

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 24, 2019

“No attribute of God is more rejoiced in by unfallen angels and redeemed sinners than His holiness.”

—William S. Plumer

“If Christ justifies you, he will sanctify you. He will not save you and leave you in your sins.”

—Robert Murray M'Cheyne

“So in love is Christ with holiness that he will buy it with his blood for us.”

—John Flavel

“Man's holiness is now his greatest happiness, and in heaven man's greatest happiness will be his perfect holiness.”

—Thomas Brooks

## ☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Marty Crawford*

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

## ☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Worship the King”

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Words: based on Psalm 104; Robert Grant, 1833 Music: Johann Michael Haydn,  
1737-1806; arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815.

## ☒ READING FROM THE PSALMS

Grace Harrelson

Psalm 145:1-4, 17-21

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

*Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

*One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

*The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;

*he also hears their cry and saves them.*

The LORD preserves all who love him,

*but all the wicked he will destroy.*

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

*and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## ☒ CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn You above.  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to Your praise.

## ☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup>And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup>and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

<sup>41</sup>"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." <sup>48</sup>And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## HYMN OF CHRIST

### "Jesus is Better"



1. There is no o - ther, so sure and stead - y,  
2. Your kind - ly rule has shat - tered and bro - ken



my hope is held in Your hand;\_\_\_\_  
the curse of sin's ty - ran - ny.\_\_\_\_



when cas - tles crum - ble, and breath is fleet - ing,  
My life is hid - den 'neath Heav-en's shad - ow;



up - on this Rock I will stand,\_\_\_\_  
Your crim - son flood cov - ers me,\_\_\_\_



up - on this Rock I will stand.\_\_\_\_  
Your crim - son flood cov - ers me.\_\_\_\_

#### CHORUS:



Glo - ry, glo - ry,\_\_\_\_ we have no o - ther\_ king



but Je - sus, Lord of \_ all.\_\_\_\_ We raise the an - them,

our loud-est prais-es\_\_ ring, we crown Him Lord of\_\_ all.

(verse 2)

**BRIDGE:**

1. In all my sor - rows, Je - sus is bet - ter;
2. In ev - 'ry vic - 'try,
3. Than an - y com - fort,
4. More than all rich - es,

make my heart be - lieve.\_\_\_\_

(soprano/tenor)

(alto/bass)

5. Our souls de - clar - ing, Je - sus is bet - ter;
6. Our song e - ter - nal,

(last time to chorus)

make my heart be - lieve.\_\_\_\_

## GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Wake Up, O Daughter of Zion"

*Chancel Choir and Rick Barnes*

Wake up, O daughter of Zion!  
Leave here your clothing of shame.  
No more the orphan or harlot,  
See, I give you a new name!

*Chorus:*

*Take up these garments of splendor;  
Beautiful daughter, rise up!  
Feel my great mercy surround you;  
Dress in the gown of my love.*

"Beautiful bride," He has called you.  
"Sought after, married, redeemed."  
"You'll be the crown of my glory;  
You, my most highly esteemed."

Glorious there in her chamber,  
Wearing the robe of the king.  
See him delight in her beauty;  
With joy and gladness he sings:  
(*Chorus*)

Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough, 2014.



## **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**

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

*Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 20 for details).*

## **THE MORNING PRAYERS**

*Paul Loyless*

## ☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in-



cline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

## ☒ READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 5:3-6

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

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.*



## 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*.

### **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 Confession

John Fountain

### ☒ Assurance of Pardon

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

—1 Corinthians 6:9b-11

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\_\_ bless - ings\_\_ flow;



praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;



praise Him a - bove, \_ ye\_\_ heav'n - ly\_\_ host:



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## 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.

## “Trinity Song”

Ho - ly\_\_\_ Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,

Ho - ly com - mun - ion, Three in One. *(repeat)*

Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion,

bind us to - geth - er in ho - ly\_\_\_ love. *1 - return to beginning*  
*2 - tag*

### TAG:

Ho - ly\_\_\_ Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,

Ho - ly\_\_\_ Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,

Ho - ly\_\_\_ Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,

Three in One, Three in One, Three in One.



“Hide Away in the Love of Jesus”



1. Come, wear - y saints, though tired and weak,  
 2. Come wan - d'ring souls and find your home,  
 3. Come guilt - y ones weighed down with sin,  
 4. Come, hope - less hearts, do not de - spair,



hide a - way in the love of Je - sus;



your strength will re - turn by His qui - et streams,  
 He of - fers the rest that you yearn to know,  
 The free - dom you long for is found in Him!  
 For ten - thou - sand joys a - wait you there!



hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

1 - to verse two  
 2, 3 - to chorus  
 4 - FINE

**CHORUS:**



Hear Him call - ing your name, see the

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depths of His love in the wounds of His grace; hide a - way.

## ☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### ☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

5



make Thy way plain be-fore\_\_\_\_\_ my face.

