

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The world is...
a theatre of vanity, a labyrinth of error,
a gulf of grief, a sty of filthiness, a vale of misery
a spectacle of woe...
—Arthur Dent, “The Plain Man’s Pathway to Heaven”

But still I get hard pressed on every side
Between the rock and a compromise
Like truth and pack of lies fightin’ for my soul
I’ve got no place left to go...
—Josh Garrels

‘Cause I still wake up, shaken by dreams
And I hate to say it, but the way it seems
Is that no one is fine;
Take the time, to peel a few layers
And you will find
True sadness.
—The Avett Brothers

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

John Fountain

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
 Who wert, and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
 Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
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Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: John B. Dykes (1823-1876).

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Justin Richardson

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,'
and
"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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


PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious Father in Heaven,
What could we say, or what could we do?
You know our sins, and you know how easily we give in to temptation:
We are tempted to be discontent with your provision for our lives,
To doubt the power of your promises to us,
And to worship ourselves in place of you, our ever Faithful and Loving God.
Lord, forgive us, and lead us not into temptation;
Drive us to your word that we may flee from sin
And grow deeper in our love for Jesus and his righteousness,
For it is in His holy name we pray, Amen.*


INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Lord, Have Mercy”



1. For what we have done, and left un - done,



we fall on Your count - less mer - cies.



For sins that are known, and those un - known,



we call on Your name so ho - ly;



for en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes,



for scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor.




In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King;




how deep - ly we need a Sav - ior.


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.

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4:15-16

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 GRACE**

“When I Survey (The Wondrous Cross)”

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709. Music: Gregorian chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 5:12-21

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

 **HYMN OF GRACE**
"All I Have is Christ"


1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 2. But as I ran my hell bound race in - diff erent to the
 3. Now, Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might



way. The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the
 cost, You looked up - on my help - less state and led me to the
 see the strength to fol - low Your commands could nev - er come from



grave. I had no hope that You would own a re - bel to Your
 cross. And I be - held God's love dis played; You suff - ered in my
 me. Oh Fa - ther use my ran - somed life in an - y way You



will, and if You had not loved me first, I would re - fuse You still.
 place. You bore the wrath re served for me, now all I know is grace.
 choose, and let my song for - ev - er be, "My on - ly boast is You."

17 **CHORUS (after verses 2 & 3):**



Hal - le - lu - ia! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -



lu - ia! Je - sus is my life!

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

Josh Johnson

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Ensemble

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne.

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 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 18 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

John Hamilton

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 2:15-18, 21-25; 3:1-7

^{2:15}The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for

food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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

“THE FALL”

Robby Holt

Lined writing area consisting of 24 horizontal lines.

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

“A Mighty Fortress”

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow’rs, No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also,
The body they may kill, God’s truth abideth still;
His Kingdom is forever.

Words: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; based on Psalm 46.
Music: Martin Luther, 1529.

☒ BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 4 - 10, 2020**SUNDAY, October 4**

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

MONDAY, October 5

- 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

TUESDAY, October 6

- 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)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, October 5-11).

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!

Nominating Committee Recommendations. Today is the last day to submit your recommendations for our 2021 Nominating Committee. Please email your recommendations to Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com or complete the form at the back of this worship guide and place it in the basket provided in the Sanctuary foyer.

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 will be asking for RSVPs so that we can plan spacing and childcare as needed. 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; and 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 4, 18; and 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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RULING ELDERS

2020

Bill Bennett
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

Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session
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	EPHESIANS
1	□ 21-23	□ 5
2	□ 24-26	□ 6
		PHILIPPIANS
3/4	□ 27-30	□ 1-2
5	□ 31-32	□ 3
6	□ 33-34	□ 4
		COLOSSIANS
7	□ 35-37	□ 1:1-2:5
8	□ 38-40	□ 2:6-3:17
9	□ 41-42	□ 3:18-4:18
		1 THESSALONIANS
10/11	□ 43-48	□ 1:1-2:12
12	□ 49-50	□ 2:13-3:5
13	□ 51-53	□ 3:6-13
14	□ 54-55	□ 4
15	□ 56-58	□ 5
		2 THESSALONIANS
16	□ 59-61	□ 1
17/18	□ 62-66	□ 2-3
	JEREMIAH	1 TIMOTHY
19	□ 1-3	□ 1
20	□ 4-5	□ 2
21	□ 6-7	□ 3
22	□ 8-9	□ 4
23	□ 10-11	□ 5:1-6:2a
24/25	□ 12-15	□ 6:2b-2 Timothy 1:18
		2 TIMOTHY
26	□ 16-17	□ 2
27	□ 18-20	□ 3
28	□ 21-23	□ 4
		TITUS
29	□ 24-26	□ 1
30	□ 27-28	□ 2
31/Nov. 1	□ 29-34	□ 3-Philemon

RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE 2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is elected by the congregation to serve a one-year term and is responsible for nominating church officers for election by the congregation. The Nominating Committee is made up of 14 members (4 elders, 3 deacons, 7 at-large congregants) and pastoral staff.

Please submit your recommendations by October 4 for male and female lay persons by either emailing Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com or by filling out this form and placing it in the basket provided in the Sanctuary foyer.

► **FEMALE NOMINEES** for the Nominating Committee:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

► **MALE NOMINEES** for the Nominating Committee:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

RECOMMENDED by: _____

There will be a congregational meeting in December, following gathered worship, to elect the 2021 Nominating Committee members.