

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Oh, Aslan,' said Lucy. 'Will you tell us how to get into your country from our world?'

'I shall be telling you all the time,' said Aslan. 'But I will not tell you how long or short the way will be; only that it lies across a river. But do not fear that, for I am the great Bridge Builder.'"

—C. S. Lewis, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

We were made to image God as beautiful community, but sin ruptured our communion and polarization has been our story ever since.

—Irwyn Ince, *The Beautiful Community*

The languages of the world are the judgment of God on sin, and they are designed by God for the global glory of Jesus Christ.

—John Piper

☒ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*8:15 Marty Crawford*

*10:30 Robby Holt*

☒ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

## HYMN OF ADORATION

### "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"



1.Praise my soul, the King of Heav - en,  
 2.Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor,  
 3.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish,  
 4.Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us;  
 5.An - gels help us to a - dore Him;



to His feet Thy tri - bute bring;  
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
 blows the wind and it is gone;  
 well our fee - ble frame He knows;  
 you be - hold Him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
 in His hands He gent - ly bears us,  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



who, like me, His praise should sing?  
 slow to chide and swift to bless;  
 God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 res - cues us from all our foes;  
 dwell - ers all in time and space,

#### Refrain:



(1-5) Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,



praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
 praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.  
 praise with us the God of grace.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 130:1-6

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD!

*ALL: O Lord, hear our voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of our pleas for mercy!*

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

*ALL: But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.*

Leader: We wait for the LORD, our souls wait,  
and in his word we hope;

*ALL: our soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

—from Psalm 130:7-8

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 HOPE

"Not in Me"



1.No list of sins I have not done, no list of  
2.No hum - ble dress, no fer - vent prayer, no lift - ed  
3.No sep - a - ra - tion from the world, no work I



vir - tues I pur - sue, no list of those I am not  
hands, no tear - ful song, no rec - i - ta - tion of the  
do, no gift I give can cleanse my con - science, cleanse my



like can earn my - self a \_\_\_ place with You.  
truth, can jus - ti - fy a \_\_\_ sin - gle wrong.  
hands; I can - not cause my \_\_\_ soul to live.



O God! Be mer - ci - ful to me; I am a  
My right - eous - ness is Je - sus' life; my debt was  
But Je - sus died and rose a - gain; the pow'r of



sin - ner through and through. My on - ly hope of right eous -  
paid by Je - sus' death. My wear - y load was borne by  
death is ov - er thrown! My God is mer - ci - ful to



ness is not in me, but \_\_\_ on - ly You.  
Him and He a - lone can \_\_\_ give me rest.  
me and mer - ci - ful in \_\_\_ Christ a - lone.

**READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES***8:15 Taylor Brown**10:30 Kristi Gidley*

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

# GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

## "My Worth is Not in What I Own"

### Congregational Hymn



1. My worth is not in what I \_\_\_ own, not  
2. My worth is not in skill or \_\_\_ name, in  
3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and \_\_\_ die, fame,  
4. I will not boast in wealth or \_\_\_ might, or  
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my



in the strength of flesh and bone, but  
win or lose, in pride or shame, but  
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by, but  
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light, but  
worth and my un - worth - i - ness, my



in the cost - ly wounds of \_\_\_ love at the cross. (to verse 2)  
in the blood of Christ that \_\_\_ flowed at the cross. (refrain)  
life e - ter - nal calls to \_\_\_ us at the cross. (to verse 4)  
I will boast in know - ing \_\_\_ Christ at the cross. (refrain)  
val - ue fixed - my ran - som \_\_\_ paid at the cross. (refrain)

### Refrain:



I re - joice in my Re - deem - er, great est Treas - ure, well spring



of my soul. I will trust in Him, no oth - er, my soul is



sa - tis - fied in Him a - lone.

*The Sacrament of Baptism*

10:30 AM

*Walton Armstrong*

SON OF MARY JANE AND WADE ARMSTRONG

*Mercy Eden Richardson*

DAUGHTER OF LIZ AND JUSTIN RICHARDSON

*Beau Garrett Robinson*

SON OF MOLLY AND L.J. ROBINSON

*Ella Lee Robinson*

DAUGHTER OF MOLLY AND L.J. ROBINSON



## 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 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.** 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**

*8:15 Bob Schaffeld*

*10:30 Sandy Stradtman*

## READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 10:1, 32; 11:1-9, 10a, 26

These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.

...

<sup>32</sup>These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.

<sup>11:1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>These are the generations of Shem...

<sup>26</sup>When Terah had lived 70 years, he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

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.*

Genesis 10:2, 5-12, 20-21a, 31

The sons of Japheth...

<sup>5</sup>From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands, each with his own **language**, by their **clans**, in their **nations**.

<sup>6</sup>The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan. <sup>7</sup>The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. <sup>8</sup>Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. <sup>9</sup>He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." <sup>10</sup>The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. <sup>11</sup>From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and <sup>12</sup>Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

<sup>20</sup>These are the sons of Ham, by their **clans**, their **languages**, their lands, and their **nations**.

