The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity October 21, 2018

"You cannot have God for your Father unless you have the church for your Mother."

—Cyprian of Carthage (*On the Unity of the Church*, 3.1.214)

"But because it is our intention to discuss the visible church, let us learn even from the simple title "mother" how useful, indeed how necessary, it is that we should know her. For there is no other way to enter life unless this mother conceive us in her womb, give us birth, nourish us at her breast, and lastly, unless she keep us under her care and guidance until, putting off mortal flesh, we become like angels (Matthew 22:30)...Furthermore, away from her bosom one cannot hope for any forgiveness of sins or any salvation, as Isaiah (37:32) and Joel (2:32) testify...God's fatherly favor and the especial witness of spiritual life are limited to his flock, so that it is always disastrous to leave the church."

—John Calvin (Institutes of the Christian Religion, 4.1.4)

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

—Jesus (Matthew 16:18)

"As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

—The Apostle Peter (1 Peter 2:4-5)

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Driskill

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, Dearly loved of God on high, In exultant jubilation Pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring In glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today: With thy wonted loving-kindness Hear Thy people as they pray; And Thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls alway.

Here vouch-safe to all thy servants What they ask of Thee to gain, What they gain from Thee forever With the blessed to retain, And hereafter in thy glory Evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.

Words and Music: Latin, 7th century, tr. by John Mason Neale, 185.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Melanie Spooner

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

- ³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. ⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!
- ⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- ⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- ⁷They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
 ⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰For 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.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

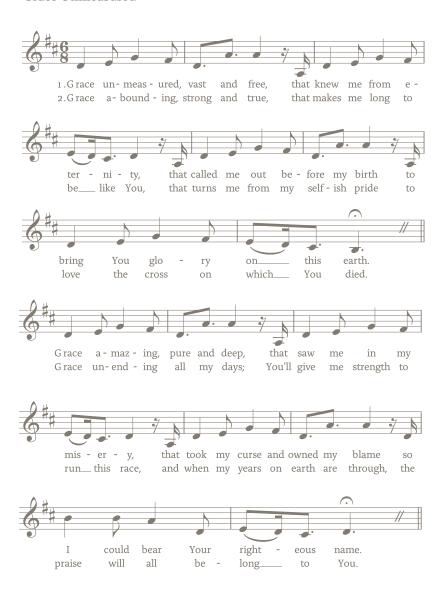
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Grace Unmeasured"





(Grace, grace, grace) paid for my sins and brought me to life,___







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READING FROM THE ACTS

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Jesus With Thy Church Abide" Congregational Hymn



Words: Thomas Benson Pollack, 1871. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997.

MASSING 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

Heath Henderson

® READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 2:18-22

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flowers fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

"NO LONGER STRANGERS"
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. 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

Josh Johnson

Almighty God,
Who by the blood of Your own Son has reconciled us as one body
and has commanded us to love one another,
we confess with great sorrow that we have failed to love as we have been loved.
We ask Your forgiveness and the gift of full repentance,
that we may walk in newness of life,
and thus honor our loving Savior Jesus Christ,
in Whose matchless Name we pray. Amen.

Massurance of Pardon

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

—1 John 4:9-10

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.

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.

"Trinity Song"



Words and Music: Sandra McCracken.

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.

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Vast unmeasured, boundless, free, Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me Is the current of Thy love, Leading onward, leading homeward, To Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me, And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Spread His praise from shore to shore. How He loveth, ever loveth, Changeth never, nevermore.

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925. Music: traditional Gaelic melody; arr. by Audrey Assad.

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand And cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possession lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever reigns And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling wind or poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death Are felt and feared no more. (Chorus)

When shall I see that happy place And be forever blest? When shall I see my Father's face And in His bosom rest? (Chorus, twice)

Words: Samuel Stennett, 1787. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997; arr. by Belmont RUF.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: Old 100th; Genevan Psalter, 1551 Edition; attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 21 - 27, 2018

SUNDAY, October 21

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

12:00 p.m. College Sunday School (Dining Room; lunch provided)

5:00 p.m. Congregational Prayer (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, October 22

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

TUESDAY, October 23

10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)

11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Book of Joshua (E201)

WEDNESDAY, October 24

12:00-1:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Prayer Time (Children's Ministry Office)

