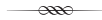


The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...¹⁸“And you shall not commit adultery.¹⁹“And you shall not steal. ²⁰“And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ²¹“And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.’

—Deuteronomy 5:6, 18-21

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

—Matthew 5:43-48

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-8

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

All: *Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

Leader: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

All: *Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!*

Leader: He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

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

☒ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, Amen.

Words and Music: Anonymous, 2nd century.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMNS OF ADORATION

"Come Thou Fount"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;*
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: NETTLETON; Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

*"The stone of help" (1 Samuel 7:12-14)

 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

He speaks and list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Glazer, 1828; arr. Keith Getty, *Getty Children's Hymnal*.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 23:1-11

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.
We have rebelled against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
Therefore we lack integrity.
Now, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those, O God, who confess their sins.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to your promises declared unto us
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
That we may live godly, righteous, and sober lives
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
To the glory of your holy name, Amen.*

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

—Romans 5:8-9

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.


GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS
"I Will Glory In My Redeemer"
Congregational Hymn


1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er
 2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er;
 3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er



whose price - less blood has ran - somed me.
 my life He bought, my love He owns.
 Who car - ries me on ea - gle's wings.



Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails,
 I have no long - ings for an - oth - er;
 He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness;



and hung Him on that judg - ment tree.
 I'm sat - is - fied in Him a - lone.
 His tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing.



I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er,
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er



who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;
 His faith - ful - ness my stand - ing place;
 Who waits for me at gates of gold;



my on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly J u d g e ;
 though foes are might y and rush up - on_ me,
 and when He calls me it will be par - a - d i s e ;



the Lamb, Who is my_ right - eous - ness,
 my feet are firm, held_ by His grace,
 His face for - ev - er_ to be - hold,



the Lamb, Who is my_ right - eous - ness.
 my feet are firm, held_ by His grace.
 His face for - ev - er_ to be - hold.

Words and Music: Steve and Vikki Cook. CCLI 3337435.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 17 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance sheet provided with your worship guide and leave it in your pew or at your table.

Children's Worship | 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2021) through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children will walk with staff to C222, C223, or C224, and staff will then walk children back to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, prior to communion, to join their parents.

Enfold Disability Ministry. Our church seeks to embrace and enfold people affected by disability. Please let an usher know how we can support and accommodate your needs during worship.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 39

Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" ¹⁰And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

¹¹But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹²she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. ¹³And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, ¹⁴she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. ¹⁵And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." ¹⁶Then she laid up his garment by

her until his master came home,¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me."¹⁸ But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."

¹⁹As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger was kindled.

²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.²² And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it.²³ The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

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.

❏ CLOSING HYMN

"2 Corinthians 5:17"




1. There - fore, if an - y - one is in Christ,



He is a new cre - a - tion. *(repeat)*



The old__ has passed a - way;



be - hold__ the new has__ come. *(repeat)*

Words: 2 Corinthians 5:17. Music: Adam Wright.

❏ BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: September 5 - 11, 2021**SUNDAY, September 5**

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship
10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

MONDAY, September 6

Office closed for Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 7

6:30 - 7:15 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, September 8

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Covenant Prayer Time (S100)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m. Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Women's Study: Steadfast, A Study of James (E303)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (John Fountain, September 6 - 12).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Bible Studies. Women's Bible studies begin over the next two weeks! We have several options on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and Sunday evenings. Please visit covpres.com/womens-bible-studies for all the details and to register.

Youth & Children's Ministry Update. Even though we are not having Sunday School for a few weeks, our Children's and Youth Ministries staff have planned events during this time to maintain connections with our youngest members. Children's worship is available for ages 3 through kindergarten during the 10:30 service, and we are offering an "Open House" on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 for children to participate in a brief activity in the children's building and recite a memory verse for a goody! We have several other outdoor evening events planned in September as well. As for our youth students, small groups are meeting on Sunday evenings, Sr. High Bible Study begins on September 7, and Jr. High Bible Study begins on September 8. As always, our youth staff continues to connect one-on-one with students during the week. Children and youth parents, be on the lookout for details regarding all of these events!

Pray for Me. The vision of the Pray for Me Campaign is that every young person in the church would have a team of adult believers serving as their prayer champions. Once you sign up, we will match you with a 6th-12th grade student that you will commit to praying for throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Email Rachel Davis at shields.rachel.c@gmail.com to sign up and be paired with a student. Thank you for being willing to pray for our students!

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our new memory verse is Titus 3:4-8. We will be memorizing these verses as a church body now through November 27.

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but
according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal
of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ
our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life. 8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want
you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may
be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent
and profitable for people.*

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	Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld
	Kurt Senn	John Smith T
		Steve Stigler

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Jeff Hicks	Stephen Mince	Gary Gorham
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Patrick Strong	Matt Thomas	Joe Strickland
	Greg Tomlinson	Darrell Tucker

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BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. You can use them along with the readings, prayers, and hymns from your worship guide each week. 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 2021.

AUGUST READING PLAN

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SEPTEMBER READING PLAN

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	ECCLESIASTES	
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	ISAIAH	
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