

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Our sinful flesh is motivated by hatred toward God. In vulnerable moments, when God seems distant or uncaring, it's easy to follow nudges that give us a sense of control without realizing they're motivated by anger... However, managing life through our strengths dissociates us from the daily need to trust God's grace. Using our strengths to hide from rejection is so easy to choose that we may not even know we're using them to deal with our fears."

—Gordon Bals

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power."

—Hebrews 1:1-3

"This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

—Mark 9:7

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

8:00 service | *Rev. Marty Crawford*

10:30 service | *Rev. Josh Johnson*

 **RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 119:105-112

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to keep your righteous rules.

All: *I am severely afflicted;  
give me life, O LORD, according to your word!  
Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD,  
and teach me your rules.*


Leader: I hold my life in my hand continually,  
but I do not forget your law.  
The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.

All: *Your testimonies are my heritage forever,  
for they are the joy of my heart.  
I incline my heart to perform your statutes  
forever, to the end.*

 *Congregation stand as able.*

## ☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

### "Trinity Song"



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion,



bind us to - geth - er in ho - ly love. (Repeat 1x)



Ho - ly Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,



Ho - ly com - mun - ion, Three in One. (Repeat 1x)

## ☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

 **HYMN OF ADORATION**

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

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## READINGS FROM THE PENTATEUCH AND ACTS

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

“Yahweh your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of Yahweh your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of Yahweh my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup> And Yahweh said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Acts 3:18-26

But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup>Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. <sup>23</sup>And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ <sup>24</sup>And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. <sup>25</sup>You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ <sup>26</sup>God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*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.  
Turn us to yourself.  
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.*

❏ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Christ Jesus we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
—Colossians 1:14

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.

 **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.*

 **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.



## GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"The Church's One Foundation"  
*Congregational Hymn*

The Church's one Foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation,  
By water and the Word:  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

**PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS***10:30 service*

Maggie Aldin

Amanda and Josh Bowden  
Brasher, Graham, and Henry

Brinkley and Dane Boykin  
Archie and Ella

Michele Chadwick

Irene Collins

Laurie Glover

Alix and Wes Queen  
Mack and Wesley

Anne Eastland and Cole Richardson  
James, Mac, and Woods

Caroline Royal

Margaret Anne and Sean Tilford  
Elinor and Scottie

## MEMBERSHIP VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

—Book of Church Order

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

The “passing of the peace” plays a significant role in our liturgy. It precedes our coming to the Lord’s Table because this sacrament manifests and celebrates our unity in Christ as one body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us not to let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us in reconciling grace and mutual love.

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*See page 21 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance pad in your pew and pass it down.*

**Children's Worship.** Children in 3K (3 years old before 9/1/22) through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children leave from the foyer of the Sanctuary and walk to C221 with staff and volunteers. Children will return to join their families for Communion, so please help your child find you by watching for him or her.

**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 GOSPELS

Mark 1:21-22, 27; 4:1-3; 6:2, 34; 8:31; 9:30-32; 10:1

<sup>1:21</sup>...and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes... <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

<sup>4:1</sup>Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup>And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup>"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow..."

<sup>6:2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?"...<sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

<sup>8:31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

<sup>9:30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>10:1</sup>And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

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.*



**LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

**Words of Institution**

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

**Confession: Our Confident Access in Jesus Christ**

Leader: In Jesus, the Son of God, we have a sympathetic,  
great high priest who lives for us.

All: *He was delivered up for our trespasses  
and raised for our justification.  
After making purification for sins,  
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

Leader: Let us, therefore, with confidence draw near  
to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help us in our time of need.



## **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.*

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night.  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son.  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart.  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won.  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Son!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all!  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

"The Sands of Time are Sinking"

1. The sands of time are sink - ing, —  
 2. The King there in His beau - ty —  
 3. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, —  
 4. The bride eyes not her gar - ment, —  
 5. Oh! I am my be - lov - ed's —

the dawn of hea - en — breaks,  
 with - out a veil — is — seen;  
 the deep sweet well — of — love!  
 but her dear bride - groom's — face;  
 and my be - loved — is — mine!

the sum - mer morn I've sighed for, —  
 it were a well - spent jour - ney, —  
 The streams on earth I've tast - ed, —  
 I will not gaze at glo - ry, —  
 He brings a poor vile sin - ner —

the fair sweet morn a - wakes; —  
 though sev'n deaths lay be - tween: —  
 more deep I'll drink a - bove: —  
 but on my King of grace; —  
 in - to His house of wine; —

dark, dark hath been the mid - night,  
 the Lamb with his fair ar - my —  
 there to an o - cean full - ness —  
 not at the crown he gift - eth, —  
 I stand up - on his mer - it; —

but day - spring is at — hand,  
 doth on Mount Zi - on — stand,  
 his mer - cy doth ex - pand,  
 but on his pierc - ed — hand;  
 I know no o - ther — stand,

and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth — in Em - man - u - el's — land.  
 and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth — in Em - man - u - el's — land.  
 and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth — in Em - man - u - el's — land.  
 the Lamb is all the glo - ry — of Em - man - u - el's — land.  
 not e'en where glo - ry dwell - eth — in Em - man - u - el's — land.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: February 19 - 25, 2023