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

5:30-7:15 | Nursery Care (Nursery Floor)

kidConnection* (3rd floor; dinner included)

5:30-6:15 | Fellowship DInner (Fellowship Hall)

Menu: Enchiladas

6:00-7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15-7:15 | Youth Activities (Youth Rooms)

Study Option 1: Believing & Living the Gospel

"Ethical Living," with Sandy Willson and

David Driskill (E201)

Study Option 2: Sharing the Gospel

"Evangelism & Apologetics,"

with Josh Johnson (Dining Room)

^{*}register for kidConnection at covpres.com

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)

Congregational Prayer. We are dedicated to praying together as a church family, and our next scheduled time for congregational prayer is tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are invited to this guided time of prayer for our church, leadership, staff, and community.

Volunteer: Preschool Ministry. Our Children's Ministry is looking for new Sunday School teachers for our preschoolers beginning in December. It's fun and easy and a great way to serve Covenant and the next generation. Materials are provided each week. Please contact Katie Flores (kflores@covpres.com) to volunteer.

Chili Cookoff. The Great Chili Cookoff of 2018 is November 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the youth area parking lot. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 family max. Please bring extra money as that is how you will vote for your favorites in the People's Choice Award! All funds raised will go towards upcoming Covenant youth ministry trips and events. You can enter the cook-off by emailing your team name and the type of chili you intend to make to Sara Litten at slitten@covpres.com.

Feast Not Famine. Ladies, our fall outreach event will be held November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year there will be a market featuring the gifts and talents of Covenant women. The market will be open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please come fellowship and shop before dinner is served. Our guest speaker is Sophie Hudson (Boo Mama), and she will share with us about not only maintaining our sanity through the holiday season but rejoicing in all that God has blessed us with! Learn more about Sophie at boomama.net.

New Members' Class. Our next new members' class is January 25-27. The class consists of four sessions: Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Sunday during Sunday School, and lunch on Sunday from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Childcare is provided for each session. You will be taken through all of the new member information and will have ample opportunities to ask questions and discuss beliefs. If you would like to attend, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | DINING ROOM* College students

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 3os and 4os

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

OPEN DOORS | S105 *70s and above*

UPPER ROOM | S101 *60s and 70s*

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

^{*}The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.

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RULING ELDERS

2018 2019 2020 AC Frese Ty Dedmon Bill Bennett Eric Getty Jeff Dyess Will Brooke John Hamilton Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Warren Norville Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Jason Peevy John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Ben Walker Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard Clay Wheeler Steve Stigler Charles White Mark Taylor John Wood

DEACONS

Darrell Tucker

2020 2018 2019 Brandon Bishop Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander Nathan Collums Gary Gorham Paul Darden John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Jay Evans Randall Lancaster Bryan Flores Jeff Hayes Matt Searson John Gant Steve Killgore Patrick Strong John David Gray Steve Pfitzer

Brent Powell Marty Martin

John Shank Bud Miller

Todd Sitton Tyler O'Connor

William Slappey John Shults

Billy Tapscott Danny Smith

Robert Stephens

Clark Worrell

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.

OCTOBER READING PLAN

	ISAIAH	EPHESIANS
1	□ 21-23	□ 3
2	□ 24-26	□ 4
3	□ 27-28	□ 5
4	□ 29-30	□ 6
		PHILIPPIANS
5	□ 31-33	□1
6/7	□ 34-37	□ 2-3
8	□ 38-40	□ 4
		COLOSSIANS
9	□ 41-42	□ 1:1-2:5
10	□ 43-44	□ 2:6-3:17
11	□ 45-47	□ 3:18-4:18
		1 THESSALONIANS
12	□ 48-49	□1
13/14	□ 50-55	□ 2:1-3:5
15	□ 56-58	□ 3:6-13
16	□ 59-61	□ 4
17	□ 62-64	□ 5
		2 THESSALONIANS
18	□ 65-66	□ 1
	JEREMIAH	
19	□ 1-2	□ 2
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,		1 TIMOTHY
22	□ 8-9	□ 2
23	□ 10-11	□ 3
24	□ 12-13	□ 4
25	□ 15-16	□ 5:1-6:2a
26	□ 17-19	□ 6:2b-21
20	- 17 13	2 TIMOTHY
27/28	□ 20-23	□ 1-2
29	□ 24-26	□ 3
30	□ 27-28	□ 4
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