

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity

November 17, 2019

God writes with a pen that never blots,
speaks with a tongue that never slips,
acts with a hand that never fails.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

All God's giants have been weak men and women
who have gotten hold of God's faithfulness.

—Hudson Taylor

God never made a promise that was too good to be true.

—D.L. Moody

Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!

My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

—the prophet Jeremiah

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

—King David

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Johnson

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne,
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame;
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream,
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Words: From Psalm 90; Isaac Watts, 1719. Music ST. ANNE C.M.; attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Molly Stone

Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

This is the Word of the Lord.

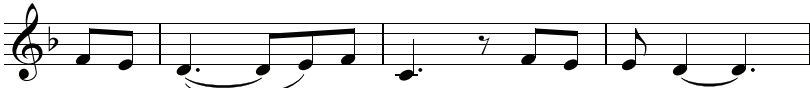
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Isaiah 43"



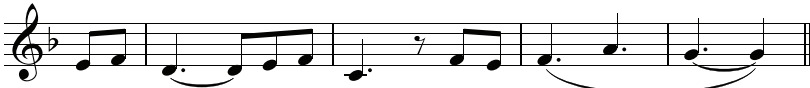
1. "When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you;
2. "When you walk through the fi - re, you'll not be burned,



and the waves_____ will not o - ver - come you.____
and the flames_____ will not con - sume you.____



Do not fear, for I_____ have redeemed you;



I have called_ you by name, you are Mine!_____

(women)

I am the Lord, your God,

(men)

For I am the Lord, your God,_____ I am the Lord, your

I_____ am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav - ior;____

God;_ the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav - ior!____

I am the Lord, your God,
 For I am the Lord, your God, _____ I am the Lord, your

I _____ am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav -
 God; _____ the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav -

-ior; _____ Do not fear, do not
 ior; I am the Lord, _____ I am the Lord. _____

fear! Do not fear, do not
 I am the Lord, _____ I am the Lord. _____

fear! I am the Lord! _____
 I am the Lord! _____

Words: Isaiah 43:1-3. Music: Unknown.

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 105:1-3, 8, 37-45

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

²Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

³Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

⁸He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

³⁷Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold,
and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.

³⁸Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.

³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

⁴⁰They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

⁴²For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

⁴³So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

⁴⁴And he gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,

⁴⁵that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Steadfast"

Chancel Choir

Lord, through all the generations
You have been our dwelling place.
Ever true and ever faithful,
Showing mercy, love and grace.

You are steadfast,
You are steadfast, Lord.
You are steadfast,
Steadfast is Your love, O Lord.

Water from the rock You offer,
Bread of Heaven from above.
Strength each day, new every morning,
Hope in Your redeeming love.

You are steadfast,
You are steadfast, Lord.
You are steadfast,
Steadfast is Your love, O Lord.

When my soul by doubt is darkened,
In the valley of despair,
Walking in the vale of shadows,
I can feel Your presence there.
Your compassion never failing,
Steadfast is Your love, O Lord.
You alone deserve our praises,
You are worshiped and adored.

You are steadfast,
You are steadfast, Lord.
You are steadfast,
Steadfast is Your love, O Lord.

Words and Music: Craig Courtney.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Alexander Brooke Barlotta

SON OF RACHEL AND KEVIN BARLOTTA

Steven Edward Cade

SON OF KATHERINE AND FRANK CADE

Elizabeth Bennie Rein

DAUGHTER OF EMILY AND STUART REIN

Samuel Jude Rush

SON 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 on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their 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 them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them 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

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

Children's Worship Information:

Children ages 3 to 4 may attend Children's Worship for the entire worship service, while kindergarteners through 2nd graders are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace. Following the worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K ▪ C224/C225 (*available for the entire worship hour*)

4K ▪ C221 (*available for the entire worship hour*)

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

1st & 2nd Grades ▪ C316 (*dismissed during the Passing of the Peace*)*

**Children on the main level will dismiss through the door leading into the Fellowship Hall, and children in the balcony will dismiss through the door closest to the elevator.*

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad with your full name and names of any family members attending with you. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Clay Wheeler

☒ READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 6:16-21

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
²¹Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

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. 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 communing but would like to participate, please come forward and 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.

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

Prayer of Confession

Dan Edwards

*Almighty God, Whose steadfast love endures forever,
Whose faithfulness reaches to the clouds,
and Who has called us to thank You and to trust You as our faithful provider,
we acknowledge with deep sorrow
our lack of gratitude for all You have done
and our feeble faith in Your rich and wondrous promises.
Please forgive us,
and renew within us a lively faith and a grateful heart,
that we may henceforth honor and glorify You,
through Jesus Christ our faithful Savior. Amen.*

☒ Assurance of Pardon

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9

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.

Words of Institution

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

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.

“Come Light Our Hearts”



For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait,



for You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait;



tru-ly our hope is in You, tru-ly our hope is in You.



O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra - diance
Oh Joy a - bove all o - ther loves, in You we



shines on all who look to You in the dark,
find more than e - nough. We come as we are,



Em - man - u - el come, come light our hearts.
O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, 2016.

