or the music by Act of Congress. This is the most rocking night Covenant has all year! Visit [covpres.com/lovelady](http://covpres.com/lovelady) for more details and to volunteer.

**Advent Events.** On December 2, the Samford Acappella Choir will be in concert at Covenant at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. On December 9 our own Chancel Choir and Children's Choir will share "Jesus Is..." a lessons and carols service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with a dessert fellowship immediately following. And on December 16, we will have an ordination service for Josh Johnson at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for these special evenings of worship during Advent!



# Give the Gift of Giving

There are three ways to help:

Sponsor a Child

Donate Funds

Help with the Toy Store

(before and during the event on Dec. 7)

Visit one of our information tables for all the details.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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9:15 a.m.

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

<b>COLLEGE</b>   DINING ROOM*	<i>College students</i>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>   E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
<b>CORNERSTONE</b>   S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>CROSSPOINTE</b>   S100	<i>20s and 30s</i>
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>   E304	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b>   E301	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>LIVING STONES</b>   E303	<i>40s and 50s</i>
<b>KINGDOM BUILDERS</b>   E201	<i>50s and 60s</i>
<b>OPEN DOORS</b>   S105	<i>70s and above</i>
<b>UPPER ROOM</b>   S101	<i>60s and 70s</i>
<b>THRESHOLD</b>   DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
<b>YOUTH</b>   YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

*\*The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.*

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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.

## NOVEMBER READING PLAN

	<b>JEREMIAH</b>	<b>TITUS</b>
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2	<input type="checkbox"/> 33-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3/4	<input type="checkbox"/> 36-41	<input type="checkbox"/> Philemon-Hebrews 1
		<b>HEBREWS</b>
5	<input type="checkbox"/> 42-43	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
6	<input type="checkbox"/> 44-45	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-4:13
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 46-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:14-5:10
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9	<input type="checkbox"/> 51-52	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:13-7:10
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	<b>EZEKIEL</b>	
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15	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-16
16	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:17-40
17/18	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-13
		<b>JAMES</b>
19	<input type="checkbox"/> 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
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27	<input type="checkbox"/> 37-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
28	<input type="checkbox"/> 39-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
		<b>2 PETER</b>
29	<input type="checkbox"/> 41-42	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
30	<input type="checkbox"/> 43-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 2