The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Epiphany February 3, 2019

"The greatest friend of truth is time, her greatest enemy is prejudice, and her constant companion humility."

—Chuck Colson

"If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair."

—C.S. Lewis

"The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it."

—George Orwell

"A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."

—Charles H. Spurgeon

"For though we love both the truth and our friends, piety requires us to honor the truth first."

—Aristotle

"One never errs more safely than when one errs by too much loving the truth."

—Augustine

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

—Jesus of Nazareth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Iohn Fountain

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"A Mighty Fortress"

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate. On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, For lo! His doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also, The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still; His Kingdom is forever.

Words: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; based on Psalm 46. Music: Martin Luther, 1529.

M PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God,
our Refuge and Strength,
our Help in time of need,
our Fortress and our Might,
we bow down before Your Divine Majesty
to ask that You fill us with Your Spirit
that with every thought, word, and deed
we bring honor and glory to Your Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

® READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Kim Killgore

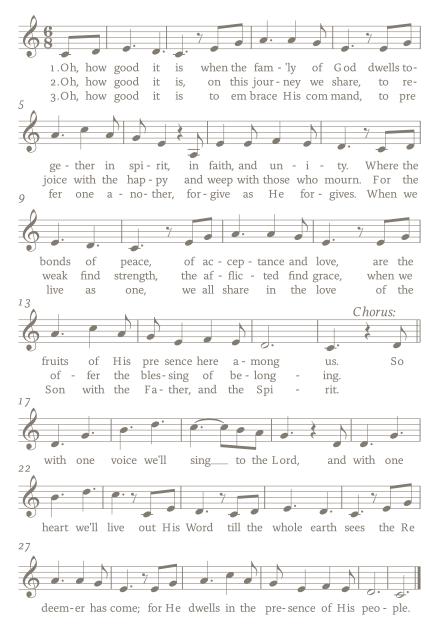
Zechariah 8:14-17

For thus says the LORD of hosts: "As I purposed to bring disaster to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the LORD of hosts, "5so again have I purposed in these days to bring good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear not. "6These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; "7do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD."

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SONG OF UNITY

"Oh, How Good It Is"



Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty.

READING FROM THE PROVERBS

Proverbs 10:11-21

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

¹²Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

¹³On the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense.

¹⁴The wise lay up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.

¹⁵A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin.

¹⁶The wage of the righteous leads to life, the gain of the wicked to sin.

¹⁷Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.

¹⁸The one who conceals hatred has lying lips, and whoever utters slander is a fool.

¹⁹When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

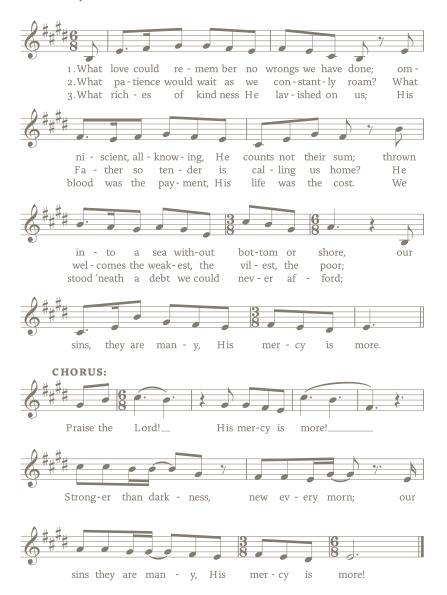
²⁰The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

²¹The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SONG OF GOD'S GRACE

"His Mercy is More"



Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, 2016.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Let the Words of My Mouth" *Rick Barnes*

Let the words of my mouth
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You;
The meditation of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You;
Oh Lord, my strength
And my Redeemer.

Whatever is true, Whatever is pure, Whatever is lovely, Whatever is worthy, Think on these things, Think on these things.

Let the words of my mouth Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You.

Words: based on Psalm 19:14; John Andrew Schreiner and Juan Fernando Ortega. Music: John Andrew Schreiner and Juan Fernando Ortega.

M 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

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).

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Tom McKnight

John 18:33-37

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,"Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE MORNING PRAYERS

MREADING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

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.

