

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers...and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

—Matthew 1:1-2, 15c-16

"Woven throughout Scripture, the exchange and provision of garments portray God's redemptive initiative. In the first act of mercy extended to fallen humanity, the Lord covers Adam and Eve with clothes, replacing the inadequate fig-leaf covering their own hands have made with garments of skin (Gen 3:21)... Redemption symbolized by the exchange of garments culminates in the person and work of Jesus Christ...in which believers are identified by the imperishable righteousness of the Lamb."

—C.E. Palmer

I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible...

—from the Nicene Creed

AUGUST 15, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, you are very great!
 You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
 covering yourself with light as with a garment,
 stretching out the heavens like a tent.

*All: He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;
 he makes the clouds his chariot;
 he rides on the wings of the wind;
 he makes his messengers winds,
 his ministers a flaming fire.*

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
 may the LORD rejoice in his works,

*All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul!
 Praise the LORD!*

☒ 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.

Words: Psalm 19:1-6; 14; Thomas R. Birks, 1874. Music: Rick Barnes, 2011.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"O Father, You are Sovereign"

O Father, You are sovereign In all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken, And light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons And bounds the ocean's shore.
Set stars within their courses And stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign In all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness Can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, Supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children Secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign The Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows To gold of heav'nly gain,
All evil overruling, As none but Conq'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—Our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph Earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us Our faith springs up anew:
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, We trust and worship You!

Words: Margaret Clarkson. Music: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615 (ST THEODULPH).

 "Come Praise and Glorify (Ephesians 1:3-14)"


1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,
 2. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,
 3. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God,



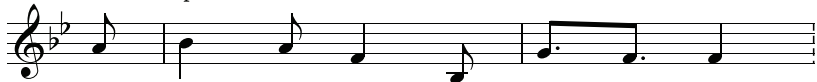
the Fa - ther of our Lord.
 who gives His grace in Christ.
 for we've be - lieved the Word.



In Christ, He has in heav'n - ly realms
 In Him our sins are washed a - way,
 And through our faith we have a seal,



His bless - ings on us poured.
 re - deemed through sac - ri - fice.
 the Spir - it of the Lord.



For pure and blame - less in His sight
 In Him God has made known to us
 The Spir - it guar - an - tees our hope



He des - tined us to be,
 the mys - t'ry of His will,
 un - til re - demp - tion's done,



And now we've been a - dopt - ed through
 That Christ should be the head of all,
 Un - til we join in end - less praise



His Son e - ter - nal - ly.
 His pur - pose to ful - fill.
 to God, the Three in One.

To the praise of Your glo - ry, to the
 praise of Your mer - cy and grace, to the
 praise of Your glo - ry,
 You are the God who saves!

Words and Music: Tim Chester and Bob Kauffin.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Colossians 3:1-17

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 32:1-5

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God:

Oh what joy for those
Whose disobedience has been forgiven,
Whose sin is put out of sight.

Yes, what joy for those
Whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt,
Whose lives are lived in complete honesty.

When I refused to confess my sin,
My body wasted away;
And I groaned all day long,
Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.

Finally, I confessed all my sin to you,
And I stopped trying to hide my guilt;
I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord,"

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You forgave me; all my guilt is gone!

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.

"You Forgive Me"; Words: Psalm 32:1-5. Music: Randall Goodgame.


GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS
"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"
Congregational Hymn


1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - try, in the
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - try, He, the
 3. Come be - hold the wond-rous mys - try, Christ, the
 4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - try, slain by



dawn - ing of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's
 per - fect Son of Man. In His liv - ing, in His
 Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined
 death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -



prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
 suf - fring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
 sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.
 strain Him praise the Lord! - He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the
 See the true and bet - ter A - dam come to
 See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un -



light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
 save the hell-bound man; Christ, the great and sure ful -
 Fa - ther's plan un - fold; bring - ing ma - ny sons to
 wav - er - ing our hope; Christ, in pow - er, re - sur -



scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
 Glo - ry: grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
 rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 15 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 9/1/2020) 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

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 37:1-11

Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

²These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

⁹Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" ¹¹And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Great God"



1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu -
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no
3. Help me now to live a life that's de -



py my low - ly heart. Own it all and reign su -
ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love with
pend - ent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my



preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r.
in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
soul from the e - vils that I face.