"All I Have is Christ"



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
2. But as I ran my hell bound race in - diff erent to the
3. Now, Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might

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way. The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the
cost, You looked up - on my help - less state and led me to the
see the strength to fol - low Your commands could nev - er come from

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grave. I had no hope that You would own a re - bel to Your
cross. And I be - held God's love dis played; You suff - ered in my
me. Oh Fa - ther use my ran - somed life in an - y way You

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will, and if You had not loved me first, I would re - fuse You still.
place. You bore the wrath re served for me, now all I know is grace.
choose, and let my song for - ev - er be, "My on - ly boast is You."

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CHORUS (after verses 2 & 3):



Hal - le - lu - ia! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -

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lu - ia! Je - sus is my life!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
For I am the Lord your God (I am),
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am),
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I am the Lord (Do not fear),
I am the Lord (Do not fear),
I am the Lord (Do not fear),
I am the Lord (Do not fear),
I am the Lord

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 17 - 23, 2019

SUNDAY, November 17

- 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 | Rising 3k through 2nd grades
- 12:00 p.m. College Sunday School & Lunch (meet in Commons)
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us (Dining Room)

MONDAY, November 18

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's office)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Congregational Dinner & Prayer (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, November 19

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Gospel Manhood (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us (E201)

WEDNESDAY, November 20

- 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant
 - 5:30-7:15 KidConnection (3K-6th grades; 3rd floor)
 - 5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall; Menu: Sliders)
 - 5:30 Jr. High Activities (bring dinner to Youth Area)
 - 6:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)
 - 6:15 Bible Study Options:
 - Marriage Enrichment (NOTE: this program is full)
 - Small Group Discussions
 1. *Sermon on the Mount (E201)*
 2. *The Basics of the Christian Life (Dining Room)*
 - 6:45 Sr. High Activities (Youth Area)
 - 7:45 Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (David Driskill, November 18-23).

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please see our full calendar of Covenant events at covpres.com/calendar.

Commitment Sunday. Today is our 2020 Commitment Sunday. Please bring your completed commitment cards forward during Communion and place them in the baskets provided. If you did not bring your card today, you may drop it off in or mail it to any the church office.

Congregational Dinner & Prayer. Join us tomorrow night, November 18, for dinner and a time of congregational prayer in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:30, and at 6:00 we will prayer for our church family, leaders, staff, ministries, and community.

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is this Tuesday, November 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker this month is Todd Erickson, Pastoral Executive at Second Presbyterian Church (Memphis, TN).

Christmas in Fairfield. Christmas in Fairfield is a unique ministry that provides clothing for children in need and participating parents the opportunity to shop for gifts for their children at highly reduced prices. By participating in Christmas in Fairfield you will bless these families with the gift of giving! There are several ways to get involved from sponsoring a child to donating funds to volunteering. Please visit one of our information tables to find out how to get involved!

Lovelady Dinner & Concert. The Lovelady Dinner & Concert is December 3, and Charles Billingsley will be back in concert! Each year we invite the ladies from the Lovelady Center and their children to join us at Covenant for this Christmas event. While the women are our guests for dinner and the concert, their children enjoy pizza and a Christmas Vacation Bible School. This is one of the highlights of the Advent season at Covenant! If you are interested in serving on the team that organizes this event, please contact Ingram Link at ilink@covpres.com

Lessons & Carols. Mark your calendar for our annual Lessons & Carols service on Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. This service will be presented by our Chancel Choir and include performances by our Children's Choir. There will be a dessert fellowship immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery childcare will be provided.

Act of Congress at Covenant. Join us for a Christmas concert with Act of Congress on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. Act of Congress, one of Alabama's best-known acoustic bands, will be performing traditional and contemporary Christmas songs. You do not want to miss this opportunity to hear them live!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE COMMONS	<i>College students*</i>
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
CORNERSTONE S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
CROSSPOINTE S100	<i>Young families; 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>50s and 60s</i>
OPEN DOORS S105	<i>70s and above</i>
THRESHOLD DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
UPPER ROOM S101	<i>60s and 70s</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

**College students gather in Commons Area at 12:00 for class and lunch.*

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RULING ELDERS

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

2021

Eric Getty
Russell Martin
Daniel Murray
Warren Norville
Sandy Stradtman
Clay Wheeler

DEACONS

2019

Jim Bennett
Gary Gorham
Keith Harrelson
Jeff Hayes
Steve Killgore
Steve Pfitzer
Brent Powell
Matt Searson
John Shank
Todd Sitton
William Slappey
Billy Tapscott
Darrell Tucker

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

2021

Nick Baggett
Ward Bailey
Samuel Bragg
Trey Clegg
Will Graham
Jeff Hicks
Jim Jenkins
Alan Spooner
Patrick Strong

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 2019.

NOVEMBER READING PLAN

	JEREMIAH	TITUS
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2/3	<input type="checkbox"/> 33-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Philemon
		HEBREWS
4	<input type="checkbox"/> 38-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
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23/24	<input type="checkbox"/> 29-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 1 Peter 1
		1 PETER
25	<input type="checkbox"/> 34-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
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30/December 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 43-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3