MESSAGE

"SPEAKING THE TRUTH"
Sandy Willson
oundy Willison

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

Holy Father,

Who graciously saved us by Your Word of Truth, and Who has called us to believe, live, and speak the truth, with deep sorrow we confess our failure to obey You: we have sometimes chosen to believe lies, we have at times spoken untruthfully, and we have not always stood courageously for the truth. Please forgive us, and sanctify us by Your Word of Truth, that we may be your truthful messengers to the world about us, and thus bring honor to Your Name, through Jesus Christ our loving 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.

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.

© Congregational Response



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.



Words and Music: Sandra McCracken.

"Jesus with Thy Church Abide"



Words: Thomas Pollock. Music: Christopher Miner.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also,
The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still;
His Kingdom is forever.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: February 3 - 9, 2019

SUNDAY, February 3

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

5:00-6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups

MONDAY, February 4

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's Office)

TUESDAY, February 5

6:30 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)

11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Letters of John (E201)

WEDNESDAY, February 6

12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Prayer Time (Children's Ministry Office)

5:30-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant

5:30-7:15 | Nursery Care (Nursery Floor)

kidConnection* (3rd floor: dinner included)

5:30-6:15 | Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Menu: pasta night

6:00-7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:15-7:15 | Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

Adult Bible Study | Scripture: How do we

read it, Pt. 1? (E201)

*register for kidConnection at covpres.com

FRIDAY, February 8- Missions Festival: 24 Hours of Prayer

SATURDAY, February 9 (sign up: covpres.com/missions-festival)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (John Fountain, February 4-10).

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 Missions Festival. Covenant's annual Missions Festival is next week, February 9-13! Joe Novenson of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church (Lookout Mountain, TN) will be our guest speaker, and he will be speaking on "The Condition and the Calling," focusing on Genesis 17:1-14 and Proverbs 11:30. We have almost 20 missionary partners joining us this year, and there are many ways that you can help with the festival! See page 20 for a full schedule and, please visit covpres.com/missions-festival to sign up for our 24 hours of prayer before the festival and to sign up to volunteer.

Ladies' Missions Brunch. All ladies are invited to join us on Tuesday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. for our annual Ladies' Missions Brunch. The brunch will be held at the home of Rushton Waltchack (2445 Chestnut Road, 35216), and Suzy Triplett (Servant Partners, Thailand) will be our guest speaker. Nursery childcare is available by reservation; please email nursery@covpres.com

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, February 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joe Novenson, our Missions Festival speaker, will be sharing with us "What Makes a Great Man of God," using Matthew 18:1-11.

Wednesdays@**Covenant.** We will not have our regular Wednesday night activities on February 13 but will hear from our global missionary partners as we wrap up our Missions Festival. We will resume our Wednesday night schedule on February 20 with dinner at 5:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at 6:00, and youth activities and adult Bible study at 6:15. Choir rehearsal and Bible study end at 7:15. KidConnection, our children's meal and activities, is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. on the third floor, and you can register children at covpres.com/weekly-activities.

Grace House Opportunity. Grace House, a missions partner in Fairfield, is seeking groups of 4-10 adults and/or mature teens to sign up for their "Green Team." These groups will spend a day at Grace House mowing lawns, raking leaves, trimming hedges, and doing general yard maintenance. There is a sign-up link in Chronicles, or you can contact Phyllis Hamm at phamm@covpres.com.

MISSIONS 2019

THE CONDITION & THE CALLING

■ FESTIVAL SCHEDULE ■

Sunday, February 10

9:15 a.m. | Sunday School, Missionaries speaking

10:30 a.m. | Worship Service: Missionary Roll Call

12:00 p.m. | Church Families host missionaries for lunch

5:15 p.m. | Church-wide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 p.m. | Worship Service; Joe Novenson preaching

7:30 p.m. | Dessert Fellowship (Commons Area)

Monday, February 11

5:15 p.m. | Church-wide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 p.m. | Worship Service; Joe Novenson preaching

7:30 p.m. | Dessert Fellowship (Commons Area)

Tuesday, February 12

10:30 a.m. | Ladies' Brunch *at the home of* Rushton Waltchack (2445 Chestnut Road, 35216)

Guest Speaker: Suzy Triplett, Servant Partners, Thailand

11:30 a.m. | Gospel Manhood

Guest Speaker: Joe Novenson

6:30 p.m. | Dessert fellowship (Commons Area)

Local Missionaries sharing and short-term missions trips outlined

Wednesday, February 13

5:15 p.m. | Church-wide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 p.m. | Panel Discussions with our Global Missionaries

