# The Lord's Day in Worship

#### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity July 22, 2018

"He who has God and everything has no more than he who has God Alone."

—C. S. Lewis

"The soul is a spiritual thing, riches are of an earthly extract, and how can these fill a spiritual substance? How man does thirst after the world, but, alas, it falls short of his expectation. It cannot fill the hiatus and longing of his soul."

—Thomas Watson

"Let temporal things serve your use, but the eternal be the object of your desire."

—Thomas á Kempis

### **READING FROM THE PSALMS AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marty Crawford

(Congregational responses are italicized.)

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **M HYMN OF PRAISE**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

I sing the Almighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with his word And then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye, If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below But makes your glories known, And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from your throne; While all that borrows life from you Is ever in your care, And everywhere than man can be, You, God, are present there.

I sing the Almighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: Traditional English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

Almighty God,
Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
do give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings
of this life;

but above all for your great love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Give us a due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful; and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **READING FROM THE PSALMS**

Stephanie Alonso

Psalms 37:16-29

Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.

<sup>17</sup>For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever;

<sup>19</sup>they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance.

<sup>20</sup>But the wicked will perish; the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures; they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

<sup>21</sup>The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;

<sup>22</sup>for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off.

<sup>23</sup>The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way;

<sup>24</sup>though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.

<sup>25</sup>I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

<sup>26</sup>He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing

<sup>27</sup>Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

<sup>28</sup>For the Lord loves justice;

he will not forsake his saints.

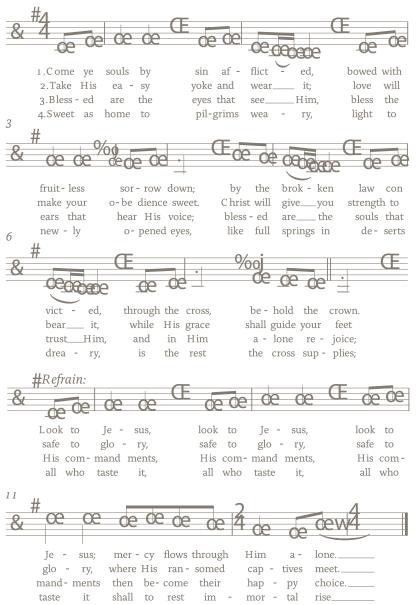
They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

<sup>29</sup>The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

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







Words: Joseph Swain (alt. Twit). Music: Kevin Twit, 2013.

#### READING FROM THE EPISTLES

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

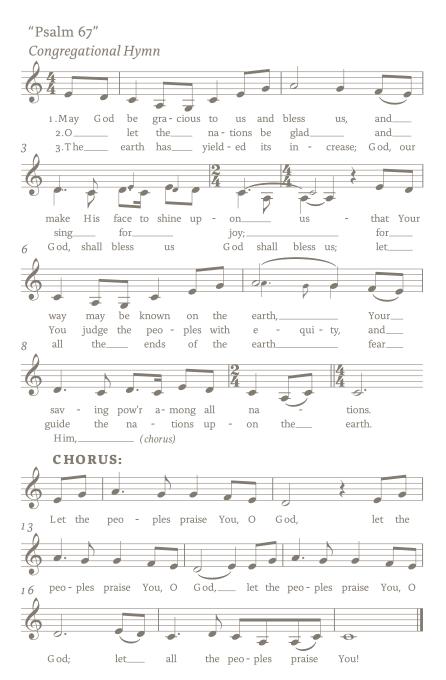
The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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

### **GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**



Words: Psalm 67. Music: Adam Wright 2018 (Corner Room Music).

### **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**

Hollye Stigler

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

Sandy Stradtman

### **GUEST PREACHER**

John Wood, Senior Pastor Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN)

John Wood is the Senior Pastor of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. While growing up, he lived in Illinois and North Carolina. John, wife Marianne, and their family moved to Knoxville in January 1990. The Woods have three children, Rachel, David, and Sarah, and six grandchildren, three boys and three girls.

