# The Lord's Day in Worship

#### **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

"The bottom line...of the Abrahamic covenant is that "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Gen. 12:3)...it is so emphatic that this promise is repeated 5 times in Genesis (12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14)."

—Christopher J. H. Wright

"Ethics is the purpose of election and the basis of mission."

—Christopher J. H. Wright

# Galatians 3

The Scripture...preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." <sup>9</sup>So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
<sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

—Paul to the Galatians

from Isaiah 51

Leader: Look to Abraham your father

and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

ALL: For the LORD comforts Zion;

he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Leader: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

ALL: they shall obtain gladness and joy,

 $and\ sorrow\ and\ sighing\ shall\ flee\ away.$ 

# **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

"We Come, O Christ, to You" to the tune of "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

We come, O Christ, to you,
True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist,
In whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move
And have our being in your love.

You are the way to God,
Your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge
And Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
Your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living truth;
All wisdom dwells in you,
The source of every skill,
The one eternal True!
O great I AM! In you we rest,
Sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true life
To know you is to live
The more abundant life
That earth can never give.
O risen Lord! We live in you:
In us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ,
Our Savior and our King;
To you our youth and strength
Adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts that all may view
Your life in us and turn to you!

Words: Edith Margaret Clarkson. Music: DARWALL.



1.The heavens de-clare\_Thy glo-ry, the fir-ma-ment Thy pow'r, 7

2.The sun\_ with\_roy-al splendor goes forth to chant Thy praise, and 3.How per - fect\_just\_and ho-ly the pre-cepts Thou hast giv'n; still 4.All heav-en on high\_re-joice-es to do its Mak-er's will; the



day un-to day the sto - ry re - peats from hour to hour;

moon- beams soft and ten - der their gent - ler an - them raise;

mak - ing wise the low - ly, they lift the thoughts to heav'n: how

stars with sol - emn voic - es re - sound Thy prais - es still:



night un-to night. re - ply - ing, pro-claims in ev - 'ry land, O o'er ev-'ry tribe\_ and na - tion the mu - sic strange is poured, the pure,\_how soul - re - stor - ing Thy Gos-pel's heav'n-ly ray, a so let my whole be - hav - ior, thoughts, words and ac-tions be, O



Lord, with voice\_ un - dy - ing, the won-ders of Thy hand.
song of all\_\_ cre - a - tion, to Thee, cre - a - tion's Lord.
bright - er ra - diance pour - ing than noon of bright - est day!

Lord, my strength, my Sav - ior, one cease - less song to Thee.

Words: Psalm 19:1-6; 14; Thomas R. Birks, 1874. Music: Rick Barnes, 2011.

#### **READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

Colossians 3:3-11

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things,
Judge of all men;
We acknowledge our many sins and waywardness,
We have sinned by thought, word, and deed,
And we have done so against your divine majesty,
Justly provoking your anger and indignation against us.
We repent as we grieve our many misdoings.
Have mercy upon us most merciful Father;
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us;

And grant that we may serve and please you in newness of life, To the honor and glory of your name.

# **MASSURANCE OF PARDON**

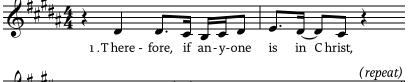
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Corinthians 5:17

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.

# **M CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"2 Corinthians 5:17"









Words: 2 Corinthians 5:17. Music: Adam Wright.

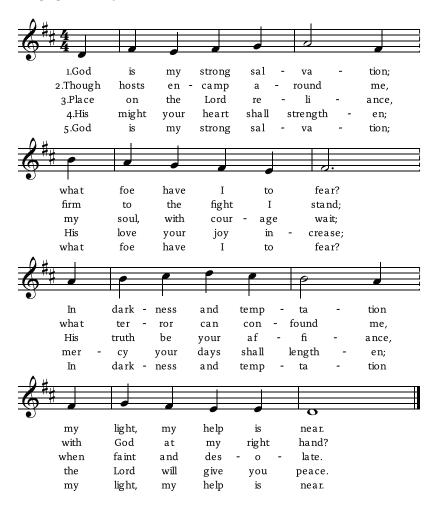
## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

"God is My Strong Salvation (Psalm 27)" Congregational Hymn



Words: Melchior Vulpius. Music: James Montgomery.

