# The Lord's Day in Worship

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 

"In Luke's Gospel Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal."

—Robert Karris

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

—1 Corinthians 10:31

"Zacchaeus is not misunderstood. He is not the victim of circumstance. He is a genuinely bad man. He has chosen to work for the Romans, to bilk his own people. So successful is he at this job that he has risen in the ranks to become a chief tax collector. The people don't despise him because they are close-minded and judgmental; they despise him because he is a slimy, good-for-nothing thief. And he knows he is."

—Michael Card

## 2 **EXECUTE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 57:5

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!"

#### **RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 63:1-8

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

All: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

 $Leader:\ Because\ your\ stead fast\ love\ is\ better\ than\ life,$ 

my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live;

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

when I remember you upon my bed,

and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

Leader: for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

All: My soul clings to you;

your right hand upholds me.

#### **M** DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, attr. to Louis Bourgeois (1551).

## **B** PRAYER OF ADORATION

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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Words: Anon, ca. 1757. Music: Felice de Giardini, 17691. Additional Music and Lyrics: Zac Hicks, 2018.

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## ■ "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. Jeff Koonce, 2012.

1 Kings 4:1, 20-21, 24-25; Micah 4:1-4; Zechariah 3:9-10; 13:1

4:1King Solomon was king over all Israel,

<sup>20</sup>Judah and Israel were as many as the sand by the sea. They ate and drank and were happy. <sup>21</sup>Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

<sup>24</sup>For he had dominion over all the region west of the Euphrates from Tiphsah to Gaza, over all the kings west of the Euphrates. And he had peace on all sides around him. <sup>25</sup>And Judah and Israel lived in safety, from Dan even to Beersheba, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, all the days of Solomon.

4:1It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, <sup>2</sup>and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; <sup>4</sup>but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

<sup>3:9</sup>For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. <sup>10</sup>In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree."

<sup>13:1</sup>"On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

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

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

We acknowledge and confess before you;

Our sinful nature quick to do evil and slow to do good;

All our shortcomings and offenses are before you at all times.

You alone know how often we have sinned;

In wandering from your ways;

In wasting your gifts;

In forgetting your love.

O Lord, have mercy upon us;

For in our sin we have displeased you.

Teach us to hate our errors;

Cleanse us from our secret faults;

And forgive our sins;

For the sake of your dear Son.

And, most holy and loving Father,

Cause us to live in your light and walk in your ways;

In keeping with the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord,

According to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

#### **MASSURANCE OF PARDON**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

-Colossians 2:13-15

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**

"Before the Throne of God Above" Congregational Hymn

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High priest Whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, My perfect spotless Righteousness. The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God.

One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God.

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## 10 M PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you. *And also with you.* 

#### **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See page 19 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.** Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarten sitting in the Fellowship Hall 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 Fellowship Hall, prior to the benediction, 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

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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**

Robby Holt

| whole church, our neighbors, and the nations. For your glory, grant us zeal and wisdom as we gather in your presence, grow in your grace, and go in your name into all good things. Amen. |
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#### LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are italicized.

#### **Words of Institution**

from Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## Confession of Faith: The 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 Spirit,
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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King, to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
in this breaking of bread, a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you
and you with 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

#### 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. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not partaking of these elements but would like to come forward with your fellow worshipers, please cross your hands in front of your chest, and the one serving communion will pray a brief prayer for you or pronounce a blessing over you.

#### HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.



Words: William Walsham How, 1823-1897; alt. 1990, mod. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997.

"There is a Fountain"

There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away; And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r, 'Til all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more. Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more; 'Til all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be 'til I die, And shall be 'til I die, And shall be 'til I die; Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be 'til I die.

Words: William Cowper. Music: traditional American melody; arr. by Lowell Mason.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 16 - 22, 2021

SUNDAY, January 16

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (see page 20)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

MONDAY, January 17 Church Office closed

Youth return from Winter Retreat

**TUESDAY, January 18** 

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Hope and Help for Moms (305)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Women's Study: Remember Your Joy

(Sanctuary)

**WEDNESDAY, January 19** 

10:00 a.m. Church-wide Prayer Time (101)

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

5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)6:15 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15 KidConnection (3K-5th grades; 3rd floor)

6:15 Youth Activities (Youth Area)

6:15 Bible Studies

**Church-wide Studies:** 

You Are Not Your Own: Redefining Identity (201)

Topic: Gender & Sexuality

God, His People, and Poverty Alleviation (301)

Women's Studies:

Remember Your Joy (303)

The Book of Isaiah (305)

#### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesdays Covenant.** Wednesday night studies and activities are back! Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with studies, choir rehearsal, and youth and children's activities all beginning at 6:15. See the full schedule on page 18 and on our website at covpres.com/schedule.

