

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"We believe...in the Holy Spirit;
The Lord and Giver of Life;
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
Who spoke by the Prophets."
—from the Nicene Creed

"Jacob had much to think about on his journey: the threat of Esau, the necessity of leaving home, the danger of traveling so far alone, uncertainty about what he would encounter in Mesopotamia, and whether he would ever be able to return to Canaan. God's concluding promise seemed tailored particularly for Jacob's needs: 'I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you' (28:15). As you read the next several chapters of Genesis, remember that God's Word will prove true in your life also."
—Bill T. Arnold

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet...anything that is your neighbor's.

—Exodus 20:13-17

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

All: *My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.*

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,

All: *at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.*

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

All: *Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

Leader: As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

All: *O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!*

Leader: Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

All: *For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

 Congregation stand as able.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMNS OF ADORATION

"God the Spirit"



1. Ho - ly fount of in - spir - a - tion, by whose gift the
2. Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, giv - er of the
3. When we wan - der, Lord di - rect us, keep us in the



4
great of__ old__ spoke the word of re - ve - la tion,
sec - ond_ birth; may Thy cease - less ren - o - va tion
7 Mas ter's way._ Let Thy strong, swift sword pro - tect us__



mar - ve - lous and man - i - fold.___
cleanse our souls from stains of__ earth.___
war - ring in the ev - il__ day... (to bridge)

9 Refrain:



God the Spir - it, we a dore_ Thee, in the Tri - une God - head One;



13 one in love and pow'r and glo ry with the Fa ther_ and the_ Son.

Bridge (after verse 3):

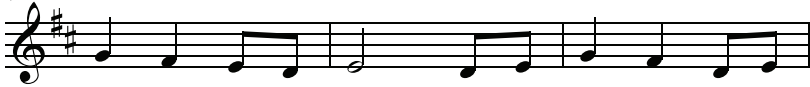


Shall the church now faint or fear when the Com fort - er is near?_

 "Come, O Come Thou Holy Spirit"


1. Come, O come Thou Ho - ly Spir - it, Light and
 2. Sav - ior, lead us to a - dore Thee by the
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, strong and might - y, Thou who
 4. When my fi - nal hour a - pproach - es, let my

4



Life, Thy grace im - parts; bless - ed Source of con - sol -
 true and liv - ing way. Then, with an - gel hosts be -
 mak - est all things new, make Thy work with - in me
 hopes grow yet more bright; let Thy love, which nev - er

7



a - tion, guide our minds and guide our hearts. Grant my
 fore Thee, may we wor - ship, love and praise. Dwell with -
 per - fect, help me by Thy word so true. In Thy
 fails me, diss - i - pate the gloom of night. From that

10



mind and my af - fec - tions, wis - dom, coun - sel, pu - ri -
 in us, pre cious Spir - it, where Thou art no ill can
 faith, O, make me stead - fast, let not Sa - tan, death or
 height which knows no meas - ure, fair - er far than voice can

13



ty; that I may be ev - er seek - ing on - ly
 come; bless us now through Je - sus' me - rit, reign in
 shame of my con - fi - dence de - prive me; Lord my
 tell; in Thy glo - rious courts of hea - ven, there, re -

16



that which pleas - es Thee, on - ly that which pleas - es Thee.
 ev - ery heart and home, reign in ev - ery heart and home.
 re - fuge is Thy name, Lord my re - fuge is Thy name.
 deemed by Christ, to dwell, there, re - deemed by Christ, to dwell.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 32:1-5; Rick Barnes

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!

Leader: 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 Forgave Me"

Words: Psalm 32:1-5. Music: Randall Goodgame.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Spirit of the Living God"

Virtual Choir

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall fresh on me.

Melt me! Mold me!

Fill me! Use me!

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall fresh on me.

(Repeat)

Words: Daniel Iverson, 1926. Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926; arr. Rick Barnes.

☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 21 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 27:41-28:22

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob."⁴² But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, "Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you."⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran⁴⁴ and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away—⁴⁵ until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?"

⁴⁶ Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

^{28:1} Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, "You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women.² Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.³ God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.⁴ May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!"⁵ Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

⁶ Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he directed him, "You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women,"⁷ and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram.⁸ So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac his father,⁹ Esau went to Ishmael and took as his wife,

besides the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

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.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

Words of Institution

from Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Humble Access

Leader: In Jesus, the Son of God, we have a sympathetic, great high priest who lives for us. He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Let us, therefore, with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

All: *We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King,
to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
in this breaking of bread, a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you
and you with 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.*

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 partaking of these elements but would like to come forward with your fellow worshipers, please 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.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

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

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"



1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
 2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may Your
 3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life in - to my will - ing soul; Bring the pre - sence of the
 joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to co - ver
 life to all that God has made. Show Your pow - er once a -



Ri - sen Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.
 ev - 'ry sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
 gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a - live in me;
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least;
 11 Let the frag - rance of our prayers a - rise;



give me faith for what I can - not see.
 gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
 13 lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,



Give me pass - ion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly
 Turn my striv - ing in - to works of grace; Breath of
 that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be



Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
 God, show Christ in all I do.
 clear for all the world to see.