# **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Posey, Chatham, and Prewitt

Josh Johnson | 10:30 a.m.

Mary Glenn and Charles Adams Catherine	Nancy and Cy Huffman
Carolyn and Tommy Buck	Britta and Scott LaFont Gracie and Josh
Becca Davis	Clare Obenchain
Becky and Mike Driskill	Jennifer and John Pickering Elizabeth
Sarah and Caleb Faulkner	Hannah and Jesse Scroggins Levi, Teddy, and Eleanor
Sally and Jordan George	Skip and Thomas Stallings
Martha Hansen	
	Jan and Paul Storey
Chrissy Holt	
	Marisa Story
Ellie Holt	Michelle and Sean Walsh
Ann and Sam Howard	

Jordan and Brian Willett

## **MEMBERSHIP VOWS**

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The peace of the LORD be with you. And also with you.

#### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 19 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. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarten sitting in the Fellowship Hall 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 Fellowship Hall, prior to the benediction, 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 18:1-23

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

<sup>16</sup>Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. <sup>17</sup>The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup> seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him,

that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

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.

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Robby Holt		

#### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,

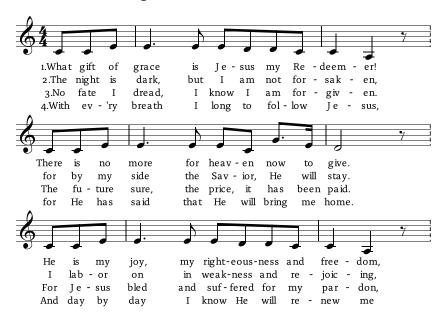
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

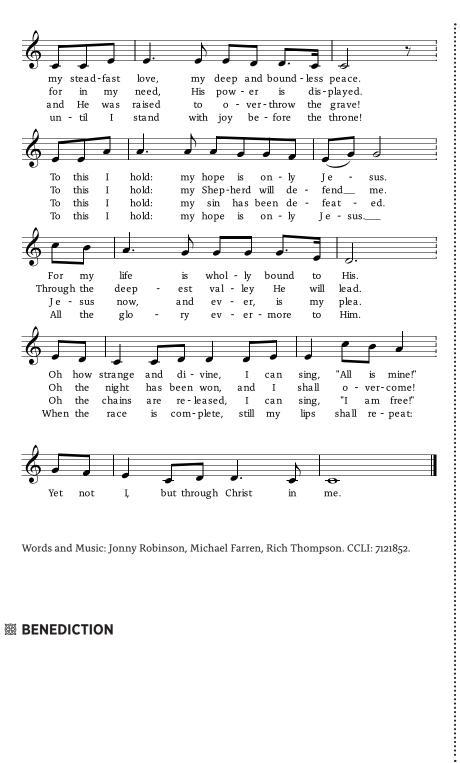
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

## **M HYMN OF GRACE**

"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"





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

#### **BENEDICTION**

SUNDAY, February 28

8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Small Groups

5:00 p.m. 9th-12 Grade Small Groups

MONDAY, March 1

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

TUESDAY, March 2

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship

(Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Esther, The Hidden Hand of God

(Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, March 3

6:00-7:30 p.m. 7th-8th Grade Small Groups

8:30 p.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion (Zoom)

**THURSDAY, March 4** 

11:00 a.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

#### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Faith Promise.** Today is Faith Promise Sunday! One hundred percent of Faith Promise giving goes to support our missions partners. Please prayerfully consider how you will support our missions partners this year and place your commitment card in the offering plates in the Sanctuary foyer. You can also mail your card to the church office. If you did not receive a Faith Promise commitment card, they are available in the Sanctuary foyer.

**Scripture Memory.** During the season of Lent, we invite our whole congregation to memorize Colossians 3:3-5. Lent is a season when we slow down and take a hard look at our sin. Colossians 3:3-5 reminds us that, while we have already died with Christ, we still have indwelling sin to battle. This passage will help us live out the grace of repentance together.

