

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"God's law is a gift of God's grace to people who have already experienced the grace of God's redeeming love and power. It is something to be celebrated with gratitude."

—Christopher Wright

"Israel's mission is to be the people of God and to serve his purpose in the world. For that purpose, they need to shape up, to live as a community that reflects the character and ways of the living God, in a world full of the false gods and idols that fallen humanity manufactures in our own sinful likeness. Israel is to be different from the nations in order to be a light to the nations."

—Christopher Wright

"'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'"

—Matthew 22:36-40

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

8:00 | *Rev. Dan Edwards*

10:30 | *Rev. John Fountain*

☒ RESPONSIVE READING

from Psalm 95

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Leader: For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

All: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

"Come, Thou Almighty King"



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, help us Thy name_ to sing.
 2. Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, gird on Thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To Thee, great One_ in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer a - ttend; come, and Thy peo - ple bless, and give Thy
 in this glad hour: Thou Who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty, may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign ov - er us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess: Spir - it of hol - i - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r. *(to bridge)*
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty, love and a - dore.

Bridge:



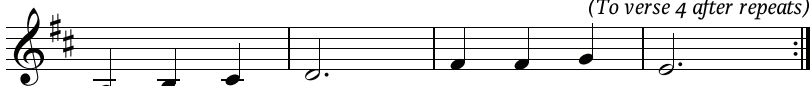
Fa - ther, now call us out of our wan - d'ring.



Je - sus, now come and cast out our fear.



Spir - it, now preach the Son to our deaf - ness:



op - en our hearts, op - en our hearts.

 "The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"


1. The heavens de-clare Thy glo-ry, the fir-ma-ment Thy pow'r; 7
 2. The sun with roy-al splen-dor 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-joic-es to do its Mak-er's will; the



day un-to day the sto-ry re-peats from hour to hour; 7
 moon beams soft and ten-der their gent-ler an-them raise; 7
 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: 7



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
 (2x) 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.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 Maker of all things, Judge of all men;
 We acknowledge with grief our many sins and our wickedness,
 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 earnestly repent as we heartily grieve our many misdoings.
 Have mercy upon us most merciful Father;
 For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
 Forgive us all that is past;
 And grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life,
 To the honor and glory of your name;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

TRISAGION



❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

—from Galatians 1:3-4; 2:20

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.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"My Worth is Not in What I Own"

Congregational Hymn



1. My worth is not in what I ___ own, not
 2. My worth is not in skill or ___ name, in
 3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and ___ die, fame,
 4. I will not boast in wealth or ___ might, or
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my



in the strength of flesh and bone, but
 win or lose, in pride or shame, but
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by, but
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light, but
 worth and my un - worth - i - ness, my



in the cost - ly wounds of ___ love at the cross. *(to verse 2)*
 in the blood of Christ that ___ flowed at the cross. *(refrain)*
 life e - ter - nal calls to ___ us at the cross. *(to verse 4)*
 I will boast in know - ing ___ Christ at the cross. *(refrain)*
 val - ue fixed - my ran - som_ paid at the cross. *(refrain)*

Refrain:



I re joice in my Re - deem - er, great est Treas - ure, well spring



of my soul. I will trust in Him, no oth - er, my soul is



sa - tis - fied in Him a - lone.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

10:30 a.m.

Mems and Sam Bicking

Sarah and Will Brooks
Clara Kate and Ben

Sally and Nick Byram
George, Helen, and Annie

Molly and Justin Jones

Katie and Halston Kirkpatrick
Claire

Lori and Joe Welsh

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?

—Book of Church Order

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 20 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance pad in your pew and pass it down.

Children's Worship. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2021) 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 worship to join their parents for communion.

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

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I Yahweh your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahweh your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that Yahweh your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

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

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

from Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Confession of Faith: The 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 Spirit,
 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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.

And 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.

"Ancient of Days"

Though the nations rage,
Kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King
Reigning over all;
So I will not fear,
For this truth remains,
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus:

None above Him, none before Him,
All of time in His hands;
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand;
All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name,
For my God is the Ancient of days.

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me,
I am not alone;
O His love is sure,
And He knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.
(Chorus)

Though I may not see
What the future brings;
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour king;
Then my joy complete,
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

☒ **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 22 - 28, 2022

SUNDAY, May 22

- 8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages (see page 21)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

MONDAY, May 23

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Study: Seek First (304)

WEDNESDAY, May 25

- 10:00 a.m. Church-wide Prayer Time (101)

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Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (David Driskill, May 23 - 29).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 29. We will have one gathered worship service at 10:30 a.m. next Sunday, May 29. We will not have Sunday School that morning.

