The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Epiphany January 12, 2019

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

—Isaiah 43:19

Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

—Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7

◯ CALL TO WORSHIP

John Fountain

MATHEMATICAL PROPERTY OF PRAISE

"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.

FIRST READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Kim Killgore

John 7:1-36

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ²Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. ³So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. ⁴For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵For not even his brothers believed in him. ⁶Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ⁸You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." ⁹After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

¹⁰But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. ¹¹The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" ¹²And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." ¹³Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

¹⁴About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" ¹⁶So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. ²²Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

²³If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

²⁵Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? ²⁶And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? ²⁷But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." ²⁸So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. ²⁹I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." ³⁰So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. ³³Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. ³⁴You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." ³⁵The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

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

○ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go spread your trophies at His feet, And crown Him Lord of all. Go spread your trophies at His feet, And crown Him Lord of all.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

MATHEMATICAL PROPERTY OF THE SPIRIT

"God the Spirit"



one in love and pow'r and glo ry with the Fa ther_ and the_Son.



Words: Samuel J. Stone. Music: Matt Boswell, 2010.

THIRD READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 7:40-52

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." ⁴¹Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? ⁴²Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" ⁴³So there was a division among the people over him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" ⁴⁶The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" ⁴⁷The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? ⁴⁸Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." ⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, ⁵¹"Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" ⁵²They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" Chancel Choir

Blessed Jesus, at Thy word
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded Till Thy Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded. Thou alone to God canst win us; Thou must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, Thyself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding; Open Thou our ears and heart, Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading; Hear the cry Thy people raises, Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to Thee and adoration! Grant that we Thy Word may trust And obtain true consolation While we here below must wander, Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

Words: (stanzas 1-3) by Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684; translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878. Music: LIEBSTER JESU, J.S. Bach.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Grace Margaret Burton

DAUGHTER OF MEG AND DANIEL BURTON

Emerson Joy 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 unreservedly 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 doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

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

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

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.

Children's Worship Information:

Children ages 3 to 4 may attend Children's Worship for the entire worship service, while kindergarteners through 2nd graders are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace. Following the worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K ■ C224/C225 (available for the entire worship hour)

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

Kindergarten • C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*

1st & 2nd Grades • C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*

*Children on the main level will dismiss through the door leading into the Fellowship

Hall, and children in the balcony will dismiss through the door closest to the elevator.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad with your full name and names of any family members attending with you. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 19.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Russell Martin

MESSAGE

"RIVERS OF LIVING WATER"		
Sandy Willson		

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 communing but would like to participate, please come forward and 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.

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

Prayer of Confession

David Driskill

Almighty God, Who has made wondrous promises to us—
that we would be filled with Your Spirit,
satisfied with Your love,
and gathered with You for eternity—
we confess that we have failed to believe fully what You have pledged to us,
but have often believed the lies of this world
and have followed the devices of our own sinful hearts.
Please forgive us,
and renew within us a lively faith and a ready obedience,
that we may ever glorify Your great Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

—Galatians 3:13-14

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.

Words of Institution

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

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 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:

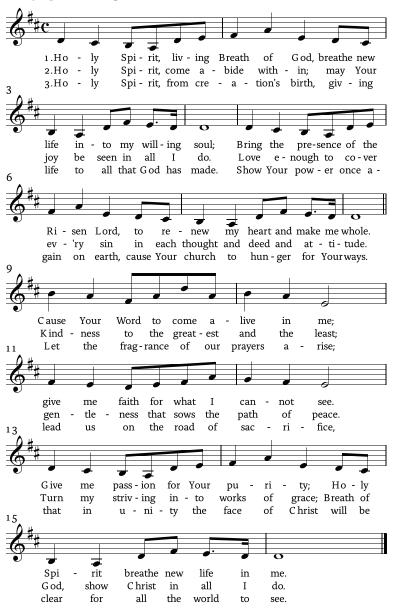
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

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

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

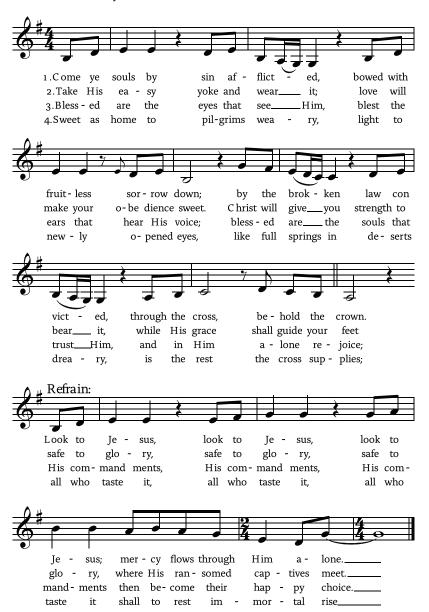
Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God!"



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"Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted"



Words: Joseph Swain (alt. Twit). Music: Kevin Twit 2013.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

EXECUTE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God the Spirit, we adore thee, In the Triune Godhead, One; One in love and power and glory With the Father and the Son.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 12 - 18, 2020

SUNDAY, January 12

8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages

(see page 21)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | Rising 3k through 2nd grades

5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups

5:00 p.m. Women's Study: God of Covenant

MONDAY, January 13

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's office)

9:00 a.m. Created for a Purpose summer registration opens for

Covenant members

TUESDAY, January 14

11:15 a.m. Women's Study: God of Covenant (E201)

WEDNESDAY, January 15

5:30 - 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant

5:30-7:15 KidConnection (3K-6th grades; 3rd floor) 5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall; Menu: breakfast for dinner) 5:30 Jr. High Activities (bring dinner to Youth Area)

6:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)

6:15 Bible Study Options:

1. Women's Study: God of Covenant (E305)

2. "A Heart & Mind for God: THE-ologies of Christianity" with Josh Johnson (E201)

6:45 Sr. High Activities (Youth Area) 7:45 Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, January 17 Youth Winter Retreat

(Camp ToKnowHim)

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please see our full calendar of Covenant events at covpres.com/calendar.

