

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley, He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome;
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
—from “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

"The new is in the old concealed;
the old is in the new revealed."
—Augustine

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them
you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,
yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."
—Jesus, John 5:39-40

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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.

☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!


Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, allelu...
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; tr. by William H. Draper, 1926.
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN.

 "Come, Thou Almighty King"


1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, help us Thy name_ to sing.
 2. Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, gird on Thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To Thee, great One_ in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer a - ttend; come, and Thy peo - ple bless, and give Thy
 in this glad hour: Thou Who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty, may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign ov - er us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess: Spir - it of hol - i - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r. *(to bridge)*
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty, love and a - dore.

Bridge:

Fa - ther, now call us out of our wan - d'ring.



Je - sus, now come and cast out our fear.



Spir - it, now preach the Son to our deaf - ness:



op - en our hearts, op - en our hearts.

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861. Additional Music and
 Lyrics: Zac Hicks, 2018.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 23:32-43

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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.*

Leader: Hear us now, as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9

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

"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer"

Rachel Barlotta, soloist

Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage,
And I'll follow, though I'm worn.

Chorus:

May this journey bring a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing,
With Your likeness let me wake.

Jesus guide me through the tempest;
Keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning,
Let me love You even more.

Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go—
And at the end of this long passage,
Let me leave them at Your throne.

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Margaret Becker. CCLI #3552533.

The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 AM

James Richard Moore

SON OF TIFFANY AND WILLIAM MOORE

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 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 | 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

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 40

Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt.

²And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

⁵And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ⁶When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?" ⁸They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."

⁹So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." ¹²Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ¹³In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit."

¹⁶When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head." ¹⁸And Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. ¹⁹In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you."

²⁰On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. ²²But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

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

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt / John Rippon, 1787. Music: Oliver Holden, 1793.

☒ BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: September 12 - 18, 2021

SUNDAY, September 12

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Jr. High Small Groups (Youth Rooms/Outside)
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Sr. High Small Groups (Youth Rooms/Outside)
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Kid Connection (3K-5th grade; 3rd floor lot)

MONDAY, September 13

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Tower Room)
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TUESDAY, September 14

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, September 15

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Covenant Prayer Time (S100)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
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 - 8:15 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (E206) <i>lesson and discussion</i>
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (Tower Room) <i>discussion only</i>

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dan Edwards, September 13 - 19).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Bible Studies. There is still time to register for our women's Bible studies! We have several options on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and Sunday evenings. Please visit covpres.com/womens-bible-studies for all the details and to register. (Nursery childcare is full on Tuesday mornings.)

Youth & Children's Ministry Activities. Youth small groups and Bible studies have begun! If you would like to be in a small group, please email Sara Litten at slitten@covpres.com. Sr. High Bible Study is on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:15 a.m. (with breakfast), and Jr. High Bible Study is on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:15 p.m. (with dinner). Our Children's Ministry is hosting Sunday night Kid Connection tonight from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor parking lot. This is for children ages 3K through 5th grade.

Discover Covenant Class. Our next Discover Covenant class is October 15-17. The class is a great way to 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.

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Clay Wheeler	David O'Dell	Charlie Logan
	Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld
	Kurt Senn	John Smith T
		Steve Stigler

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2021	2022	2023
Nick Baggett	Jim Bennett	Tripp Alexander
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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

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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.

SEPTEMBER READING PLAN

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	PROVERBS	
2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 14
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	2 CORINTHIANS	
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