The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Admire in the apostles their love of truth, though they themselves are the riders, they do not conceal their own great faults; and it is no light self accusation to have so soon forgotten so great a miracle."

—Chrysostom

"A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, 'Give to the men, that they may eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred men?' So he repeated, 'Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."' So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD."

—2 Kings 4:42–44

"[T]he teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees, against which Jesus here warns his disciples solemnly, is, in context, religious sensationalism... Sensationalism always wants something more than God's command or...more than Jesus."

—F.D. Bruner

8:00 service | Rev. Marty Crawford 10:30 service | Rev. Josh Johnson

RESPONSIVE READING

from Isaiah 6

Leader: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

All: The whole earth is full of his glory!"

Leader: And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called,

and the house was filled with smoke.

All: And I said, "Woe is me! For I am lost;
for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Leader: Then one of the seraphim flew to me,
having in his hand a burning coal
that he had taken with tongs from the altar.
And he touched my mouth and said:
"Behold, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

All: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

M PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word; What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design, Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I will never, no never, no never forsake.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Jeremiah 5:18-31

"But even in those days, declares Yahweh, I will not make a full end of you. ¹⁹And when your people say, 'Why has Yahweh our God done all these things to us?' you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve foreigners in a land that is not yours.'"

²⁰Declare this in the house of Jacob; proclaim it in Judah:

²¹"Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not.

²²Do you not fear me? declares Yahweh.

Do you not tremble before me?

I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea,

a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass;

though the waves toss, they cannot prevail;

though they roar, they cannot pass over it.

²³But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away.

²⁴They do not say in their hearts,

'Let us fear Yahweh our God,

who gives the rain in its season,

the autumn rain and the spring rain,

and keeps for us

the weeks appointed for the harvest.'

²⁵Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you.

²⁶For wicked men are found among my people; they lurk like fowlers lying in wait.

They set a trap;

they catch men.

²⁷Like a cage full of birds,
their houses are full of deceit;
therefore they have become great and rich;

²⁸they have grown fat and sleek.
They know no bounds in deeds of evil;
they judge not with justice
the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper,
and they do not defend the rights of the needy.

²⁹Shall I not punish them for these things?
declares Yahweh,
and shall I not avenge myself
on a nation such as this?"

An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land:
 the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction;
 my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?

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.

MASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yetappeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

-1 John 3:2-3

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.

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.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" Congregational Hymn



The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 SERVICE

William, Luke Bennett SON OF ABBY AND WILL BENNETT

Harrison Mancer Pearson
SON OF HANNAH AND COLE PEARSON

John Thomas Stallings IV
SON OF SKIP AND THOMAS STALLINGS

- 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 these children?

"JESUS LOVES ME"

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" precedes the Lord's Supper as a liturgical reminder of our unity as members of Christ's body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us to not 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 22 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 8:1-21

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, 2"I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³ And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." ⁴And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" 5And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." ⁶And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. 7 And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. 8 And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. 10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

"The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. ¹²And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." ¹³And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side.

¹⁴Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." ¹⁶And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. ¹⁷And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?

¹⁹When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." ²⁰"And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." ²¹And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

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.

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John Fountain		

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are italicized.

Words of Institution

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

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

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.
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

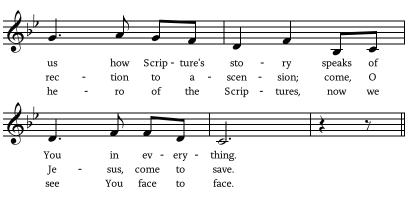
All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not partaking 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.

"Open Our Eyes"









BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 20 - 26, 2022

SUNDAY, November 20

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Communities (see page 23)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

THURSDAY, November 24 -

FRIDAY, November 25 Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

Commitment Sunday. Today is Commitment Sunday for 2023. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Covenant Presbyterian Church for next year, and place your card in the offering plate or in the baskets available at the front during communion. If you did not receive a commitment card, there are cards available in the foyer and in the church office.

Nursery Bonus Fund. Please consider giving to our Nursery Bonus Fund. This fund goes to our wonderful nursery staff who create a nurturing environment for our youngest to participate in the life of the church. You may donate online at covpres.com/give or drop your donation by the Nursery Desk through Sunday, December 4.

Mark Your Calendars. Make plans to join us for our Advent at Covenant events:

- Lessons & Carols | December 11, 6:00 p.m. (Nursery childcare available for ages 3 and under; dessert fellowship following)
- Lovelady Dinner & Concert | December 13, 5:00 p.m. (see information below)
- Christmas Eve Services | December 24, 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. (nursery childcare available at 11:00 and 4:30)
- Christmas Gathered Worship | December 25, 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School, Children's Worship, or Nursery)

Lovelady Dinner & Concert. Join us Tuesday night, December 13 for our Lovelady Dinner & Concert. This is the best night at Covenant when we host the women and children of The Lovelady Center for dinner, a concert with Charles Billingsley, and a Christmas VBS for the kids. We need LOTS of volunteers to make this night special, so please sign up at covpres.com/lovelady.

Congregational Meeting, December 18. On Sunday, December 18, we will hold a congregational meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary to elect our slate of officers (class of 2025) and the members of our 2023 Nominating Committee. Please note, this is a date correction for this meeting.

Sacred Studio 2023. Ladies, save the date—February 3 - 4—for Sacred Studio 2023! Registration opens December 6 at 9:00 a.m. at sacredstudio.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

THRESHOLD | 304 Singles, college students, and

young marrieds; 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 late 50s

(Pastor: Henry Morris)

KINGDOM BUILDERS | 201 late 40s to late 60s

(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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NOVEMBER READING PLAN

		HEBREWS
1	□ 35-36	□1
2	□ 37-38	□ 2
3	□ 39-41	□ 3:1-4:13
4	□ 42-43	□ 4:14-5:10
5/6	□ 44-48	□ 5:11-6:12
7	□ 49-50	□ 6:13-7:10
8	□ 51 - Lamentations 2	□ 7:11-28
	LAMENTATIONS	
9	□ 3-4	□8
10	□ 5-Ezekiel 1	□ 9
	EZEKIEL	
11	□ 2-3	□ 10
12/13	□ 4-8	□ 11
14	□ 9-11	□ 12
15	□ 12-14	□ 13
		JAMES
16	□ 15-17	□1
17	□ 18-20	□ 2
18	□ 21	□ 3
19/20	□ 22-24	□ 4-5
		1 PETER
21	□ 25-27	□1
22	□ 28-29	□ 2
23	□ 30-31	□ 3
24	□ 32-34	□ 4
25	□ 35-36	□ 5
		2 PETER
26/27	□ 37-40	□ 1-2
28	□ 41-42	□ 3
		1 JOHN
29	□ 43-44	□1
30	□ 45-46	□ 2

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.

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Words: from Psalm 90; Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: ST. ANNE C.M.; attr. to

William Croft, 1678-1727.

"How Firm a Foundation"

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: J. Funk's A Compilation

of Genuine Church Music, 1832, arr. by Jeff Bourgue.

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

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"Jesus Loves Me"

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

"Open Our Eyes"

Words and Music: CCLI 7006727. Bruce Benedict and Zachary Hicks. © 2013

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"Come All Ye Pining"

Words: Anne Steele, 1716-1778. Music: Brian T. Murphy.