### SUNDAY, February 19

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Communities (see page 22)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
5:00 p.m.	4th/5th Grades Faith & Fun (3rd floor)
5:00 p.m.	Youth Small Groups
5:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Revelation

### MONDAY, February 20

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
5:15 - 7:00 p.m.	Church-wide Dinner & Prayer with Officers (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Women's Beatitude Living: Christ-Centered 12-Step Group (Tower Room)

### TUESDAY, February 21

10:00 a.m.	Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (100)
11:00 a.m.	Women's Study: Revelation (Sanctuary)
1:30 p.m.	Women's Prayer for Prodigals (Parlor)

### WEDNESDAY, February 22

10:00 a.m.	Church-wide Prayer Time (104)
5:30 p.m.	Church-wide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) <i>Nursery care available; Children's Worship available for age 3 - Kindergarten</i>

### FRIDAY, February 24 -

### SATURDAY, February 25

6:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Global Missions Festival 24 Hours of Prayer
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*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (David Driskill, February 20 - 26).*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Class of 2026 Officer Recommendations.** Today is the final day to make your recommendations for our class of 2026 Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Please complete the form at the back of this worship guide, and place it in the basket in the Sanctuary foyer.

**Church-wide Prayer.** Our church body is invited to pray with our officers before their meetings on February 20, April 17, and September 18. Please join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15 p.m. with prayer following.

**Ash Wednesday.** Please join us on February 22 for a church-wide dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Nursery care will be available, as well as Children's Worship (ages 3-K).

**Lenten Devotionals.** Our pastors, ministers, and several church members have written daily devotions for the Season of Lent. Please take one of the "Songs of the Savior" Lenten Devotionals from the foyer or commons!

**Global Missions Festival 2023.** Our annual Global Missions Festival is February 26 - 28! We will welcome missions partners from around the world, and hear from guest speaker Chris Wright, well-known missiologist and International Ministries Director of Langham Partnership International. Find all the details, sign up to serve, and sign up for our 24 Hours of Prayer at [covpres.com/missions-festival](http://covpres.com/missions-festival).

**Men's Missions Festival Lunch.** All men are invited to join us for lunch on Tuesday, February 28, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Aaron Halbert, who serves with MTW in Honduras, will be sharing. Note: You will have an opportunity at lunch to donate to the relief efforts in Turkey through our ministry partners.

**Women's Missions Festival Brunch.** All women are invited to our Women's Brunch on Tuesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at 2980 Mountain Brook Parkway. We will hear from Cristie Mansfield with Thirddmill. We also need volunteers for brunch and donations for missionary gift bags. Please visit [covpres.com/missions-festival](http://covpres.com/missions-festival) to sign up. Note: You will have an opportunity at the brunch to donate to the relief efforts in Turkey through our ministry partners.

**Discover Covenant Class.** Our next Discover Covenant Class is March 17 - 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](http://covpres.com/new-members) to sign up.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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9:15 a.m.

*Directional signs are located around the church.*

**THRESHOLD** | 304    *20s and 30s*

**KING'S TABLE** | 301    *30s*  
(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

**CROSSPOINTE** | 100    *mid 30s to mid 40s*  
**CORNERSTONE** | 104    *late 30s to late 40s*  
(Pastor: John Fountain)

**LIGHTHOUSE** | 305    *late 30s to early 50s*  
(Pastor: David Driskill)

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

**LIVING STONES** | 303    *late 40s to early 60s*  
(Pastor: Henry Morris)

**KINGDOM BUILDERS** | 201    *late 50s to early 70s*  
(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)

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2023

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Nathan Collums  
Jeff Dyess  
Michael Latta  
Charlie Logan  
Bob Schaffeld  
John Smith T  
Steve Stigler

2024

Dave Gray  
Heath Henderson  
Paul Loyless  
Tyler O'Connor  
Jason Peevy  
Charlie Regan  
Charles White

2025

Bill Bennett  
Mark Hogewood  
Cy Huffman  
Daniel Murray  
David O'Dell  
Kurt Senn  
Clay Wheeler

