

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 10, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"Joseph gives up his power of knowledge, whereby he controlled his brothers, for the embrace of intimacy with them. For the first time he can be authentic; the once estranged brother can discard his facade and freely express his emotions within the family he loves."

—Bruce Waltke

"And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him ¹⁰and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. ¹¹Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food."

—Acts 7:9-11

"At the most basic level, a disciple follows someone in order to be with them, learn from them, and become like them."

—Jeremy Treat

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** **RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 96:1-5


Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: *Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.*

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

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"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.

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

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Most Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Grant us a holy grief that honors you.
Move us to genuine repentance for your Name's sake.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

—Romans 8:1

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

"In My Place"

Congregational Hymn



In my place, He stood con - demned,___



He who knew no sin___ be - came sin for us___



that we might be - come___ His right - eous - ness___



Bear - ing all my sin and shame,___



the pun - ish-ment and blame;___ He con quered the grave,___



that we might be - come___ the heirs of___ grace___

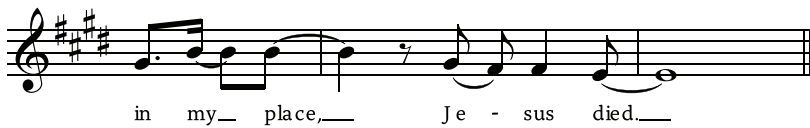
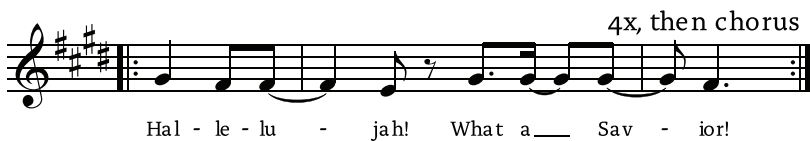
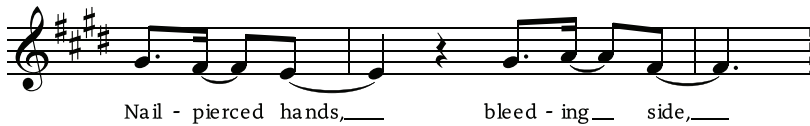
Chorus:



In my___ place___ Je - sus___ died,___



the spot - less___ Lamb___ laid down His life;___

**Bridge:**

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The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 AM

Harper Rae Sluis

DAUGHTER OF GRACIE AND DANIEL SLUIS

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 without reservation 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 truth and mystery of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means which God has graciously given us, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

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

“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 | 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2021) through Kindergarten 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 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, prior to communion, 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

Genesis 44:1-45:15

Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack, ²and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him.

³As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. ⁴They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, "Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?' ⁵Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination? You have done evil in doing this.'"

⁶When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. ⁷They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! ⁸Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? ⁹Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord's servants." ¹⁰He said, "Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent."

¹¹Then each man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. ¹²And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. ¹³Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

¹⁴When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there. They fell before him to the ground. ¹⁵Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?" ¹⁶And Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found." ¹⁷But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my servant. But as for you, go up in peace to your father."

¹⁸Then Judah went up to him and said, "Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself. ¹⁹My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father, or a brother?' ²⁰And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' ²¹Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.' ²²We said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' ²³Then you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again.'

²⁴"When we went back to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. ²⁵And when our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food,' ²⁶we said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother goes with us, then we will go down. For we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' ²⁷Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons. ²⁸One left me, and I said, "Surely he has been torn to pieces," and I have never seen him since. ²⁹If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in evil to Sheol.'

³⁰"Now therefore, as soon as I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy's life, ³¹as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. ³²For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.' ³³Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. ³⁴For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father."

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.

^{45:1}Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

MESSAGE

Robby Holt

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

from Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Our Confident Access

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

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.

"Nothing But the Blood"

What can wash away my sins
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus:

Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
(Chorus, twice)

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1876.

"His Mercy is More"



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done;
 2. What pa - ti - ence would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us;



om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum;
 What Fa - ther so ten - der is cal - ling us home?
 His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



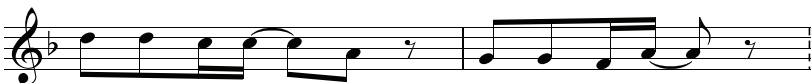
thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

CHORUS:

Praise the Lord! — His mer - cy is more! —



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - ery morn;



our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more!

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 10 - 16, 2021

SUNDAY, October 10

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages (see page 20)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
12:00 p.m.	College Lunch (2205 Comer Place, Vestavia)
4:00-5:00 p.m.	6th Grade Small Groups (Youth Rooms/Outside)
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Jr & Sr. High Small Groups (Youth Rooms/Outside)

MONDAY, October 11

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
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TUESDAY, October 12

6:30 - 7:15 a.m.	Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, October 13

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Covenant Prayer Time (S101)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Kid Connection (ages 3 - 5th grade; 3rd floor)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Church-wide Study: A Joyfully Galvanizing Missional Vision (E201)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Women's Study: Steadfast, A Study of James (E303)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (Tower Room) <i>discussion only</i>
6:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (E206) <i>lesson and discussion</i>

THURSDAY, October 14

10:30 a.m.	Enfold Book Discussion (Youth Room)
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FRIDAY, October 15 - SUNDAY, October 17

Discover Covenant Class

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (John Fountain, October 11 - 17).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Lunch. All college students are invited to lunch today after the 10:30 a.m. service at the home of Ingram and David Link (2205 Comer Place, Vestavia Hills, 35216). Please contact Josh Johnson, jjohnson@covpres.com or Ingram Link, ilink@covpres.com, with any questions.

Hymn Sing. Join us Sunday, October 17, at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Fall Hymn Sing! We will worship together in the parking lots outside of the Sanctuary and then enjoy dinner on the grounds, made by our CovPres Grill Masters and Kitchen. Please RSVP for dinner at covpres.com. You do not want to miss this night with your Covenant family!

Discover Covenant Class. Our next Discover Covenant class is October 15-17. Come and learn about our church and what it means to become a member. We will meet for three sessions: Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and Sunday during Sunday School (9:15-10:15 a.m.). Nursery care (ages 5 and under) will be provided for each session. Participants are taken through all of the information about Covenant membership and are provided ample opportunities to ask questions and discuss beliefs. Please register at covpres.com/new-members.

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our new memory verse is Titus 3:4-8. We will be memorizing these verses as a church body now through November 27.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

CROSSPOINTE Fellowship Hall	<i>mid 30s to early 40s</i>
THRESHOLD E301	<i>Singles, college students, and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM S101	<i>late 60s and above</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
CORNERSTONE S100	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i>
FOUNDATIONS DINING ROOM	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E304	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
LIVING STONES E303	<i>late 40s to late 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>late 40s to late 60s</i> (Pastor: Dan Edwards)
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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Samuel Bragg

Trey Clegg

Will Graham

Jeff Hicks

Jim Jenkins

Alan Spooner

Patrick Strong

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William Edwards

Merrill Johnston

Randall Lancaster

Mark Midyette

Stephen Mince

Clyde Prather

John Shank

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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 2021.

OCTOBER READING PLAN

	ISAIAH
1	□ 24-26
2/3	□ 27-30
4	□ 31-32
5	□ 33-34
6	□ 35-37
7	□ 38-40
8	□ 41-42
9/10	□ 43-48
11	□ 49-50
12	□ 51-53
13	□ 54-55
14	□ 56-68
15	□ 59-61
16/17	□ 62-66
	JEREMIAH
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19	□ 4-5
20	□ 6-7
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