Let no vice or sin re - main that re -
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened
You are wor - thy to be praised with my



sists your ho - ly war. You have loved and pur - chased
up Your Word to me through the Gos - pel of Your
ev - 'ry thought and deed; O great God of high - est



me; make me Yours for - ev - er - more.
Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: August 15 - 21, 2021**SUNDAY, August 15**

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	All Covenant Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship

WEDNESDAY, August 18

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Covenant Prayer Time (S100)
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SATURDAY, August 21

8:45 - 11:30 a.m.	Stewards of Children Training (Sanctuary)
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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, August 16 - 22).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewards of Children Training. Steve Collins, founder and Executive Director of Adults Protecting Children, is coming to Covenant Saturday, August 21, 9:00-11:30 a.m., to lead us through *Stewards of Children* training and encourage us in how this applies to our ministries. One in ten children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday. As a member of our community, it is highly likely that someone you know or care for has experienced, or is currently experiencing, child sexual abuse. For this reason, this training is required for all those who work with children or youth; others are encouraged to come but space is limited. Please register at covpres.com.

COVID Policy. Effective today, social distancing and masks are required for all persons when indoors on Covenant's campus (masks are recommended for children aged 3 – kindergarten and required for all children in 1st grade or older). We will continue to worship together on Sunday mornings, without communion, through September 12. There will be no other church wide gatherings, including Sunday School, on our campus through September 12. We will continue to evaluate our protocols in the coming weeks, and we will revisit this policy in light of new data.

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our new memory verse is Titus 3:4-8. We will be memorizing these verses as a church body from August 15 - November 27.

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
 ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but
according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal
of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ
our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want
you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may
be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent
and profitable for people.*

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RULING ELDERS

2021	2022	2023
Eric Getty	Ty Dedmon	Will Brooke
Daniel Murray	John Hamilton	Nathan Collums
Warren Norville	Mark Hogewood	Jeff Dyess
Sandy Stradtman	John James	Michael Latta
Clay Wheeler	David O'Dell	Charlie Logan
	Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld
	Kurt Senn	John Smith T
		Steve Stigler

DEACONS

2021	2022	2023
Nick Baggett	Jim Bennett	Tripp Alexander
Ward Bailey	William Edwards	Joseph Cascio
Samuel Bragg	Merrill Johnston	Richard Cox
Trey Clegg	Randall Lancaster	Jay Evans
Will Graham	Mark Midyette	Bryan Flores
Jeff Hicks	Stephen Mince	Gary Gorham
Jim Jenkins	Clyde Prather	Jeff Hayes
Alan Spooner	John Shank	John Shults
Patrick Strong	Matt Thomas	Joe Strickland
	Greg Tomlinson	Darrell Tucker

STEERING COMMITTEE

Will Brooke, Member At-large	Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session
Nathan Collums, Family Ministry Chair	Ingram Link, Ministry Liaison (Women)
Marty Crawford, Pastoral Liaison (Missions)	Stephen Mince, Chair of the Diaconate
Ty Dedmon, Shepherding Ministry Chair	Bob Schaffeld, Missions Ministry Chair
David Driskill, Pastoral Liaison (Shepherding)	John Shank, Finance Committee Chair
Robby Holt, Moderator of the Session	Lee Sheppard, Personnel Committee Chair
John Fountain, Pastoral Liaison (Family)	John Smith T, Assistant 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 2021.

AUGUST READING PLAN

	PSALMS	ROMANS
1	□ 65-69	□ 4
2	□ 70-72	□ 5
3	□ 73-74	□ 6
4	□ 75-76	□ 7
5	□ 77-79	□ 8
6	□ 80-84	□ 9:1-10:4
7/8	□ 85-90	□ 10:5-11:12
9	□ 91-93	□ 11:13-36
10	□ 94-95	□ 12
11	□ 96-98	□ 13
12	□ 99-101	□ 14
13	□ 102-104	□ 15:1-21
14/15	□ 105-108	□ 15:22-1 Corinthians 1:17
		1 CORINTHIANS
16	□ 109-110	□ 1:18-31
17	□ 111-112	□ 2
18	□ 113-115	□ 3
19	□ 116-119:48	□ 4
20	□ 119:49-104	□ 5
21/22	□ 119:105-176	□ 6
23	□ 120-124	□ 7
24	□ 125-127	□ 8
25	□ 128-130	□ 9
26	□ 131-133	□ 10:1-22
27	□ 134-137	□ 10:23-11:1
28/29	□ 138-142	□ 11:2-34
30	□ 143-145	□ 12:1-11
31	□ 146-148	□ 12:12-31

Self-sacrificing love is thus made the essence of the Christian life, and is referred for its incentive to the self-sacrificing love of Christ himself: Christ's followers are to "have the same mind in them which was also in Christ Jesus."...It is the love which Christ bears his people which is kept in prominent view as the impulse and standard of the love he asks from his people.

—B.B. Warfield

