

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity  
June 17, 2018

"Our relationship with each other is the criterion the world uses to judge whether our message is truthful—Christian community is the final apologetic."

—Francis Schaeffer

"When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles.

When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs.

When he stops praying, the devils shouts for joy."

—Corrie Ten Boom

"A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"I want the whole Christ for my Saviour, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field."

—John Wesley

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

—Jesus

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Marty Crawford*

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

Psalm 138:1-2

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

*before the gods I sing your praise;*

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name  
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

*for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.*

Let us worship God, Who has given us His excellent Word.

*We shall indeed praise Him.*

 *Congregation stand as able.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!”

“That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!”

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gracious God,  
Who has wondrously revealed Yourself in Your Word  
as the God Who protects us through the fiery trials  
and through the raging waters,  
and Who brings us safely to Your Home above,  
we bow before Your throne of grace  
with joyful wonder and grateful hearts  
to offer You our highest praise,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Amen.*

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

*Joe Strickland*

Luke 10:1-12

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup>I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## HYMN OF ETERNITY

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Lead on, O King eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing  
Nor roll of stirring drums,  
But deeds of love and mercy  
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal;  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where e'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

Words: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888. Music: Henry Smart, 1836.

## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 6:12-14

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee”  
*Congregational Hymn*

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874. Music: H. A. Cesar Malan, 1827.



## **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.

## **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 20.

*Children are dismissed at this time.*

## **PRAYER FOR OUR FATHERS**

## **THE MORNING PRAYERS**

*Lee Sheppard*

## READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

All flesh is like grass,  
and all its beauty 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**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
Who has called us into a sacred fellowship  
that we might love our fellow believer as Christ has loved us,  
we acknowledge and bewail our lack of love for one another,  
for we have often neglected our spiritual family  
and have sometimes carelessly offended our brothers and sisters,  
without seeking the reconciliation You command.  
Please forgive us,  
and, through Your Word and this Holy Supper,  
grant to us a renewed desire to please You  
by loving one another.  
This we pray in the Name of Jesus, Your one and only Son,  
Who loved us and gave Himself for us. 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.

## 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.*

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Old 100th; *Genevan Psalter*,  
1551 Edition; attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561.

## **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.*

“Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor”

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace,  
The heights and depths unknown,  
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,  
In Thy beloved Son.

*Chorus:*

*Come all ye pining, hungry, poor,  
The Savior's bounty taste;  
Behold a never-failing store,  
For ev'ry willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine,  
Dear Source of ev'ry good!  
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine!  
How rich Thy flowing blood!  
*(Chorus)*

Here shall your num'rous wants receive  
A free, a full supply:  
He has unmeasured bliss to give,  
And joys that never die.  
*(Chorus)*

Words: Anne Steele, 1716-1778. Music: Brian T. Murphy.



## "We Will Feast"

*Refrain:*

*We will feast in the house of Zion,  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things,  
We will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire.  
He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood.  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.  
*(Refrain)*

In the dark of night before the dawn,  
My soul be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
O God of Jacob be my strength.  
*(Refrain)*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,  
You are the faithful One.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together, bring shalom.  
*(Refrain)*

Words: Sandra McCracken, 2014. Music: Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2014.

## LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

For Your wondrous love, through which You made us  
and redeemed us,

*We thank You, Lord.*

For this great feast, which has renewed our love for You  
and for one another,

*We thank You, Lord.*

For the high calling to imitate the love of our Lord Jesus,

*We thank You, Lord.*

For the gracious provision of Your Word and Spirit  
to guide and encourage us,

*We thank You, Lord, and offer You anew our bodies as living sacrifices,  
through Jesus Christ our eternal King. Amen.*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Lead on, O King eternal;  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where e'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

## 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:

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

**Rising 1st-4th Grades - C316** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

**Vacation Bible School.** Covenant's VBS Beach Bash is this week! Please pray for our volunteers, that they will have energy and that the light of Jesus will shine through them. And pray for all the children that will be walking through our doors, that the word of God will fill their hearts through the songs, stories, crafts, and fun!

