

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The Lord Jesus plainly taught His disciples in John 14-16, the truth of what He was going to arrange. In this extended passage is the promise about the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Lord Jesus will send. It is written, ‘And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Holy Spirit has been sent into the heart of the believing person that He might activate in the person the will of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

—Manford G. Gutzke

“The Holy Spirit was active in the world before the ascension of Jesus, but the outpouring of the Spirit as the result of Jesus’ ministry has meant a mightier work of the Spirit among the nations. People around the world have been streaming into the kingdom of God as the Spirit has given them new hearts to believe in Christ. Because of the Spirit’s work, we can be confident that He will use our proclamation of the gospel to grow the kingdom of God.”

—Ligonier Ministries

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Johnson

☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing.

Help us to praise:

Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayers attend.

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour.

Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.

Father, now call us out of our wand'ring.

Jesus, now come and cast out our fear.

Spirit, now preach the Son to our deafness:

Open our hearts, open our hearts.

(Repeat twice)

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
Hence evermore:

Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,

And to eternity, love and adore.

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861. Additional Words and Music: Zac Hicks, 2018.

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Judson Smith

Ezekiel 36:22-28

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. 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

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

—Hebrews 10:22-23

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.

☒ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"Grace Unmeasured"

Grace unmeasured vast and free
That knew me from eternity,
That called me out before my birth
To bring You glory on this earth.
Grace amazing pure and deep
That saw me in my misery,
That took my curse and owned my blame
So I could bear Your righteous name.

Grace (grace grace), Paid for my sins and brought me to life.
Grace (grace grace), Clothes me with pow'r to do what is right.
Grace (grace grace), Leads me to heav'n where I'll see Your face,
And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

Grace abounding strong and true
That makes me long to be like You,
That turns me from my selfish pride
To love the cross on which You died.
Grace unending all my days;
You'll give me strength to run this race,
And when my years on earth are through
The praise will all belong to You.

Grace (grace grace), Paid for my sins and brought me to life.
Grace (grace grace), Clothes me with pow'r to do what is right.
Grace (grace grace), Leads me to heav'n where I'll see Your face,
And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

(Repeat)

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READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 John 5:6-12

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

John Fountain

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet? (WSC 24)

Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Paul Litten (soloist); Rachel Barlotta, Becca Davis, Daniel Smith (ensemble)

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear
It soothes his sorrows, Heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding Place;
My never failing Treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, My Shepherd, Husband, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King;
My Lord, my life, my Way, my End
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought,
But when I see You as You are,
I'll praise You as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy Name
Refresh my soul in death.

Words: John Newton. Music: Alexander Reinagle, arr. by Bill Moore. CCLI # 147209.

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 13 for our Ministry Announcements.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Will Brooke

📖 READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 16:5-15

“But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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 THE SPIRIT

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
 Breathe new life into my willing soul;
 Bring the presence of the Risen Lord,
 To renew my heart and make me whole.
 Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
 Give me faith for what I cannot see.
 Give me passion for Your purity;
 Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
 May Your joy be seen in all I do.
 Love enough to cover every sin
 In each thought and deed and attitude.
 Kindness to the greatest and the least;
 Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
 Turn my striving into works of grace;
 Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
 Giving life to all that God has made.
 Show Your power once again on earth,
 Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
 Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
 Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
 That in unity the face of Christ
 Will be clear for all the world to see.

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 Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
 That in unity the face of Christ
 Will be clear for all the world to see.

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BENEDICTION

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Summer Fellowship. This summer, all current Covenant college students (including rising freshmen) are invited to participate in the Summer College Fellowship nights. We will meet every Tuesday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Johnsons' home (1437 Linda Vista Lane, 35226), and we are going to discuss "Maintaining Healthy Relationships." We are meeting every Tuesday through August 4.

Fall Sunday School Plans. Due to the limitations of gathering safely during Covid-19, our leadership and staff have come to the decision that it is not feasible to gather in a normal capacity for Sunday School through the end of this year. In light of this, and with consideration for all of the practical, logistical, and sanitary measures necessary for us to gather, we are dividing our Sunday School communities into two groups 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. Please see the group and date assignments below:

Group A | Community, Crosspointe, Lighthouse, Living Stones, Open Doors, and Upper Room will meet September 13, 27; October 11; and November 1, 15.

Group B | College, Cornerstone, Foundations, Kingdom Builders, and Threshold will meet September 20; October 4, 25; and November 8, 22.

For children our full nursery will be available, and Children's Sunday School will also take place during this time for the children whose parents' Sunday School communities are scheduled to meet. Our Children's Ministry team will be recruiting teachers and volunteers for these classes. Youth small groups will also meet 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) or Laura Tucker (ltucker@covpres.com).

Sunday, August 9. On Sunday, August 9, Sandy Willson will lead a 30-minute session on transitioning to a new senior pastor as we look forward to welcoming Robby and Chrissy Holt to Covenant. The session will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be in person and livestreamed before the service begins at 10:30.

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RULING ELDERS

2020

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 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

2022

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

DEACONS

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

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.

JULY READING PLAN

	JOB	ACTS
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