The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity June 24, 2018

"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to fill the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the service of God."

—William Temple

"Doth not all nature around me praise God? If I were silent, I should be an exception to the universe. Doth not the thunder praise Him as it rolls like drums in the march of the God of armies? Do not the mountains praise Him when the woods upon their summits wave in adoration? Doth not the lightning write His name in letters of fire? Hath not the whole earth a voice? And shall I, can I, silent be?" —Charles H. Spurgeon

"I say the greatest tragedy in the world today is that God has made man...to play the harp of worship before (his) face, but (man) has dropped the harp. It lies voiceless at his feet."

-A.W. Tozer

"The first foundation of our righteousness undoubtedly is the worship of God."

—John Calvin

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

—Jesus

FIRST READING FROM THE PSALMS & CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Driskill

(Congregational responses are italicized.)

Psalm 51:1-9

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Come, fellow sinners, redeemed by the love of God, and worship Him.



M HYMN OF INVITATION

"Come, Ye Sinners"

Come, ye sinners poor and wretched, Weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity joined with power: He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh, Without money, without money, Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall; If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all: Not the righteous, not the righteous Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him; This He gives you, this He gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! the incarnate God ascendeth, Pleads the merit of His blood; Venture on Him, venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude: None but Jesus, none but Jesus, Can do helpless sinners good.

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

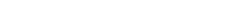
Gracious Father,

Who welcomes redeemed sinners into Your presence, we joyfully surround Your throne to give You thanks and to exalt You in the splendor of Your majesty, for You are great and mighty, glorious in Your dominion and power, and infinitely gracious toward us who are weak and needy, sick and sore.

Receive our heartfelt worship that You may be enthroned upon the praises of Your people, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

SECOND READING FROM THE PSALMS



 $({\tt Congregational\ responses\ are\ } it a licized.)$

Psalm 51:10-13

Justin Richardson

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PETITION

"God Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just, Let my contrite heart rejoice And in gladness hear Thy voice; From my sins, O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true; Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me And return, O God, to Thee; Savior, all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love; Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

Words: Richard Redhead. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997.

THIRD READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 51:14-19

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

15O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
 build up the walls of Jerusalem;
 then will you delight in right sacrifices,
 in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
 then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"My Worth is Not in What I Own" Chancel Choir, Liz Richardson (soloist)

My worth is not in what I own; Not in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the costly wounds of love At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name; In win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed At the cross.

Refrain:

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no other; My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die; Fame, youth and beauty hurry by. But life eternal calls to us At the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, Or human wisdom's fleeting light. But I will boast in knowing Christ At the cross. (*Refrain*)

Congregation:

Two wonders here that I confess: My worth and my unworthiness. My value fixed—my ransom paid At the cross. (*Refrain, twice*)

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sarah and Jeremy Allen Reagan, Jackson, and Sophie Claire

Rachel Cuidon (Tyler Cuidon)

Britta and Mick Edmonds
Delainey, Madeline, Calla Rose, and Hudson

Kathryn and Chris Trotter Caroline, Eliza, and William

Chace and Josh Wachter Elliot and Anderson

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?

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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ingram Link

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

Children are dismissed at this time.

DIRECTOR OF YOUNG ADULTS

Today we welcome Josh Johnson, our new Director of Young Adults, along with wife Elizabeth and their son, Bridger. As Director of Young Adults, Josh will minister to college students and to our two young adult Sunday School Communities (Threshold and Crosspointe). The Johnsons previously served in Chattanooga and as missionaries in Trujillo, Peru. They moved to Birmingham from Jackson, MS, where Josh recently completed his MDiv at Reformed Theological Seminary.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

John Hamilton

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

All flesh is like grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

"THE SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH: PRAISING" Sandy Willson

Christian worship is the joyful activity of regenerate believers and their children in which they, in reverent gratitude for the fullness of the Godhead as He is revealed in the person and work of Jesus Christ, seek by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission due Him, in accord with His will, revealed in the Scriptures.