Women's Summer Studies. We have a number of Summer Studies coming up:

- *Seek First* on Mondays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in May and June.
- *The Covenant Life* on Sundays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (podcast and book study) in June.
- *Breathe: The Life Giving Oxygen of the Lord's Prayer* on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (childcare and children's lesson included) in June and July. Ladies who are not coming with children are welcome to join us for lunch from 11:00 - 12:00 or join us at noon.
- *Read It, See It, Say It, Sing It: Knowing and Loving God's Word* on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., five weeks in June, July, and August.

Visit covpres.com/womens-bible-studies for details and registration.

Women's Summer Salad Suppers. Summer Salad Suppers are a time of food, fellowship, and hearing from our Covenant sisters about how God is working in their lives. We have three suppers scheduled—June 8, 15, and 29—at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons/Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$8 per supper, and you can RSVP at covpres.com/summer-salad-suppers.

General Assembly in Birmingham. We're excited that our denomination's General Assembly will be in Birmingham June 21–24! That means all the PCA churches in our city get to come together to serve ministry leaders from all around the world. We are seeking volunteers to help with everything from registration to ushering to children's and youth events. Sign up at covpres.com!

Children's Summer Activities. Our Children's Ministry has lots of fun planned for this summer! Please visit covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities for details and registration for everything from VBS to Game On.

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our scripture memory for the Eastertide (April 17 - June 5) is 1 Corinthians 15:20-22:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

THRESHOLD 304	<i>Singles, college students, and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
KING'S TABLE 301	<i>30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
CROSSPOINTE 100	<i>mid 30s to mid 40s</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)
CORNERSTONE 104	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE 305	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i>
FOUNDATIONS DINING ROOM	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
LIVING STONES 303	<i>late 40s to late 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS 201	<i>late 40s to late 60s</i> (Pastor: Dan Edwards)
COMMUNITY 300	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM 101	<i>late 60s and above</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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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 2022.

MAY READING PLAN

	1 KINGS	LUKE
1	□ 2-6	□ 23:1-25
2	□ 7-8	□ 23:26-56
3	□ 9-10	□ 24:1-12
4	□ 11-12	□ 24:13-35
5	□ 13-14	□ 24:36-53
		JOHN
6	□ 15-16	□ 1
7/8	□ 17-22	□ 2:1-3:21
	2 KINGS	
9	□ 1-2	□ 3:22-4:26
10	□ 3-4	□ 4:27-42
11	□ 5-6	□ 4:43-54
12	□ 7-9	□ 5:1-29
13	□ 10-11	□ 5:30-47
14/15	□ 12-16	□ 6:1-51
16	□ 17-19	□ 6:52-71
17	□ 20-22	□ 7:1-36
18	□ 23-24	□ 7:37-52
19	□ 25-1 Chronicles 2	□ 7:53-8:11
	1 CHRONICLES	
20	□ 3-5	□ 8:12-38
21/22	□ 6-9	□ 8:39-59
23	□ 10-11	□ 9
24	□ 12-14	□ 10:1-21
25	□ 15-17	□ 10:22-42
26	□ 18-20	□ 11:1-27
27	□ 21-23	□ 11:28-44
28/29	□ 24-29	□ 11:45-12:36a
	2 CHRONICLES	
30	□ 1-3	□ 12:36b-50
31	□ 4-6	□ 13:1-20

SERMON RESOURCES

Our pastors are using the following resources as they study and prepare for their sermons.

Exodus, T. Desmond Alexander
The Gospel of Exodus, Michael P. V. Barrett
The God who Makes Himself Known, W. Ross Blackburn
Exodus Old and New, L. Michael Morales
The Message of Exodus, J. A. Motyer
Exploring Exodus, Nahum M. Sarna
From Bondage to Liberty, Anthony T. Selvaggio
Exodus, Christopher J. H. Wright
 ESV Study Bible
 Lexham English Translation
 NIV Study Bible

HYMN CREDITS

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Words: anonymous. Music: Italian hymn, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796
 Additional Music and Lyrics: Zac Hicks, 2018.

"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"

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

"Trisagion"

Words: unknown, medieval Gallican church. CCLI Song #6513081. ©2004
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 #147209. Three-Fold Amen: Danish, anonymous.

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

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"Ancient of Days"

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 Integrity's Alleluia! Music. BEC Worship WriterWrong Music. CCLI License # 147209.

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874. Music: H. A. Cesar Malan, 1827.