Wednesdays@Covenant. Wednesdays@Covenant have resumed! Join us for dinner at 5:30, choir rehearsal at 6:00, and studies at 6:15. KidConnection is 5:30-7:15 on the third floor. This semester we are offering two study options: a women's study of "God of Covenant" by Jen Wilkin and "A Heart & Mind for God: THE-ologies of Christianity" with Josh Johnson. Topics for this study include "Who is the Holy Spirit, and is He at work today?" and "What happens at the end of the story?"

Created for a Purpose Summer 2020. Registration for Created for a Purpose Summer 2020 opens for Covenant members tomorrow, January 13, at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. If you are a Covenant member, please register on this day as we cannot guarantee member's spots once community registration opens on January 14.

Women's Bible Studies. Ladies, this Winter/Spring there are three options to study "God of Covenant" by Jen Wilkin. We are offering this study on Tuesdays (1/7), Wednesdays (1/8), and Sundays (1/12). You can find all the details and register at covpres.com/womens-studies. Also, Divine Design Discipleship resumes "The Wilderness" study on Tuesday, January 28.

Gospel Manhood. Our first lunch of the year is Tuesday, January 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mark Gignilliat, Professor of Divinity, Beeson Divinity School, will be our guest speaker.

Discover Covenant Class. If you would like to consider joining Covenant, our next Discover Covenant Class is January 24-26, with sessions Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For more information and to register, please email Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com. Nursery childcare will be provided for each session.

Lighthouse Family Retreat. Lead your family on mission with Lighthouse Family Retreat March 22-28 (Spring Break)! Childhood cancer is hard, and Lighthouse Family Retreat seeks to lighten that burden by providing a week-long beach retreat in the Destin area for families living with cancer. This trip is for individuals and families (with children age 4+) and will be a transformational experience for the parents and children you serve, as well as for you and your own family. Sign up by January 28. Contact Kate and Clay Wheeler to learn more, 205-862-2769 or katewheeler24@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS@COVENANT

January 8 - March 11, 2020

Join your Covenant family each week for a time of food, fellowship, and study. Like any family, we need to spend time together, check in with each other, and break bread together. As we study God's word and pray with each other, this midweek time plays an important role in our growth as a church family. We have something for everyone! See covpres.com/schedule for all the details.

SCHEDULE

5:30-6:15 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

serving lines remain open until 6:00; \$6/adult, \$4/child with a \$25 family max

5:30-7:15 p.m. Nursery Activities

infants through 2 year olds; Nursery Level

KidConnection* Dinner, Worship, & Activities
3 year olds through 6th graders; 3rd Floor

Jr. High Dinner & Activities (Youth Rooms)

6th-8th grades; bring dinner down to Youth Rooms

6:00-7:30 p.m. **Chancel Choir** (\$103)

6:15-7:15 p.m. Adult Options:

Women's Study: "God of Covenant"** (E305) Small group discussion of this study by Jen Wilkin All Adult Study: "A Heart & Mind For God:

THE-ologies of Christianity" (E201)

This study with Josh Johnson will enable us to have a deeper understanding of Scripture, and thereby know our God and our Savior Jesus Christ in a deeper way. Topics include "Who is the Holy Spirit, and is He at work today?" and "What happens at the end of the story?"

6:45 p.m. Sr. High Activities (Youth Rooms)

^{*}Please register at covpres.com/weekly-activities.

^{**}Please register at covpres.com/womens-studies.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | COMMONS College students*

CROSSPOINTE | S100 Young families; 30s

THRESHOLD | E304 Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

UPPER ROOM | S101 *60s and 70s*

(Pastor: Marty Crawford)

CORNERSTONE | S104 3os and 4os

FOUNDATIONS | DINING ROOM 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 3os and 4os

(Pastor: David Driskill)

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

(Pastor: Dan Edwards)

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

(Pastor: John Fountain)

^{*}College students gather in Commons Area at 12:00 for class and lunch.

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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 2020.

JANUARY READING PLAN

	GENESIS	MATTHEW
1	□ 1-2	□1
2	□ 3-5	_ ·
3	□ 5-7	_ z
4/5	□ 8-11	_ 3 □ 4
6	□ 12-14	□ 5:1-26
7	□ 15-17	□ 5:27-48
8	□ 18-19	□ 6
9	□ 20-22	□ 7
10	□ 23-24	□8
11/12	□ 25-28	□9
13	□ 29-30	□ 10:1-23
14	□ 31–33	□ 10:1-23
15	□ 34-35	□ 10.24-42
16	□ 36-37	□ 12:1-21
17	□ 38-40	□ 12:22-50
18/19	□ 41-45	□ 13
20	□ 46-47	□ 14:1-21
21	□ 48-49	□ 14:22-36
22	□ 50-Exodus 1	□ 15:1-20
	EXODUS	
23	□ 2-4	□ 15:21-39
24	□ 5-6	□ 16
25/26	□ 7-10	□ 17:1-18:20
27	□ 11-13	□ 18:21-35
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29	□ 17-19	□ 19:16-30
30	□ 20-22	□ 20:1-16
31	□ 23-25	□ 20:17-34