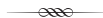


# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



If he have faith, the believer cannot be restrained. He betrays himself. He breaks out. He confesses and teaches this gospel to the people at the risk of life itself.

—Martin Luther

It will not do to say that you have no special call to go to China. With these facts before you and with the command of the Lord Jesus to go and preach the gospel to every creature, you need rather to ascertain whether you have a special call to stay at home.

—Hudson Taylor

The Gospel has never changed.

—Billy Graham

## ☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Marty Crawford*

## ☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

*To comply with current CDC recommendations, we encourage the congregation to sing in moderation while wearing masks.*

“Give to God Our Immortal Praise”

Give to our God immortal praise;  
 Mercy and truth are all His ways;  
 Wonders of grace to God belong;  
 Repeat His mercies in your song.

He built the earth, He spread the sky,  
 And fixed the starry lights on high:  
 Wonders of grace to God belong;  
 Repeat His mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;  
 He bids the moon direct the night;  
 His mercies ever shall endure,  
 When suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with pow’r to save  
 From guilt and darkness and the grave;  
 Wonders of grace to God belong;  
 Repeat His mercies in your song.

Through this vain world He guides our feet,  
 And leads us to His heav’nly seat:  
 His mercies ever shall endure,  
 When this our world shall be no more.

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: DUKE STREET; John Hatton.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

*Hollye Stigler*

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the an-gels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is repentance unto life? (WSC 87)

*Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.*

 **HYMN OF REPENTANCE**

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love and pow’r

Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
Oh, there are ten-thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry ‘til you’re better,  
You will never come at all.  
(Chorus)

View Him prostrate in the garden,  
On the ground your Maker lies;  
On the bloody tree behold Him,  
Sinner, will this not suffice?  
(Chorus)

Lo! The incarnate God ascended,  
Pleads the merit of His blood;  
Venture on Him, venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
(Chorus, twice)

Words: Joseph Hart; Refrain: source unknown. Music: traditional American melody;  
Walker’s *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Ortega.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty and merciful Father,  
We confess that our hearts are sin-pools,  
And from our hearts have flowed evil and sinful thoughts, words, and deeds  
Against heaven and against you,  
and we are not worthy to be called your children.  
Yet there is forgiveness, mercy, and redemption with You in Christ Jesus.  
We cry out to you, and plead the blood of Jesus,  
Knowing you will not despise a broken and contrite heart.  
Enable us more and more to hate our sin, and to put it to death,  
So that we might live unto the righteousness of Christ in obedience to him.  
We lift our prayers in the name of Jesus, our Savior, Amen.*

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION****PRAYER FOR MERCY**

“Trisagion”

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have Mercy, have mercy on us.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Fernando Ortega. CCLI 6485614.

## ❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ.  
—Ephesians 1:7-9

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.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is faith in Jesus Christ? (WSC 86)

*Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.*

**READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*



## 🌀 HYMN OF FAITH

“Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God’s own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,  
Give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where’er we roam,  
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:  
Ancient words, ever true,  
Changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith,  
Handed down to this age;  
Came to us through sacrifice,  
O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved,  
For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God’s own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart.  
(Chorus, twice)

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**GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS***David Driskill**“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”**Becca Davis and Paul Litten*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures, feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
We will early turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
We will early turn to Thee.

Words: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1989. Music: French melody, 17th century (PICARDY).

## ☒ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

## **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See page 16 for our Ministry Announcements.

## **THE MORNING PRAYERS**

*Bob Schaffeld*

Isaiah 40:9-11

Go on up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Behold your God!"  
<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

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.*



**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,*

*for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.*

 **HYMN OF HOPE**

“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)

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 **BENEDICTION**

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Installation of Rev. Robby Holt.** During gathered worship on Sunday, August 30, we will install Rev. Robby Holt as the Senior Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please plan to attend in person or watch via livestream as we begin this joyous new phase in the life of our church!

