

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

—Matthew 28:20

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God.
The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito.

—C.S. Lewis, "A Mind Awake"

What dost thou mean by the providence of God?

The almighty and everywhere present power of God; whereby, as it were by his hand, he upholds and governs heaven, earth, and all creatures; so that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, and all things come, not by chance, but by his fatherly hand.

—Heidelberg Catechism 27

JUNE 20, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

*All: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.*

*The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.*

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

*All: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.*

*I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

*All: You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

"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.

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

☒ "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

Give to our God immortal praise;
Mercy and truth are all His ways;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.

He built the earth, He spread the sky,
And fixed the starry lights on high:
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;
He bids the moon direct the night;
His mercies ever shall endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with pow'r to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.

Through this vain world He guides our feet,
And leads us to His heav'nly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this our world shall be no more.

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: DUKE STREET; John Hatton.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Most Merciful God,
 We confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 Grant us a holy grief that honors you.
 Move us to genuine repentance for your Name's sake.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name.*

Hear us now, as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

— 1 John 2:1-2

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.

READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Hebrews 13:1-6

Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

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

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Congregational Hymn



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, He, the
 3. Come be - hold the wond-rous mys - t'ry, Christ, the
 4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by



dawn - ing of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's
 per - fect Son of Man. In His liv - ing, in His
 Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined
 death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -



pris - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
 suf - fring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
 sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.
 strain Him praise the Lord! - He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the
 See the true and bet - ter A - dam come to
 See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un -



light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
 save the hell-bound man; Christ, the great and sure ful -
 Fa - ther's plan un - fold; bring - ing ma - ny sons to
 wav - er - ing our hope; Christ, in pow - er, re - sur -



scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
 Glo - ry: grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
 rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 18 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 31:1-18

Now Jacob heard that the sons of Laban were saying, "Jacob has taken all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has gained all this wealth." ²And Jacob saw that Laban did not regard him with favor as before. ³Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you."

⁴So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field where his flock was ⁵and said to them, "I see that your father does not regard me with favor as he did before. But the God of my father has been with me. ⁶You know that I have served your father with all my strength, ⁷yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times. But God did not permit him to harm me. ⁸If he said, 'The spotted shall be your wages,' then all the flock bore spotted; and if he said, 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock bore striped. ⁹Thus God has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me. ¹⁰In the breeding season of the flock I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream that the goats that mated with the flock were striped, spotted, and mottled. ¹¹Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am!' ¹²And he said, 'Lift up your eyes and see, all the goats that mate with the flock are striped, spotted, and mottled, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. ¹³I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Now arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your kindred.'" ¹⁴Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Is there any portion or inheritance left to us in our father's house? ¹⁵Are we not regarded by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and he has indeed devoured our money. ¹⁶All the wealth that God has taken away from our father belongs to us and to our children. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do."

¹⁷So Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels. ¹⁸He drove away all his livestock, all his property that he had gained, the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Paddan-aram, to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac.

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

Our Confident Access

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.

Prayer of Humble Access

*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.

"Revelation 22:20-21"

He who testifies to these things says,

"Surely, I am coming soon."

He who testifies to these things says,

"Surely, I am coming soon."

"Surely, I am coming soon."

Amen;

Come, Lord Jesus;

Amen;

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

He who testifies to these things says,

"Surely, I am coming soon."

He who testifies to these things says,

"Surely, I am coming soon."

"Surely, I am coming soon."

Amen;

Come, Lord Jesus;

Amen;

Come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all (Amen, come Lord Jesus).

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Amen;

Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen;

Come, Lord Jesus, come;

Come, Lord Jesus, come;

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Words: Revelation 22:20-21. Music: Adam Wright.

"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"



1.What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er!
2.The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en,
3.No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en.
4.With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus,



There is no more for heav - en now to give.
for by my side the Sav - ior, He will stay.
The fu - ture sure, the price, it has been paid.
for He has said that He will bring me home.



He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom,
I lab - or on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing,
For Je - sus bled and suf - ered for my par - don,
And day by day I know He will re - new me



my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played.
and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave!
un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne!



To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus.
To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me.
To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed.
To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus.



For my life is whol - ly bound to His.
Through the deep - est val - ley He will lead.
Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my plea.
All the glo - ry ev - er - more to Him.



Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver-come!
Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing, "I am free!"
When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson. CCLI: 7121852.

☒ BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: June 20 - 26, 2021

SUNDAY, June 20

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (see page 19)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship

WEDNESDAY, June 23

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Covenant Prayer Time (S100)
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Women's Ministry: Summer Salad Supper (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Jr. High to The Edge Conference

JUNE 20, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Dan Edwards, June 21 - 27).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministry. Our next Summer Salad Supper is this Wednesday, June 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Catherine Shields is sharing, and the cost for dinner is \$5. **Please register at covpres.com/summer-salad-suppers.**

Sunday, July 4. On Sunday, July 4, we will have one worship service at 10:30 a.m. Please join us in person or online for gathered worship.

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

Scripture Memory. Our church-wide memory passage is Titus 2:11-14. We will be memorizing these verses from now through August 8. Pick up a memory verse card pack in the Sanctuary foyer to help you memorize our verses. These beautiful cards can be framed, hung on your fridge, or stuck to a mirror to remind you of the scriptures we are learning together as a church body.

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

June 20

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

GROUP B

June 27

COMMUNITY (E201)	All ages and life stages
CORNERSTONE (S100)	30s and early 40s
FOUNDATIONS (E304)	40s and 50s
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.

Pastors by Sunday School Community:

Community, Open Doors, Upper Room | Marty Crawford

Cornerstone, Foundations, Lighthouse | David Driskill

Living Stones, Kingdom Builders | Dan Edwards

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Warren Norville	Mark Hogewood	Jeff Dyess
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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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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.

JUNE READING PLAN

	2 CHRONICLES	JOHN
1	□ 7-9	□ 13:21-14:14
2	□ 10-12	□ 14:15-31
3	□ 13-15	□ 15:1-17
4	□ 16-18	□ 15:18-16:15
5/6	□ 19-23	□ 16:16-17:5
7	□ 24-27	□ 17:6-26
8	□ 28-30	□ 18
9	□ 31-33	□ 19:1-16a
10	□ 34-26	□ 19:16b-42
	EZRA	
11	□ 1-2	□ 20
12/13	□ 3-7	□ 21:1-Acts 1:11
		ACTS
14	□ 8-10	□ 1:12-2:13
	NEHEMIAH	
15	□ 1-3	□ 2:14-41
16	□ 4-5	□ 2:42-3:10
17	□ 6-8	□ 3:11-4:22
18	□ 29-11	□ 4:23-37
19/20	□ 12-Esther 4	□ 5:1-32
	ESTHER	
21	□ 5-6	□ 5:33-6:7
22	□ 7-9	□ 6:8-7:22
23	□ 10-Job 2	□ 7:23-34
	JOB	
24	□ 3-6	□ 7:35-8:3
25	□ 7-9	□ 8:4-25
26/28	□ 10-14	□ 8:26-9:9
28	□ 15-17	□ 9:10-31
29	□ 18-20	□ 9:32-10:8
30	□ 21-23	□ 10:9-48

God underwent three great humiliations...
to rescue the human race. The first was the
incarnation, when he took on the confines
of a human body. The second was the Cross, when
he suffered the ignominy of public execution.
The third humiliation is the church. In an awesome
act of self-denial, God entrusted his reputation
to ordinary people.

—Dorothy Sayers

