

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SEASON OF PENTECOST | OCTOBER 11, 2020 10:30 AM

“There is not a marriage on this planet that has not felt the after shock of this curse.”

—Sandra L. Richter

“the joy of the happy ending; or more correctly of the good catastrophe, the sudden joyous ‘turn’...this joy...is a sudden and miraculous grace... It does not deny the existence of...sorrow and failure: the possibility of these is necessary to the joy of deliverance; it denies (in the face of much evidence, if you will) universal final defeat and in so far is evangelium, giving a fleeting glimpse of Joy, Joy beyond the walls of the world, poignant as grief.”

—J.R.R. Tolkien

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dan Edwards

Psalm 91:1-2, 11-16

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

*²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."*

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³*You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.*

¹⁴Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.

¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

¹⁶*With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.*

☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

“O Father, You Are Sovereign”
to the tune of “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

O Father, You are sovereign
 In all the worlds You made;
 Your mighty Word was spoken,
 And light and life obeyed.
 Your voice commands the seasons
 And bounds the ocean’s shore,
 Set stars within their courses
 And stills the tempest’s roar.

O Father, You are sovereign
 In all affairs of man;
 No powers of death or darkness
 Can thwart Your perfect plan.
 All chance and change transcending,
 Supreme in time and space,
 You hold Your trusting children
 Secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign
 The Lord of human pain,
 Transmuting earthly sorrows
 To gold of heav’nly gain.
 All evil overruling,
 As none but conq’ror could,
 Your love pursues its purpose—
 Our souls’ eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign!
 We see You dimly now,
 But soon before Your triumph
 Earth’s every knee shall bow.
 With this glad hope before us,
 Our faith springs up anew:
 Our Sovereign Lord and Savior,
 We trust and worship You!

Words: Margaret Clarkson. Music: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615 (ST THEODULPH).

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Lord, Have Mercy”



2. For what You have done, Your life of love



You per - fect - ly lived, we praise You.



Though tempt - ed and tried, You fixed Your eyes,



You fin - ished the work God gave You.



And there on the tree - a King a - mong thieves -



You bled for a world's be - tray - al.



You loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful Friend;



how pure and for - ev - er faith - ful.

Refrain:

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

Lord, have mer - cy on us!

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Words and Music: Aaron Keyes, James Tealy, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa. CCLI: 7136067.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Our Father of all Mercies,
We bow before Your holiness and righteousness
And we humbly confess our sins before Your face:
We have neglected your Word and have not delighted in its sweetness;
We treat our family, friends, and neighbors with disdain and disregard;
And we cast the blame of our guilt on others
rather than see it in our own hearts.
We who hide from Your grace in the shame of our sin
Call on the name of Jesus, our Redeemer,
And ask that you forgive us
and restore us to right relationship with you and others;
To the glory of Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

—Romans 16:20

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.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Grace Harrelson

Isaiah 54:4-8

“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

⁵For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.

⁶For the LORD has called you
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,
says your God.

⁷For a brief moment I deserted you,
but with great compassion I will gather you.

⁸In overflowing anger for a moment
I hid my face from you,
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,”
says the LORD, your Redeemer.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

 **HYMN OF GRACE**

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
to the tune of "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross he suffered,
From the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.
I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant power I'll tell:
How the victory he gives me
Over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his heavenly love for me;
He from death to life has brought me,
Son of God, with him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

Words: Philip P. Bliss. Music: James McGranahan.

READING FROM REVELATION

Revelation 12:7-11

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

“Now the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
¹¹And they have conquered him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they loved not their lives
even unto death.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS*Josh Johnson**"Before the Throne of God Above"**Congregational Hymn*

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Samuel Steele Bragg

SON OF CATY AND SAMUEL BRAGG

Mary Turner Rose Everett

DAUGHTER OF ASHLYN AND BOB EVERETT

John Stephen Ivey II

SON OF LAURA AND JOHN IVEY

PARENTAL VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Words: Anna Bartlett Warner (1859). Music: William B. Bradbury.

☒ 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. 3 year olds (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarteners 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

Heath Henderson

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 3:8-15

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

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

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. What truth can calm the troub-led soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That oursouls to Him be - long.
Where is His grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.
and what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him.