Women's Bible Studies. Ladies, we have several Winter/Spring 2022 Bible study options, and it is not too late to join one! We have Tuesday morning, Wednesday evening, and Sunday evening options for our "Remember Your Joy" study. We are also offering a study of the book of Isaiah on Wednesday evenings, and "Hope and Help for Moms" on Tuesday mornings. Divine Design Discipleship resumes the "In the Vault" study on January 25. For all the details and to register for a study, visit covpres.com/womens-bible-studies.

**Missions Festival 2022.** Mark your calendars for our annual Missions Festival February 27 - March 1. Our speaker will be Brian Habig, pastor of Downtown Presbyterian Church (Greenville, SC). More details coming soon, but you can go ahead and sign up to be involved at covpres.com/missions-festival.

**Sacred Studio 2022.** Ladies, save the date! Sacred Studio is scheduled for March 11 - 12, 2022. Sacred Studio is the grown-up version of Created for a Purpose with times for worship, fellowship, and creating! Registration opens January 24 at sacredstudio.org.

**Discover Covenant Class.** Our next Discover Covenant Class is March 18 - 19. This class is a great way to learn about our church and what it means to become a member of Covenant. The class meets on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and during Sunday School on Sunday morning. Please visit covpres.com/new-members to sign up.

**Sandra McCracken Concert.** Save the date—Sandra McCracken will be in concert at Covenant on Sunday evening, March 20! More information coming soon.

**Church-wide Memory Passage.** Our new memory passage for the Season of Epiphany (January 6 - March 1) is 1 Chronicles 16:31.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

# 9:15 a.m. Directional signs are located around the church.

| THRESHOLD   304 | Singles, college students, and |
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young marrieds; 20s and 30s

**KING'S TABLE** | 301 30s

(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

**CROSSPOINTE** | 100 mid 30s to mid 40s

(Pastor: John Fountain)

**CORNERSTONE** | 104 late 30s to late 40s

**LIGHTHOUSE** | 305 late 30s to early 50s

**FOUNDATIONS** | DINING ROOM early 40s to early 50s

(Pastor: David Driskill)

**LIVING STONES** | 303 late 40s to late 50s

**KINGDOM BUILDERS** | 201 late 40s to late 60s

(Pastor: Dan Edwards)

**COMMUNITY** | 300 All ages and life stages

**OPEN DOORS &** 

**UPPER ROOM** | 101 late 60s and above

(Pastor: Marty Crawford)

**YOUTH** | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

(Pastor: John Fountain)

#### STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Marty Crawford, Assistant Pastor (Church Administrator, Senior Adults. Missions)

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Robby Holt, Senior Pastor Ingram Link, Director of Women's Ministries

Young Adults)

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Rick Barnes, Director of Music

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Rachel Davis, Assistant Director of Girls' Ministries

Dan Edwards, Assistant Pastor (Middle Adults)

Katie Flores, Assistant Director of Children's Ministries,
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Bill Hay, Pastor Emeritus

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Kurt Senn John Smith T Charles White

Steve Stigler

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2022 2023 2024

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Matt Searson

#### **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 2022.

#### JANUARY READING PLAN

|       | GENESIS       | MATTHEW       |
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| 1/2   |               |               |
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| 3     | □ 5-8         | □ 3           |
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| 5     | □ 12-14       | □ 5           |
| 6     | □ 15-17       | □ 6           |
| 7     | □ 18-20       | □ 7           |
| 8/9   | □ 21-25       | □ 8           |
| 10    | □ 26-28       | □ 9           |
| 11    | □ 29-30       | □ 10          |
| 12    | □ 31-32       | □ 11:1-19     |
| 13    | □ 33-34       | □ 11:20-30    |
| 14    | □ 35-36       | □ 12:1-21     |
| 15/16 | □ 37-42       | □ 12:22-13:23 |
| 17    | □ 43-44       | □ 13:24-58    |
| 18    | □ 45-46       | □ 14:1-21     |
| 19    | □ 47          | □ 14:22-36    |
| 20    | □ 48-49       | □ 15:1-20     |
| 21    | □ 50-Exodus 1 | □ 15:21-39    |
|       | EXODUS        |               |
| 22/23 | □ 2-5         | □ 16          |
| 24    | □ 6-7         | □ 17:1-13     |
| 25    | □ 8-9         | □ 17:14-27    |
| 26    | □ 10-11       | □ 18:1-20     |
| 27    | □ 12-13       | □ 18:21-35    |
| 28    | □ 14-16       | □ 19:1-15     |
| 29/30 | □ 17-20       | □ 19:16-20:34 |
| 31    | □ 21-22       | □ 21:1-32     |

## 24 SERMON RESOURCES

Our pastors are using the following resources as they study and prepare for their sermons.

A Meal With Jesus, Tim Chester

Luke, Chapters 1-13, Dale Ralph Davis

Luke, R. T. France

Luke. Mark L. Strauss

Luke, Exegetical/Commentary of the New Testament, David E. Garland

The Gospel of Luke, Joel B. Green

The Gospel of Luke, I. Howard Marshall