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son.
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou my inheritance now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart.
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all!
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all!

Words: ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. Music: traditional Irish melody.

 **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 23 - 29, 2021**SUNDAY, May 23**

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (see page 22)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship

MONDAY, May 24

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
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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, May 24 - 30).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS Volunteers. VBS, June 14-17, is a great four days of serving together and sharing the Gospel! This summer we are excited about in-person VBS as well as an at-home option. We need volunteers to serve in the Wild West, keeping the children rounded up for all the fun. So grab a friend to serve with you, and sign up at covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities.

Children's Summer Activities. Our Children's Ministry staff has lots of summer fun planned! See page 23 for details, and register for all of the events at covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities to register.

College Sunday School. Our College Sunday School class is now meeting weekly each Sunday through June 27 from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the Dining Room. All area college students are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and teaching!

Communion Set-Up. We are in need of volunteers to help set up communion on Sunday mornings before gathered worship. This is a wonderful way to serve your church family. Please contact Justin Richardson, jrichardson@covpres.com, if you would like to volunteer.

Scripture Memory. Our next church-wide memory passage is Titus 2:11-14. We will be memorizing these verses from May 23 through August 8.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,
¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

SUNDAYS, 9:15-10:15 A.M. | APRIL 11 - JUNE 27, 2021

Nursery available; Children's and Youth Sunday School classes
are meeting weekly during this time.

GROUP A

May 23; June 6, 20

CROSSPOINTE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)	Young families; 30s
LIGHTHOUSE (E301)	30s and 40s
LIVING STONES (E201)	40s and 50s
OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM (S100)	60s, 70s, and above

GROUP B

May 30; June 13, 27

COMMUNITY (E201)	All ages and life stages
CORNERSTONE (S100)	30s and 40s
FOUNDATIONS (E304)	30s and 40s
KINGDOM BUILDERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)	50s and 60s
THRESHOLD (E301)	Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s

COLLEGE (DINING ROOM)

All college students are meeting weekly through June 27.

Teaching Elders by Sunday School Community:

Community, Open Doors, Upper Room | Marty Crawford

Cornerstone, Foundations, Lighthouse | David Driskill

Living Stones, Kingdom Builders | Dan Edwards

College, Crosspointe, Threshold | Josh Johnson

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Our Children's Ministry has lots of fun activities
planned this summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 14-17 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Rising 4k-4th grade

Come with us to the Wild West!

BONUS DAYS

June 14-17 | 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Rising 5th & 6th grades

We'll eat lunch after serving together at VBS,
and then we will head out for a daily adventure.

BUILT FOR A PURPOSE

June 24 & June 25

Rising 2nd-6th grade boys

Thursday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Friday 5:00 p.m. camp out

This will be an awesome event for fathers and sons!

GAME ON

July 12-15 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Rising 1st-4th graders

Four days of fun, sports, and God's Word...
with a lot of wacky and water in the mix!

covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities

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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
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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.

MAY READING PLAN

	1 KINGS	LUKE
1-2	□ 4-8	□ 23:26-56
3	□ 9-10	□ 24:1-12
4	□ 11-12	□ 24:13-35
5	□ 13-14	□ 24:36-53
		JOHN
6	□ 15-16	□ 1
7	□ 17-18	□ 2
8/9	□ 19-2 Kings 2	□ 3
	2 KINGS	
10	□ 3-4	□ 4:1-42
11	□ 5-6	□ 4:43-54
12	□ 7-9	□ 5:1-29
13	□ 10-11	□ 5:30-47
14	□ 12-14	□ 6:1-21
15/16	□ 15-19	□ 6:22-71
17	□ 20-22	□ 7:1-36
18	□ 23-24	□ 7:37-52
19	□ 25-1 Chronicles 2	□ 7:53-8:11
	1 CHRONICLES	
20	□ 3-5	□ 8:12-38
21	□ 6-7	□ 8:39-59
22/23	□ 8-11	□ 9
24	□ 12-14	□ 10:1-21
25	□ 15-17	□ 10:22-42
26	□ 18-20	□ 11:1-27
27	□ 21-23	□ 11:28-44
28	□ 24-26	□ 11:45-57
29/30	□ 27-2 Chronicles 3	□ 12
	2 CHRONICLES	
31	□ 4-6	□ 13:1-20

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