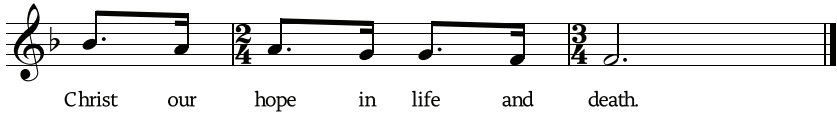
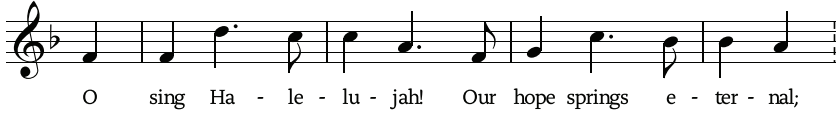


Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes a - part from His com mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand. —
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ? —
and we will feast in end less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. —

Refrain:



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 **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 11 - 17, 2020**SUNDAY, October 11**

- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday School (Group A; see page 19)
Children's Sunday School (Group A)
Youth Small Groups (All groups)

TUESDAY, October 13

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Ephesians (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, October 14

- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays With the Holts (Fellowship Hall)
Cornerstone, Foundations, Lighthouse
- 8:30 p.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

THURSDAY, October 15

- 11:00 a.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (David Driskill, October 12-18).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathered Worship Services. Due to COVID-19 and our desire to provide a safe and healthy environment for everyone who wants to attend in-person worship, the Session has approved two worship services for Sunday mornings beginning October 18! We will now have services at 8:15 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m., and we will continue to livestream our 10:30 service. The services will be the same, and Children's Worship (3K-K) and nursery will be available at both services. We are thankful that, given the size of our facilities, we can now invite more of our Covenant family and visitors to join us in the Sanctuary for worship!

Hymn Sing. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25 (5:00 - 6:00 p.m.) for our annual Hymn Sing...2020 style! In order to accommodate everyone who would like to come, we will be having it outside in the central Covenant parking lots. There will be a few spots designated for cars to park and tailgate. If you would like a tailgate spot, please park your car in a designated spot by 4:30 on October 25. We will have seating set up and parking blocked off, and there will be individually boxed pizzas available after the Hymn Sing. We will also be providing everyone with a copy of our very own Covenant Family Hymnal & Worship Guide. You do not want to miss this fun night of worship and fellowship!

Created for a Purpose Christmas Workshop. Created for a Purpose is excited to announce our plans for Christmas Workshop 2020! Because of COVID-19 we are encouraging you to host Christmas Workshop in your home. You can find all the details here. We recommend this at-home workshop for six girls, no matter the age! We will provide you with a Bible study (with video and discussion guide) and with project supplies for four projects, along with videos and written instructions for each project. You will also receive CFAP t-shirts and bags for each participant. Registration is open at [createdforapurpose.org/schedule-and-registration!](https://createdforapurpose.org/schedule-and-registration)

Wednesdays With the Holts. In order for us to get to know the Holts, we have planned several small gatherings on Wednesday nights (6:00-7:00). We are gathering in groups by Sunday School classes for a time to hear from the Holts as well as a time of Q&A:

- October 14 – Cornerstone, Foundations, Lighthouse (David Driskill)
- October 28 – Kingdom Builders, Living Stones (Dan Edwards)

We hope you will come and get to know Chrissy and Robby better!

Covenant Name Tags. Please wear your name tag while on campus and return them to the boxes provided at the exits. If you do not find your name tag or would like to request one, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Sunday Evenings | Fall 2020

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Teaching (Sanctuary)

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Prayer and Fellowship (Classrooms)

(Nursery available; Children's Sunday School and Youth Small Groups also meet at this time)

GROUP A

October 11; November 1, 15

COMMUNITY	All ages and life stages
CROSSPOINTE	Young families; 30s
LIGHTHOUSE	30s and 40s
LIVING STONES	40s and 50s
OPEN DOORS	70s and above
UPPER ROOM	60s and 70s

GROUP B

October 18; November 8, 22

COLLEGE	College students
CORNERSTONE	30s and 40s
FOUNDATIONS	30s and 40s
KINGDOM BUILDERS	50s and 60s
THRESHOLD	Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s

Teaching Elders by Sunday School Community:

Community, Open Doors, Upper Room | Marty Crawford

Cornerstone, Foundations, Lighthouse | David Driskill

Living Stones, Kingdom Builders | Dan Edwards

College, Crosspointe, Threshold | Josh Johnson

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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

STEERING COMMITTEE

2020

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Stephen Mince, Chair of the Diaconate
Lee Sheppard, Personnel Committee Chair
John Shank, Finance Committee Chair

Will Brooke, Member At-large
Daniel Murray, Family Ministry Chair
Steve Stigler, Missions Ministry Chair
Ty Dedmon, Shepherding Ministry Chair

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.

OCTOBER READING PLAN

ISAIAH
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2 □ 24-26

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JEREMIAH

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20 □ 4-5

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EPHESIANS

□ 5

□ 6

PHILIPPIANS

□ 1-2

□ 3

□ 4

COLOSSIANS

□ 1:1-2:5

□ 2:6-3:17

□ 3:18-4:18

1 THESSALONIANS

□ 1:1-2:12

□ 2:13-3:5

□ 3:6-13

□ 4

□ 5

2 THESSALONIANS

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□ 2-3

1 TIMOTHY

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□ 5:1-6:2a

□ 6:2b-2 Timothy 1:18

2 TIMOTHY

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□ 3

□ 4

TITUS

□ 1

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□ 3-Philemon