**CDS & MDO 2020 Start Date.** Covenant Day School and Mother's Day Out will be starting soon! CDS Meet the Teacher is August 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., (parents will receive information regarding their time slot to meet their teacher). The CDS 4s and 5s will begin classes on September 1, and the 3s and 4s will begin on September 2. MDO will have their parent meeting on August 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will begin their year on September 9.

**Women's Fall Bible Studies.** Our Ephesians Bible study, "Hinged," begins on September 8, with large group teaching time in the Sanctuary led by different women. We plan to have childcare and small groups on Tuesdays. We are also offering small group meetings on other days at different times. When you register, please indicate the day and time you'd like to meet. Divine Design Discipleship also begins on September 8, with large group teaching and small group discussions (there is an option for virtual small groups). Kathy Girardeau will explore Expectations—how powerfully they impact our life experience and how to bring them into agreement with Biblical truth. Please visit [covpres.com/fall-study](http://covpres.com/fall-study) for more information and to register for each study.

**Fall Sunday School Plans.** In light of the limitations of gathering due to COVID-19, we are dividing our Sunday School communities into two groups for fall and winter that will meet every other Sunday evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning September 13. We will have 30 minutes of teaching time in the Sanctuary followed by 30 minutes of fellowship and prayer in assigned classrooms. For the group assignments and dates, please see [covpres.com/sunday-school-communities](http://covpres.com/sunday-school-communities). Our full nursery will be available, and Children's Sunday School and Youth Small Groups will also take place during this time. We will be sending out specific RSVP links in September. If you have any questions, please contact David Driskill ([ddriskill@covpres.com](mailto:ddriskill@covpres.com)) or Laura Tucker ([ltucker@covpres.com](mailto:ltucker@covpres.com)).



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Paul Loyless  
Bob Schaffeld  
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Mark Taylor  
John Wood

2021

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

2022

Ty Dedmon  
John Hamilton  
Mark Hogewood  
John James  
David O'Dell  
Norman Pless  
Kurt Senn

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2020

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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

2022

Jim Bennett  
William Edwards  
Merrill Johnston  
Randall Lancaster  
Mark Midyette  
Stephen Mince  
Clyde Prather  
John Shank  
Matt Thomas  
Greg Tomlinson

# 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 2020.

## AUGUST READING PLAN

|       | <b>PSALMS</b> | <b>ROMANS</b>              |
|-------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1/2   | □ 65-69       | □ 4                        |
| 3     | □ 70-72       | □ 5                        |
| 4     | □ 73-74       | □ 6                        |
| 5     | □ 75-76       | □ 7                        |
| 6     | □ 77-79       | □ 8                        |
| 7     | □ 80-84       | □ 9:1-10:4                 |
| 8/9   | □ 85-90       | □ 10:5-11:10               |
| 10    | □ 91-93       | □ 11:11-36                 |
| 11    | □ 94-95       | □ 12                       |
| 12    | □ 96-98       | □ 13                       |
| 13    | □ 99-101      | □ 14                       |
| 14    | □ 102-104     | □ 15:1-21                  |
| 15/16 | □ 105-108     | □ 15:22-1 Corinthians 1:17 |
|       |               | <b>1 CORINTHIANS</b>       |
| 17    | □ 109-110     | □ 1:18-31                  |
| 18    | □ 111-112     | □ 2                        |
| 19    | □ 113-115     | □ 3                        |
| 20    | □ 116-119:48  | □ 4                        |
| 21    | □ 119:49-104  | □ 5                        |
| 22/23 | □ 119:105-176 | □ 6                        |
| 24    | □ 120-124     | □ 7                        |
| 25    | □ 125-127     | □ 8                        |
| 26    | □ 128-130     | □ 9                        |
| 27    | □ 131-133     | □ 10:1-22                  |
| 28    | □ 134-137     | □ 10:23-11:1               |
| 29/30 | □ 138-142     | □ 11:2-34                  |
| 31    | □ 142-145     | □ 12:1-11                  |