### **READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 6:19-34

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup>but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup>"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup> Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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

### **MESSAGE**

#### 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**

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.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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.

Amen

## Assurance of Pardon

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—<sup>14</sup>so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

### -Galatians 3:13-14

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.

## **◯** Apostle's 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.

### Congregational Response

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

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, 1851.

#### **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**

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.



Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick. ©2014 Getty Music Publishing (BMI) / Makeway Music (admin. by musicservices.org).



Words: James John Cummins. Music: Greg Thompson.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God, we thank You for the gospel of Jesus Christ, by which we are saved.

We thank You for Your Word,

by which we are graciously instructed.

We thank You for Your Spirit,

Who comforts and encourages us.

We thank You for this Holy Supper,

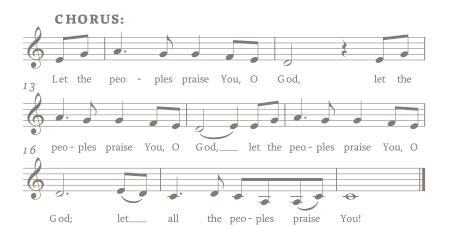
which unites us in one holy fellowship.

Receive our grateful praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"Psalm 67"





### **BENEDICTION**

#### 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:

Rising 4K & Kindergarten - C221 (available for the entire worship hour)
Rising 1st-4th Grades - C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

**Family Promise at Covenant.** Covenant is hosting the families of Family Promise July 29-August 5, and we still need lots of volunteers to make their stay comfortable. Please check the sign-up sheet in your Sunday School class or contact Barbara Thompson (babsfthompson@gmail.com) to find out how you can help.

**NEW Sunday Schedule.** Beginning August 12, we will meet for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Gathered Worship at 10:30. Our session has approved this change as a way to reach out to those neighbors and college students in our community who may not yet have a church home. So mark your calendars, set a reminder, and tell you friends about the coming change on August 12!

**Women's Chorus.** Women and girls of all ages are invited to sing in our women's chorus Sunday morning, July 29. We will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. that morning. Let's see if we can fill the choir loft to overflowing!

**New Hampshire Mission Trip.** For eight years Covenant has taken teams to serve in New England. This week 16 people from Covenant will be serving alongside a PCA church in Manchester, NH. Please pray for our team: the Flores family; the Stone family; Nancy and Jim Wall; Burney Johnson; Phyllis Hamm; Meg Cotney; and Leslie and Dan Edwards.

**Praise & Prayer: A Hymn Sing.** Join us in the Sanctuary on August 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a hymn sing and prayer service to kick off our fall quarter and the new school year. We will join together in song and in prayer for Covenant and for our school systems, teachers, and students of all ages.

**New Members' Class.** Our next new members' class is August 17-19. We meet 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.

**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.

### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: July 22-28, 2018

SUNDAY, July 22

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons) 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | rising 4K through rising 4th grade

10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Grow & Go (Youth Rooms)

MONDAY, July 23 Team serving in Manchester, NH, through July 27

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose\*

6:30-8:30 p.m. College Ministry: Monday Dinner

(3416 Water Oak Drive)

TUESDAY, July 24

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nursery & MDO Summer Play Day\*

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose\*

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry: Summer Salad Supper

Greer Black sharing at the home of Hollye Stigler

444 Trousdale Street, 35216

WEDNESDAY, July 25

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose\*

6:00-8:00 p.m. Jr. High In the House (locations vary; covpresyouth.com)

THURSDAY, July 26

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nursery & MDO Summer Play Day\*

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose\*

FRIDAY, July 27 Sr. High Lake Getaway through July 29

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Created for a Purpose\*

\*pre-registration required



### NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

beginning August 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

will meet at 9:15AM

GATHERED WORSHIP will begin at 10:30AM

As we seek to share the gospel with our community, we believe this change will enhance our ability to reach out to our neighbors who do not yet have a church home.

### STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Marty Crawford, Church Administrator mcrawford@covpres.com
David Driskill, Assistant Pastor ddriskill@covpres.com
Dan Edwards, Pastor to Children and Families dedwards@covpres.com
Ingram Link, Director of Women's Ministries ilink@covpres.com
Sandy Willson, Interim Senior Pastor swillson@covpres.com

#### MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Rick Barnes. Director of Musical Arts rbarnes@covpres.com Jami Bennett, Director of MDO and Nursery Ministries jbennett@covpres.com Austin Braasch, Student Ministries Intern jabraasch129@gmail.com Katie Caldwell, Director of Design and Production kcaldwell@covpres.com Meg Cotney, Financial Secretary mcotney@covpres.com Tyler Cuidon, Technical Director tyler.cuidon@gmail.com Rachel Davis. Assistant Director of Girls Ministries shields.rachel.c@gmail.com Katie Flores, Director of Pre-School Ministries kflores@covpres.com John Fountain, Director of Youth Ministry ifountain@covpres.com Phyllis Hamm. Ministry Assistant phamm@covpres.com Bill Hay, Pastor Emeritus bhay@covpres.com Josh Johnson, Director of Young Adults ijohnson@covpres.com Sara Litten. Director of Girls Ministries slitten@covpres.com Stacev Lovless. Director of Communications and Media sloyless@covpres.com Kim Oliver, Assistant to the Interim Senior Pastor koliver@covpres.com Traci Parker. Director of Food Services tparker@covpres.com Tyrone Perry, Facilities Manager tperry@covpres.com Brooke Stewart, Covenant Day School Director bstewart@covpres.com Karan Stuart. Receptionist kstuart@covpres.com Laura Tucker, Ministry Assistant, Children & Families ltucker@covpres.com Victoria Williams, Administrative Assistant vwilliams@covpres.com

#### **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**

2018 2020 2019 Brandon Bishop Tripp Alexander Jim Bennett Paul Darden Nathan Collums Garv Gorham Jay Evans John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Bryan Flores Randall Lancaster Jeff Haves Matt Searson John Gant Steve Killgore John David Gray Patrick Strong Steve Pfitzer Darrell Tucker Marty Martin Brent Powell **Bud Miller** John Shank Tyler O'Connor Todd Sitton John Shults William Slappey Danny Smith Billy Tapscott Robert Stephens Clark Worrell

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Darden	Keith Harrelson	Nancy Pless
Jeff Dyess	Randall Lancaster	Clyde Prather
Dave Driskill (Pastoral Liaison)	Michael Latta	Joe Strickland
Will Gurner	Kate McKnight	Barbara Thompson
John Hamilton	Mary T Miller	

### **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.

#### JULY READING PLAN

	JOB	ACTS
2	□ 24-25	□ 10:9-48
3	□ 26-27	□ 11
4	□ 28-30	□ 12
5	□ 31-32	□ 13:1-25
6	□ 33-34	□ 13:26-52
7/8	□ 35-40	□ 14
9	□ 41-Psalm 1	□ 15
	PSALMS	
10	□ 2-3	□ 16:1-15
11	□ 4-6	□ 16:16-40
12	□ 7-9	□ 17:1-15
13	□ 10-12	□ 17:16:34
14/15	□ 13-18	□ 18
16	□ 19-22	□ 19
17	□ 23-24	□ 20:1-16
18	□ 25-27	□ 20:17-38
19	□ 28-30	□ 21:1-16
20	□ 31-33	□ 21:17-36
21/22	□ 34-38	□ 21:37-23:11
23	□ 39-41	□ 23:12-35
24	□ 42-43	□ 24
25	□ 44-46	□ 25
26	□ 47-49	□ 26
27	□ 50-52	□ 27:1-26
28/29	□ 53-58	□ 27:27-28:10
30	□ 59-61	□ 28:11-31
		ROMANS
31	□ 62-64	□1