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. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are italicized.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

Who has commanded us to worship You in spirit and in truth, we sorrowfully confess that we have often preferred to spend our time in other ways

and have foolishly served the idols in our own hearts rather than Your Majesty.

Please forgive us,

and renew within us a desire to know You, love You, and worship You, that You may be glorified in our midst, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

—James 4:6b-8a

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.

Apostle's 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 Ghost,

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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, amen

Words: 2nd century. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of your dear son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

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.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"And Can It Be"

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His grace! Emptied Himself of all but love And bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me! (Refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
(Refrain)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
(Refrain)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: Thomas Campbell (1777-1844).

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thanks be to You, O God, for Your infinite mercy and grace, for You have sacrificed Your one and only Son in order to receive sinners like ourselves into Your fellowship, wherefore we offer You our heartfelt gratitude and our unending praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN.



MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

Rising 4K & Kindergarten • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Rising 1st-4th Grades • C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

Congregational Prayer. Like the early church in Acts, Covenant is devoted to coming together and engaging in corporate prayer. Our next congregational prayer time is tonight from 5:00-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This guided time of prayer before our officers meet is open to all congregants—adults, children, and youth are all invited! Please join us tonight.

Summer Choir. You're invited to join Summer Choir! Our next rehearsal is July 11 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in S103, and we will sing in gathered worship on July 15. Dinner will be available at 5:30, and you can reserve nursery childcare by emailing nursery@covpres.com.

Summer Sessions. We have two adult Sunday School options this summer each Sunday through July 1. Dr. Mark Gignilliat has been teaching from Psalms in the Sanctuary. Melody and Traylor Lovvorn have been teaching "My Secure Family" in the Fellowship Hall, a seminar about how to effectively shepherd your children in the world of technology. Please join us for one of these classes! Also, if you've missed any of the lessons, or want to listen to the class you have not attended, the recordings are available at covpres.com/see-hear/audio.

Women's Summer Salad Suppers. Ladies, join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to fellowship and hear from our Covenant sisters. Dinner is available for \$6 and no reservations are required! Visit covpres.com/summersaladsuppers for dates and locations.

Covenant Chronicles. If you are not receiving Chronicles, our weekly email newsletter, please email chronicles@covpres.com. And if you are receiving the email, please read it each week for all the latest news and updates from Covenant!

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: June 24-30, 2018

SUNDAY, June 24

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons) 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | rising 4K through rising 4th grade

10:30 a.m. Sunday School Summer Sessions:

Psalms with Dr. Mark Gignilliat (Sanctuary)

My Secure Family with Melody and Traylor Lovvorn

(Fellowship Hall)

5:00-5:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Grow & Go (Youth Rooms)

MONDAY, June 25

12:30-3:30 p.m. Restoration Academy Camp

6:30-8:30 p.m. College Ministry: Monday Dinner (3416 Water Oak Drive)

TUESDAY, June 26

12:30-3:30 p.m. Restoration Academy Camp

6:00-9:00 p.m. Built for a Purpose*

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry: Summer Salad Supper

Phyllis Hamm speaking at the home of Cary Murray

(422 Poinciana Drive 35209)

WEDNESDAY, June 27

12:30-3:30 p.m. Restoration Academy Camp

6:00-9:00 p.m. Built for a Purpose*

6:00-8:00 p.m. Jr. High In the House (locations vary; covpresyouth.com)

THURSDAY, June 28

12:30-3:30 p.m. Restoration Academy Camp 6:00 p.m.-June 29 Built for a Purpose* (overnight)

FRIDAY, June 29

12:30-3:30 p.m. Restoration Academy Camp

*pre-registration required

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dave Driskill, June 25-July 1).

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John Wood

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Charles White

2018 2019 2020

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Matt Searson Steve Killgore John Gant

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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 2018.

JUNE READING PLAN

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25 26 27 28 29 30/Jul 1	JOB □ 3-6 □ 7-9 □ 10-12 □ 13-15 □ 16-18 □ 19-23	□ 7:23-34 □ 7:35-8:3 □ 8:4-25 □ 8:26-40 □ 9:1-22 □ 9:23-10:8