9



— Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

13



make Thy way plain be-fore\_\_\_\_\_ my face.---

### ☒ BENEDICTION

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: March 24-30, 2019

### **SUNDAY, March 24**

- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages  
(see page 20 for details)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)  
Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade
- 12:00 p.m. College Sunday School (Dining Room; lunch provided)

### **MONDAY, March 25 - FRIDAY, March 29**

**Spring Break** for Alabama schools,  
including Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School

*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dan Edwards, March 25-31).*

## 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:

**3K & 4K - C221** (available for the entire worship hour)

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

**1st - 2nd Grade - C316** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

**College Lunch.** College students, we are having lunch at Hollye and Steve Stigler's house (444 Trousdale Street, Birmingham, 35216). Please, gather in the sanctuary foyer immediately following worship.

**Come to the Table.** Ladies, you are invited to our second annual Spring event, Come to the Table! This evening of fellowship take groups of eight women into members' homes to enjoy food and fun and get to know new friends. The dinners begin at 6:30, and the cost is \$10. You can register at [covpres.com/womens-ministry](http://covpres.com/womens-ministry) or at one of our information tables on March 31 and April 7. Nursery childcare is available by reservation until 8:00 p.m.; please email [nursery@covpres.com](mailto:nursery@covpres.com).

**Holy Week at Covenant.** Holy Week begins with our regular Sunday School and worship service schedule on Palm Sunday, April 14. We will have a Thursday evening meal and service (6:00 and 7:00 p.m. respectively) on Maundy Thursday, April 18, and our Good Friday service at 12:00 noon on April 19. Then join us Easter morning, April 21, for our Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. at Vulcan Park, a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00, and our two services at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (We will not have Sunday School on Easter morning.)

**Youth Summer Missions Trip.** All rising 9th graders through graduating seniors, and their families, are invited to serve on our summer missions trip to Warm Springs, OR, July 13-20. Email John Fountain at [jfountain@covpres.com](mailto:jfountain@covpres.com) for more information.

**New England Missions Trip.** For nine years Covenant has taken teams to New England to come alongside our sister PCA churches and to minister to children through our popular Explorer and Created for a Purpose camps. Once again, we are taking a team to Manchester, NH, and need 12-16 people to staff the camps July 22-26. This is a great trip for families, and we are holding an interest meeting (lunch included) on Sunday, April 7, immediately following worship in E305. Please contact Dan Edwards for information ([dedwards@covpres.com](mailto:dedwards@covpres.com)).

# SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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9:15 a.m.

*Maps and directional signs are located around the church.*

<b>COLLEGE</b>   DINING ROOM*	<i>College students</i>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>   E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
<b>CORNERSTONE</b>   S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>CROSSPOINTE</b>   S100	<i>20s and 30s</i>
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>   E304	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b>   E301	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>LIVING STONES</b>   E303	<i>40s and 50s</i>
<b>KINGDOM BUILDERS</b>   E201	<i>50s and 60s</i>
<b>OPEN DOORS</b>   S105	<i>70s and above</i>
<b>UPPER ROOM</b>   S101	<i>60s and 70s</i>
<b>THRESHOLD</b>   DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
<b>YOUTH</b>   YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

*\*The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.*

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2019

Ty Dedmon  
Jeff Dyess  
Rick Flynn  
Heath Henderson  
Tom McKnight  
John Smith T  
Richard Thompson

2020

Bill Bennett  
Will Brooke  
Michael Latta  
Charlie Logan  
Paul Loyless  
Bob Schaffeld  
Lee Sheppard  
Steve Stigler  
Mark Taylor  
John Wood

2021

Eric Getty  
Russell Martin  
Daniel Murray  
Warren Norville  
Sandy Stradtman  
Clay Wheeler

## DEACONS

2019

Jim Bennett  
Gary Gorham  
Keith Harrelson  
Jeff Hayes  
Steve Killgore  
Steve Pfitzer  
Brent Powell  
Matt Searson  
John Shank  
Todd Sitton  
William Slappey  
Billy Tapscott  
Darrell Tucker

2020

Tripp Alexander  
Paul Darden  
Jay Evans  
Bryan Flores  
John Gant  
John David Gray  
Marty Martin  
Bud Miller  
Tyler O'Connor  
John Shults  
Danny Smith  
Robert Stephens  
Clark Worrell

2021

Nick Baggett  
Ward Bailey  
Samuel Bragg  
Trey Clegg  
Will Graham  
Jeff Hicks  
Jim Jenkins  
Alan Spooner  
Patrick Strong

# 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 2019.

## MARCH READING PLAN

1	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:22-38
2/3	<input type="checkbox"/> 28-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
4	<input type="checkbox"/> 32-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-31
5	<input type="checkbox"/> 34-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:32-52

### DEUTERONOMY

6	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-19
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:20-33
8	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-7	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-27
9/10	<input type="checkbox"/> 8-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:28-13:13
11	<input type="checkbox"/> 14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:14-37
12	<input type="checkbox"/> 17-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:1-25
13	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:26-50
14	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:51-72
15	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-32
16/17	<input type="checkbox"/> 28-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:33-16:20

### LUKE

18	<input type="checkbox"/> 31-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-23
19	<input type="checkbox"/> 33-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:24-38

### JOSHUA

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21	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-21
22	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:22-52
23/24	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-4:30
25	<input type="checkbox"/> 14-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:31-44
26	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-16
27	<input type="checkbox"/> 19-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:17-39
28	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-26
29	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:27-49

### JUDGES

30/31	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
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