**Officer Recommendations.** We are now accepting recommendations for deacons, elders, and trustees for the class of 2024. Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, March 7, by completing the form at the back or your worship guide. You may place your recommendation form in the baskets provided in the sanctuary fover or the church office.

**Sunday School Podcast.** In this week's Sunday School podcast, Josh Johnson and Dan Edwards discuss Matthew 11-12. You can find this podcast on iTunes by searching for "Covenant Presbyterian Church" and at covpres.com/see-hear/audio.

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

COLLEGE | COMMONS College students

**CROSSPOINTE** | S100 Young families; 30s

**THRESHOLD** | E304 Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

**COMMUNITY** | E305 All ages and life stages

 OPEN DOORS | S105
 70s and above

 UPPER ROOM | S101
 60s and 70s

(Pastor: Marty Crawford)

CORNERSTONE | S104 3os and 4os

**FOUNDATIONS** | DINING ROOM 30s and 40s **LIGHTHOUSE** | E301 30s and 40s

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(Pastor: David Driskill)

**LIVING STONES** | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

(Pastor: Dan Edwards)

**YOUTH** | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

(Pastor: John Fountain)

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2021 2022 2023

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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 William Edwards Ward Bailey Joseph Cascio Richard Cox Samuel Bragg Merrill Johnston Randall Lancaster Trey Clegg Jay Evans Will Graham Mark Midvette Bryan Flores Jeff Hicks Stephen Mince Gary Gorham Jim Jenkins Clyde Prather Jeff Haves John Shank John Shults Alan Spooner Joe Strickland Matt Thomas Patrick Strong

Greg Tomlinson

## **STEERING COMMITTEE**

Will Brooke, Member At-large
Nathan Collums, Family Ministry Chair
Marty Crawford, Pastoral Liaison (Missions)
Ty Dedmon, Shepherding Ministry Chair
David Driskill, Pastoral Liaison (Shepherding)
John Fountain, Pastoral Liaison (Family)
Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session

Ingram Link, Ministry Liaison (Women)
Stephen Mince, Chair of the Diaconate
John Shank, Finance Committee Chair
Lee Sheppard, Personnel Committee Chair
John Smith T, Assistant Clerk of the Session
Steve Stigler, Missions Ministry Chair

Darrell Tucker

## **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.

#### MARCH READING PLAN

MARCH READING P	LAN	
	NUMBERS	MARK
1	□ 26-28	□ 9:30-50
2	□ 29-31	□ 10:1-34
3	□ 32-34	□ 10:35-52
4	□ 35-36	□ 11:1-14
	DEUTERONOMY	
5	□ 1-3	□ 11:15-33
6/7	□ 4-9	□ 12
8	□ 10-11	□ 13:1-31
9	□ 12-13	□ 13:32-14:9
10	□ 14-16	□ 14:10-31
11	□ 17-19	□ 14:32-52
12	□ 20-22	□ 14:53-72
13/14	□ 23-28	□ 15
15	□ 29-31	□ 16
		LUKE
16	□ 32-33	□ 1:1-38
17	□ 34	□ 1:39-56
	JOSHUA	
18	□ 1-2	□ 1:57-80
19	□ 3-4	□ 2:1-21
20/21	□ 5-8	□ 2:22-3:20
22	□ 9-10	□ 3:21-38
23	□ 11-12	□ 4:1-41
24	□ 13-14	□ 4:42-5:26
25	□ 15-17	□ 5:27-39
26	□ 18-19	□ 6:1-26
27/28	□ 20-24	□ 6:27:7:35
	JUDGES	
29	□ 1-3	□ 7:36-8:3
30	□ 4-5	□ 8:4-39
31	□ 6-7	□ 8:40-56

# OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

# FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

Elected officers serve a three-year term.

Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, March 7. You may place this form in the baskets provided in the sanctuary foyer or the church office.

<b></b>	Recommendations for the Office of <b>ELDER</b> :
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Note: Those elders and deacons currently serving in the classes of 2022 and 2023 should not be recommended