## DEACONS

2023

Tripp Alexander  
Joseph Cascio  
Richard Cox  
Jay Evans  
Bryan Flores  
Gary Gorham  
Jeff Hayes  
John Shults  
Joe Strickland  
Darrell Tucker

2024

Samuel Bragg  
Paul Darden  
Joe Fante  
Steve Killgore  
Robert Luttrell  
Steve Pfitzer  
Brent Powell  
Matt Searson

2025

Will Bennett  
William Edwards  
Will Graham  
John David Gray  
John Harrelson  
Merrill Johnston Jr.  
Jack Russell  
Greg Tomlinson

## STEERING COMMITTEE

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John Fountain, Pastoral Liaison (Family)  
Gary Gorham, Chair of the Diaconate  
Heath Henderson, Shepherding Ministry Chair

Mark Hogewood, Personnel Committee Chair  
Robby Holt, Moderator of the Session  
Ingram Link, Ministry Liaison (Women)  
Bob Schaffeld, Missions Ministry Chair  
Darrell Tucker, Finance Committee Chair  
John Smith T, Clerk of the Session



## 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 2023.

### FEBRUARY READING PLAN

	<b>EXODUS</b>	<b>MATTHEW</b>
1	□ 29-30	□ 22:1-22
2	□ 31-33	□ 22:23-46
3	□ 34-36	□ 23:1-22
4/5	□ 37-Leviticus 1	□ 23:23-39
	<b>LEVITICUS</b>	
6	□ 2-3	□ 24
7	□ 4-6	□ 25:1-30
8	□ 7-9	□ 25:31-46
9	□ 10-12	□ 26:1-16
10	□ 13	□ 26:17-56
11/12	□ 14-16	□ 26:57-75
13	□ 17	□ 27
14	□ 18-20	□ 28
		<b>MARK</b>
15	□ 21-23	□ 1:1-28
16	□ 24-25	□ 1:29-45
17	□ 26-27	□ 2
	<b>NUMBERS</b>	
18/19	□ 1-3	□ 3
20	□ 4-5	□ 4
21	□ 6-7	□ 5:1-20
22	□ 8-10	□ 5:21-43
23	□ 11-13	□ 6:1-29
24	□ 14-15	□ 6:30-56
25/26	□ 16-20	□ 7:1-13
27	□ 21-22	□ 7:14-37
28	□ 23-25	□ 8:1-21

## SERMON RESOURCES

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

*A Theology of Mark*, Hans F. Bayer

*Let's Study Mark*, Sinclair B. Ferguson

*The Gospel of Mark*, R. T. France

*The NIV Application Commentary: Mark*, David E. Garland

*Handbook on the Gospels*, Benjamin Gladd

*Mark (A Biblical-Theological Guide to the New Testament –The Gospel Realized)*, Benjamin Gladd

*Loosing the Lion*, Leroy A. Huizenga

*King's Cross*, Timothy Keller

*The Gospel of Mark*, William L. Lane

*Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: Mark*, Eckhard J. Schnabel

*Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: Mark*, Mark L. Strauss

## HYMN CREDITS

Find our gathered worship playlist at [covpres.com/music-worship](http://covpres.com/music-worship).

*"Trinity Song"*

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*"O Worship the King"*

Words: based on Psalm 104; Robert Grant, 1833. Music: Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806; arr. in William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815.

*"Doxology"*

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

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

Words: Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900). Music: Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876).

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Words: ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. Music: traditional Irish melody.

*"The Sands of Time are Sinking"*

Words: Anne Ross Cundell Cousin. Music: Phillip Palmertree. ©2001 Phillip Palmertree Music.

# OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

## FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

Elected officers serve a three-year term.

*Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, February 19.  
You may place this form in the boxes provided in the Sanctuary  
Foyer or the Church Office.*

► Recommendations for the Office of **ELDER**:

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► Recommendations for the Office of **DEACON**:

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► Recommendations for the Office of **TRUSTEE**:

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Note: Those elders and deacons currently serving in the classes of 2024 and 2025 should not be recommended.

## PRAYER FOR OUR SHARED MISSION

Lord, please galvanize us with your gracious vision for our whole body, our neighbors, and the nations. Renew among us a genuine eagerness to tell our neighbors the good news and help plant new churches near and far. Grant us persistent joy, practical wisdom, and patient endurance as we live out your great commission. Strengthen us as we labor to see a great multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, baptized into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Risen Lord Jesus, reorder us again and again to love you and your teachings, so that by the Holy Spirit we will be enabled more and more to help one another, our neighbors, and the nations observe all that you have commanded us. King Jesus, help us believe you are with us to the end of this short, present age to accomplish your gracious mission. To this end, grant us, your forgiven people, power from the Holy Spirit as we repent and call others to repentance and as we forgive and announce forgiveness in Jesus' name.