**Congregational Prayer.** Like the early church in Acts, Covenant is devoted to coming together and engaging in corporate prayer. Our next congregational prayer time is Sunday, June 24 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This guided time of prayer before our officers meet is open to all congregants—adults, children, and youth are all invited! Please join us on June 24.

**RA Camp at Covenant.** Looking for a local missions opportunity? Look no further than Covenant! Restoration Academy is coming for camp June 25-29 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. each day. Volunteer to help with CFAP and BFAP projects and hang out with the 1st-8th graders from RA. Your kids are welcome to serve with you! Sign up at [covpres.com/childrens-ministry](http://covpres.com/childrens-ministry).

**Summer Choir.** You're invited to join Summer Choir! Our first rehearsal is June 20 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in S103, and we will sing in gathered worship on June 24. Dinner will be available at 5:30, and nursery will be available by emailing [nursery@covpres.com](mailto:nursery@covpres.com).

**Summer Sessions.** We are offering two adult Sunday School options this summer beginning today through July 1. Dr. Mark Gignilliat will be teaching from the Psalms in the Sanctuary. Melody and Traylor Lovvorn will be teaching "My Secure Family" in the Fellowship Hall, a seminar about how to effectively shepherd your children in the world of technology. Please join us for one of these classes!

**Women's Summer Salad Suppers.** Ladies, join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to fellowship and hear from our Covenant sisters. Dinner is available for \$6 and no reservations are required! Visit [covpres.com/summersaladsuppers](http://covpres.com/summersaladsuppers) for dates and locations.

# THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: June 17-23, 2018

## SUNDAY, June 17

8:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
9:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
	Children's Worship   Rising 4K through Rising 4th grade
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Summer Sessions: <i>Psalms</i> with Dr. Mark Gignilliat (Sanctuary) <i>My Secure Family</i> with Melody and Traylor Lovvorn (Fellowship Hall)
4:00-5:00 p.m.	VBS Volunteer Meeting (all volunteers, including youth)
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Sr. High Grow & Go (Youth Rooms)

## MONDAY, June 18

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
12:00-4:00 p.m.	Bonus Days*
6:30-8:30 p.m.	College Ministry: Monday Dinner (3416 Water Oak Drive)

## TUESDAY, June 19

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
12:00-4:00 p.m.	Bonus Days*
6:30 p.m.	Women's Ministry: Summer Salad Supper <i>Kristen Braasch speaking at the home of Darlene Shults (2843 Five Oaks Lane 35243)</i>

## WEDNESDAY, June 20

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
12:00-4:00 p.m.	Bonus Days*
5:30-7:15 p.m.	Summer Choir (5:30 dinner; 6:00 rehearsal; S103)
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Jr. High In the House (locations vary; covpresyouth.com)

## THURSDAY, June 21

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
12:00 p.m.-June 22	Bonus Days* (overnight adventure)

## SATURDAY, June 23

Jr. High departs for The Edge

\*pre-registration required

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, June 18-24).

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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 Liaison*)

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.

## JUNE READING PLAN

	<b>2 CHRONICLES</b>	<b>JOHN</b>
1	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:20-50
2/3	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:1-14:14
4	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:15-31
5	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-17
6	<input type="checkbox"/> 19-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:18-16:15
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:16-33
8	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 17
9/10	<input type="checkbox"/> 29-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 18
11	<input type="checkbox"/> 34-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:1-19:16a
	<b>EZRA</b>	
12	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:16b-42
13	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5	<input type="checkbox"/> 20
14	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 21
		<b>ACTS</b>
15	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
	<b>NEHEMIAH</b>	
16/17	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-41
18	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:42-3:10
19	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:11-4:22
20	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:23-37
	<b>ESTHER</b>	
21	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-16
22	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:17-42
23/24	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-Job 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-7:22
	<b>JOB</b>	
25	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:23-34
26	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:35-8:3
27	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:4-25
28	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:26-40
29	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-22
30/Jul 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 19-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:23-10:8