7:30 p.m. | Dessert Fellowship (Commons Area)

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

College students

COLLEGE | DINING ROOM*

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 30s and 40s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

LIVING STONES | E303

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | S101 60s and 70s

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

40s and 50s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

^{*}The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Marty Crawford, Church Administrator mcrawford@covpres.com

David Driskill, Assistant Pastor ddriskill@covpres.com

Dan Edwards, Pastor to Children and Families dedwards@covpres.com

Ingram Link, Director of Women's Ministries ilink@covpres.com

Sandy Willson, Interim Senior Pastor swillson@covpres.com

MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Rick Barnes. Director of Musical Arts rbarnes@covpres.com Jami Bennett, Director of MDO and Nursery Ministries jbennett@covpres.com Austin Braasch, Intern, Student Ministries jabraasch129@gmail.com Katie Caldwell, Director of Design and Production kcaldwell@covpres.com Meg Cotney, Director of Finance mcotney@covpres.com Tyler Cuidon, Director of Technical Services tyler.cuidon@gmail.com Rachel Davis. Assistant Director of Girls Ministries shields.rachel.c@gmail.com Katie Flores. Director of Pre-School Ministries kflores@covpres.com John Fountain, Director of Student Ministries ifountain@covpres.com Phyllis Hamm. Ministry Assistant phamm@covpres.com Bill Hav. Pastor Emeritus bhav@covpres.com Josh Johnson, Pastor to Young Adults ijohnson@covpres.com Sara Litten. Director of Girls Ministries slitten@covpres.com Stacev Loyless, Director of Communications and Media slovless@covpres.com Casey O'Dell, Director, Children's Music/Worship Assistant caseys.odell@gmail.com Kim Oliver. Assistant to the Interim Senior Pastor koliver@covpres.com Traci Parker. Director of Food Services tparker@covpres.com Tyrone Perry, Director of Facilities tperry@covpres.com Justin Richardson, Assistant to the Church Administrator irichardson@covpres.com Brooke Stewart, Director of Covenant Day School bstewart@covpres.com Karan Stuart, Receptionist kstuart@covpres.com Laura Tucker, Ministry Assistant, Children and Families ltucker@covpres.com Victoria Williams, Ministry Assistant vwilliams@covpres.com

RULING ELDERS

201920202021Ty DedmonBill BennettEric Getty

Jeff DyessWill BrookeRussell MartinRick FlynnMichael LattaDaniel MurrayHeath HendersonCharlie LoganWarren NorvilleTom McKnightPaul LoylessSandy Stradtman

John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Clay Wheeler

Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard
Steve Stigler
Mark Taylor

John Wood

DEACONS

2019 2020 2021

Nick Baggett* Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander Ward Bailey Paul Darden Gary Gorham Samuel Bragg* Jay Evans Keith Harrelson Trey Clegg Bryan Flores Jeff Hayes Will Graham John Gant Steve Killgore Jim Jenkins* Steve Pfitzer John David Gray Alan Spooner Marty Martin Brent Powell

John ShankBud MillerPatrick StrongTodd SittonTyler O'ConnorWilliam SlappeyJohn Shults

Clark Worrell

Billy Tapscott Danny Smith
Robert Stephens

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.

FEBRUARY READING PLAN

1	□ 27-28	□ 21:23-46
2/3	□ 29-33	□ 22
4	□ 34-36	□ 23:1-22
5	□ 37-38	□ 23:23-29
6	□ 39-40	□ 24:1-22
	LEVITICUS	
7	□ 1-3	□ 24:23-51
8	□ 4-6	□ 25:1-30
9/10	□ 7-12	□ 25:31-26:19
11	□ 13	□ 26:20-56
12	□ 14	□ 26:57-75
13	□ 15-17	□ 27:1-31
14	□ 18-19	□ 27:32-66
15	□ 20-21	□ 28
		MARK
16/17	□ 22-25	□1
18	□ 26-27	□ 2
	NUMBERS	
19	□ 1-2	□ 3:1-21
20	□ 3-4	□ 3:22-35
21	□ 5-6	□ 4:1-20
22	□ 7	□ 4:21-41
23/24	□ 8-13	□ 5
25	□ 14-16	□ 6:1-31
26	□ 17-19	□ 6:33-56
27	□ 20-22	□ 7
28	□ 23-35	□ 8:1-21