<sup>21</sup>To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, children were born...

<sup>31</sup>These are the sons of Shem, by their **clans**, their **languages**, their lands, and their **nations**.



**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 GLORY

"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 and Kristyn Getty.

## ☒ BENEDICTION

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 22 - 28, 2020****SUNDAY, November 22**

- 8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups with the Holts

**WEDNESDAY, November 25,** Church Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

**12:00 p.m. -**

**FRIDAY, November 27**

*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, November 23-29).*



## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Commitment Sunday.** Today is our Commitment Sunday for 2021. Please place your commitment card in the baskets provided in the Sanctuary foyer. If you did not bring your commitment card today, please mail it to the church office. In 2 Corinthians, Paul tells us about the grace of God that was given among the churches of Macedonia. Those churches, though in a severe test of affliction, “gave according to their means...and beyond their means” in what Paul calls “a wealth of generosity” (8:2-3). May the Lord inspire us and give our church an abundance of His grace that we might cultivate a wealth of generosity in the area of stewardship.

**Advent Journal.** Our pastors and ministry staff have created an Advent Journal for this season of hope and waiting. In this year's journal, we see how God fulfills all of his promises, from Genesis through Revelation, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. Please pick up an Advent Journal today. It is our prayer that the daily devotions will help you to focus your heart on our Savior and Lord this season!

**Congregational Meeting, December 6.** On Sunday, December 6, we will hold a congregational meeting immediately following both services to elect our slate of officers (class of 2023) and the members of our 2021 Nominating Committee.

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church.** During the month of November, Christians are called to pray for our sisters and brothers who are persecuted for their faith. Research suggests that more than 245 million Christians are persecuted, which is 1 in 9 Christians in the world today. Please pray for these brothers and sisters as they stand firm in their love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 5:6-10). For more information, stories, and resources, visit [opendoorsusa.org/international-day-of-prayer](https://opendoorsusa.org/international-day-of-prayer) and [persecution.com](https://persecution.com).

**Lessons & Carols.** Join us Sunday, December 6, in person or via livestream for Lessons & Carols at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary. This will be a special night of worship with seasonal music, both live and virtual, from our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and musicians.

**Christmas Eve Services.** In order to welcome as many people as possible to our Christmas Eve Services, while remaining safe and socially distant, we are having three services on December 24 at 12:00, 4:00, and 6:00 p.m. Nursery childcare will be available for children ages 5 and under at both the 12:00 and 4:00 services.

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Paul Loyless  
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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

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2020

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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.

### NOVEMBER READING PLAN

|       |                     |                |
|-------|---------------------|----------------|
|       | <b>JEREMIAH</b>     | <b>TITUS</b>   |
| 1     | ☐ 29-34             | ☐ 3-Philemon   |
|       |                     | <b>HEBREWS</b> |
| 2     | ☐ 35-36             | ☐ 1            |
| 3     | ☐ 37-38             | ☐ 2            |
| 4     | ☐ 39-41             | ☐ 3:1-4:13     |
| 5     | ☐ 42-43             | ☐ 4:14-5:10    |
| 6     | ☐ 44-45             | ☐ 5:11-6:12    |
| 7/8   | ☐ 46-50             | ☐ 6:13-7:10    |
| 9     | ☐ 51-Lamentations 2 | ☐ 7:11-28      |
|       | <b>LAMENTATIONS</b> |                |
| 10    | ☐ 3-4               | ☐ 8            |
| 11    | ☐ 5-Ezekiel 1       | ☐ 9            |
|       | <b>EZEKIEL</b>      |                |
| 12    | ☐ 2-3               | ☐ 10           |
| 13    | ☐ 4-6               | ☐ 11:1-16      |
| 14/15 | ☐ 7-11              | ☐ 11:17-12:29  |
| 16    | ☐ 12-14             | ☐ 13           |
|       |                     | <b>JAMES</b>   |
| 17    | ☐ 15-17             | ☐ 1            |
| 18    | ☐ 18-20             | ☐ 2            |
| 19    | ☐ 21-22             | ☐ 3            |
| 20    | ☐ 23-25             | ☐ 4            |
| 21/22 | ☐ 26-29             | ☐ 5-1 Peter 1  |
|       |                     | <b>1 PETER</b> |
| 23    | ☐ 30-31             | ☐ 2            |
| 24    | ☐ 32-34             | ☐ 3            |
| 25    | ☐ 35-36             | ☐ 4            |
| 26    | ☐ 37-38             | ☐ 5            |
|       |                     | <b>2 PETER</b> |
| 27    | ☐ 39-40             | ☐ 1            |
| 28/29 | ☐ 41-44             | ☐ 2-3          |
|       |                     | <b>1 JOHN</b>  |
| 30    | ☐ 45-46             | ☐ 1            |