

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity
August 12, 2018

"Christians are not distinguished from the rest of humanity by country, language, or custom...They live in their own cities, but only as nonresidents; they participate in everything as citizens, and endure everything as foreigners. Every foreign country is their fatherland, and every fatherland is foreign...They live on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven. They obey the established laws; indeed, in their private lives they transcend the laws. They love everyone, and by everyone they are persecuted...In a word, what the soul is to the body, Christians are to the world."

—Epistle to Diognetus, an anonymous Christian apologetic dating from the mid-2nd century.

"Sin is the despairing refusal to find your deepest identity in your relationship and service to God."

—Timothy Keller

"Beloved, we are God's children..."

—the Apostle John

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession..."

—the Apostle Peter

"So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

—the Apostle Paul

"You are my friends..."

—Jesus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

☒ HYMN OF FAITH

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed;
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never no never, no never forsake.

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I will never no never, no never forsake.”

Words: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Margaret Ann Pyburn

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

"Isaiah 43"



1. "When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you;



and the waves will not o-ver-come you.



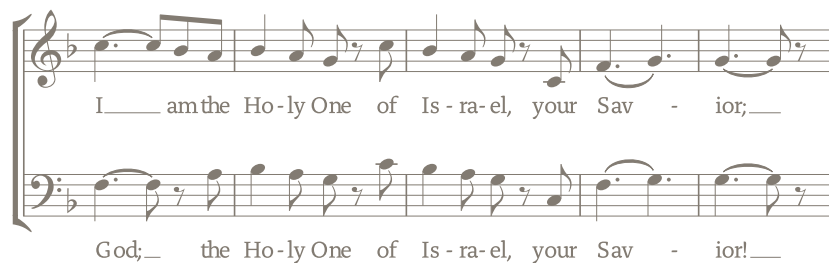
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;



I have called you by name, you are Mine!



(women)
I am the Lord, your God,
(men)
For I am the Lord, your God, I am the Lord, your



I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, your Sav-ior,
God; the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, your Sav-ior!

I am the Lord, your God,
 For I am the Lord, your God, _____ I am the Lord, your

I _____ am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav -
 God; _____ the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav -

-ior; _____ Do not fear, do not
 ior; I am the Lord, _____ I am the Lord. _____

fear! Do not fear, do not
 I am the Lord, _____ I am the Lord. _____

fear! I am the Lord! _____
 I am the Lord! _____

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 10:32-34

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Arise My Soul Arise"

Congregational Hymn

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus:

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise—
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

(Chorus)

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

(Chorus, twice)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742. Music: Kevin Twit, 1996.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Lucy Carlisle Jackson

DAUGHTER OF HARTLEY AND RYAN JACKSON

Anne Dy Moore

DAUGHTER 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 in (his/her) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his/her) 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 (him/her) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him/her), that you will teach (him/her) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him/her) 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.

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 19.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Norman Pless

☒ READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All flesh is like grass,
 And all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flowers 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*.

Prayer of Confession

*Almighty and merciful God,
Who has graciously called us to be saints,
set apart for Your worship and service,
We sorrowfully confess that we have at times ignored our calling
and squandered our privileges,
and have conducted ourselves in shameful ways.
With grief and hatred of our sin, we turn from it unto You,
with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience,
for the glory of Your matchless Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Assurance of Pardon

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And 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 6:9-11

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.

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.

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest in His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Supports me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

(Twice)

Words: Edward Mote, 1834. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863.

“Commit Now All Your Griefs”

Commit now all your griefs
And ways into his hands;
To his sure truth and tender care,
Who earth and heav’n commands.
Who points the clouds their course,
Whom winds and seas obey,
He shall direct your wand’ring feet,
He shall prepare your way.

Give to the winds your fears;
Hope, and be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,
God shall lift up your head.
Through waves and clouds and storms
He gently clears your way;
Wait for his time, so shall the night
Soon end in joyous day.

Still heavy is your heart?
Still sink your spirits down?
Cast off the weight, let fear depart,
And every care be gone.
He everywhere has sway,
And all things serve his might;
His every act pure blessing is,
His path unsullied light.

Far, far above your thought
His counsel shall appear,
When fully he the work has wrought
That caused your needless fear.
Leave to his sovereign will
To choose and to command;
With wonder filled, you then shall own
How wise, how strong his hand.

Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; John Wesley, 1737; alt. Music: George J. Elvey, 1868;
DIADEMATA.

☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Arise, My Soul Arise”

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He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise—
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

☒ BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: August 12-18, 2018

SUNDAY, August 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 | 3K through 2nd grade
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Praise & Prayer: A Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)
Dessert Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a hymn sing and prayer service to kick off our fall quarter and the new school year.

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

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

Praise & Prayer: A Hymn Sing. Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a hymn sing and prayer service to kick off our fall quarter and the new school year.

Congregational Meeting. On Sunday, August 19, immediately following worship, we will have a meeting to vote to accept the slate of officer nominations from the Nominating Committee. Please remain in the Sanctuary for this meeting.

Congregational Prayer. Our next congregational prayer time is August 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome to come and pray for Covenant!

Reconciliation Service. On Sunday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m. we will hold a worship service focused on reconciliation. All communing members of Covenant are encouraged to attend.

College Ministry Opportunities. Josh Johnson, Director of Young Adults, is reaching out to college students at all Birmingham-area campuses, inviting them to Covenant. We would like to include the Covenant family in this ministry as well. We are looking for families to "adopt" a student and take the initiative to reach out to them for a meal, a hang out, or just invite them over to do laundry. You can also volunteer to host larger events in your home, such as game nights and group dinners. Please contact Josh if you are interested (jjohnson@covpres.com).

Women's & Men's Ministries. Our women's Bible studies kick off in September. We have several opportunities, both morning and evening, and you can find all the details at covpres.com/upcoming-events. Gospel Manhood begins September 18 with guest speaker Randy Pope of Perimeter Church in Georgia.

Grief Support Group. Covenant is offering a 6-week grief support group, led by Dan Edwards, for those who have lost loved ones (a licensed counselor will be at each meeting as well). The group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., September 11-October 16. Please email Phyllis Hamm (phamm@covpres.com) if you are interested.

Covenant's 40th Anniversary. On October 7 we will have a special Sunday School hour, morning service, and luncheon to celebrate Covenant's 40th anniversary! All are invited as we take a look back at the last 40 years of Covenant and look ahead to the next 40 years of ministry. Invitations coming soon!

WEDNESDAYS@COVENANT

*Fall Session: September 5 - November 14**

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!

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**
(3 year olds through 6th grade; 3rd Floor)

6:15-7:15 p.m.

Youth Activities (7th-12th grades; Youth Rooms)
Chancel Choir (first rehearsal August 29, S103)***
Adult Bible Studies
Believing & Living the Gospel:
Six Weeks to Sane Thinking, Julie Sparkman
Ethical Living, Sandy Willson & David Driskill
Sharing the Gospel:
Evangelism & Apologetics, Josh Johnson
Ministry and Committee Meetings (as needed)

*no activities October 31, 2018

**dinner included, please register at covpres.com

***rehearsal begins at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE E300	<i>College students</i>
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
CORNERSTONE S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
CROSSPOINTE S100	<i>20s and 30s</i>
FOUNDATIONS E304	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E301	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIVING STONES E303	<i>40s and 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>40s, 50s, and 60s</i>
OPEN DOORS S105	<i>70s and above</i>
UPPER ROOM S101	<i>60s and 70s</i>
THRESHOLD DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and newly married; 20s and 30s</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

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RULING ELDERS

2018

AC Frese

Eric Getty

John Hamilton

Daniel Murray

Warren Norville

Jason Peevy

Ben Walker

Clay Wheeler

Charles White

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

DEACONS

2018

Brandon Bishop

Nathan Collums

John Harrelson

Randall Lancaster

Matt Searson

Patrick Strong

Darrell Tucker

2019

Jim Bennett

Gary Gorham

Keith Harrelson

Jeff Hayes

Steve Killgore

Steve Pfitzer

Brent Powell

John Shank

Todd Sitton

William Slappey

Billy Tapscott

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Darden

Jeff Dyess

David Driskill (*Pastoral Liaison*)

Will Gurner

John Hamilton

Keith Harrelson

Randall Lancaster

Michael Latta

Kate McKnight

Mary T Miller

Nancy Pless

Clyde Prather

Joe Strickland

Barbara Thompson

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 2018.

AUGUST READING PLAN

	PSALMS	ROMANS
1	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-67	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
2	<input type="checkbox"/> 68-69	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3	<input type="checkbox"/> 70-72	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 73-74	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
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