# The Lord's Day in Worship

#### **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Season of Epiphany January 19, 2019

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

—2 Corinthians 4:5-6

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

—Genesis 1:3-5

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin; I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in. Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night; Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

I saw the light, I saw the light;
No more darkness, no more night.
Now, I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.
—Hank Williams, Sr.

#### **EXACT TO WORSHIP**

David Driskill

#### **M HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Immortal, Invisible"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible Hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, The Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, And silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains, High soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, To both great and small, In all life thou livest, The true life of all; We blossom and flourish As leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, But naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, Pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, All veiling their sight; All praise we would render, O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor Of light hideth Thee!

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908). Music: Welsh melody.

#### **READING FROM THE PSALMS**

Justin Richardson

Psalms 27:1-6

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

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

#### **M** HYMN OF TRUST

"Only a Holy God"



Words and Music: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren.

#### READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 60:1-5, 9

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>9</sup>For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.

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

# **M HYMN OF HOPE**

"Come Light Our Hearts"



Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, 2016.

#### **GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God" Chancel Choir

The perfect wisdom of our God,
Revealed in all the universe;
All things created by His hand,
And held together at His command.
He knows the myst'ries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His,
He guides the planets on their way,
And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways
That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet,
His spirit teaching and guiding me.
O, the myst'ry of the cross,
That should suffer for the lost,
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ.

O grant me wisdom from above
To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sov'reignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say,
"Your perfect will in Your perfect way."

Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty; arr. by Lloyd Larson.

#### **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 18.

#### THE MORNING PRAYERS

Daniel Murray

#### READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 8:12-30

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup>In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." <sup>19</sup>They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

<sup>21</sup>So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup>So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup>I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup>So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup>I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." <sup>27</sup>They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup>So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup>And he who sent me is with

me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."  $^{30}$  As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

All flesh is like grass,

And all its glory is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

"JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

But the word of our God stands forever.

# **MESSAGE**

Marty Crawford	

#### 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**

Josh Johnson

Almighty and most merciful Father;

We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have sought out the darkness and turned away from your light;

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

 $Apart\, from\, the\, light\, of\, Christ,\, there\, is\, no\, light\, in\, us.$ 

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

 $Revive\ us,\ and\ again\ shine\ \ the\ light\ of\ Christ\ into\ our\ hearts.$ 

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:9

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.

# **Apostles' 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.

# ■ 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 of Institution**

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

<sup>\*</sup>to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King"

# **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.



Words: William Walsham How, 1823-1897; alt. 1990, mod. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997.

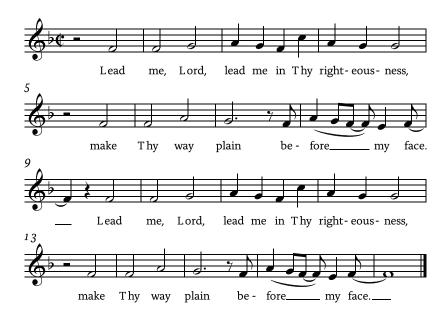
# "Trinity Song"



Words and Music: Sandra McCracken.

# **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

# **EXECUTE** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



# **BENEDICTION**

# THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 19 - 25, 2020

SUNDAY, January 19

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

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

(see page 20)

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

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

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

MONDAY, January 20 Church office closed for Martin Luther King Day

**TUESDAY, January 21** 

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

11:30 a.m. Gospel Manhood (Fellowship Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, January 22** 

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

5:30-7:15 KidConnection (3K-6th grades; 3rd floor)

5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Jr. High Activities (bring dinner to Youth Area)

6:00-7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:15 Bible Study Options:

1. Women's Study: God of Covenant (E303)

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

Christianity With Josh Johnson

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

FRIDAY, January 24

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Discover Covenant Class

SATURDAY, January 25

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Discover Covenant Class

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, January 20-26).

#### MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**Gospel Manhood.** Our first lunch of the year is this 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.

**Wednesdays**@**Covenant.** Join us this Wednesday 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?"

**Discover Covenant Class.** If you would like to consider joining Covenant, our next Discover Covenant Class is this weekend, 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.

**Sacred Studio 2020.** Sacred Studio, the adult version of Created for a Purpose, is February 28 and 29. Abby Hutto, author of *God for Us*, will be our conference speaker. Connie Skellie, of Act of Congress, will lead worship. There are twenty different creative workshops to chose from including! This is a great outreach event, so invite your friends and neighbors. Visit sacredstudio.org for more information and to register.

# 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"\*\* (E303) 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)

<sup>\*</sup>Please register at covpres.com/weekly-activities.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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)

<sup>\*</sup>College students gather in Commons Area at 12:00 for class and lunch.

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Paul Loyless Sandy Stradtman David O'Dell

Bob Schaffeld Clay Wheeler Norman Pless
Lee Sheppard Kurt Senn
Steve Stigler

Mark Taylor
John Wood

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Robert Stephens Clark Worrell

2020 2021 2022

Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander Nick Baggett William Edwards Paul Darden Ward Bailey Samuel Bragg Merrill Johnston Jay Evans Randall Lancaster Bryan Flores Trey Clegg John Gant Will Graham Mark Midvette John David Gray Jeff Hicks Stephen Mince Jim Jenkins Clyde Prather Marty Martin Alan Spooner John Shank **Bud Miller** 

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Tyler O'Connor Patrick Strong Matt Thomas
John Shults Greg Tomlinson
Danny Smith

#### **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
28	□ 14-16	□ 19:1-15
29	□ 17-19	□ 19:16-30
30	□ 20-22	□ 20:1-16
31	□ 23-25	□ 20:17-34