

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



When the storm beat upon the ark it might have destroyed the lion quite as soon as the mouse, but it destroyed neither, because the sides of the ark could bear the tempest; and when the floods came the vessel could mount higher, and higher, and nearer towards heaven, the deeper the waters were. So with us: let storms and furious tempests come, and our sins assail us, and our sorrows too, yet we who are weakest are quite as secure as the strongest, because we are in Christ, and Christ shall outlive the storm, and bear us upwards, nearer and nearer to the heaven of God.

—Charles Spurgeon

God's means of rescue is, of course, an ark...It is a pitched covered vessel designed to keep people safe through water, like that which will later save Moses. Its construction is described in detail, with its three decks representing the three layers of creation (waters, earth, heavens). It is then filled with animal life; *a new creation is launched in the middle of the old one*. There are two of every animal, but seven pairs of every clean animal, indicating that sacrifice is coming. Noah, it seems, is going to be a new priest in a new world.

—Alastair Roberts and Andrew Wilson

☒ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

8:15 David Driskill

10:30 Josh Johnson

☒ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

❏ HYMN OF ADORATION

"How Firm a Foundation" (Stanzas 1-3)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word;
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design,
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

8:15 *Melanie Spooner*

10:30 *Justin Richardson*

Luke 3:21-23, 36-38; 4:1-2, 14-15

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

²³Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli...

³⁶the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, ³⁸the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

^{4:1}And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

¹⁴And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious Father in Heaven,
Like our first parents and our ancestors in the wilderness,
We have failed in obedience to You, we have succumbed to temptation,
And we have chosen our own way rather than to joyfully follow You.
We are regularly discontent with Your provision,
We regularly doubt Your promises and their trustworthiness,
And we regularly devote our lives to things other than You and Your kingdom.
Forgive us, and by Your Spirit restore to us the joy of your salvation.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

 **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

—1 John 2:12

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.

 **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"How Firm A Foundation" (Final Stanza)

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

☒ READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 54:9-10

“This is like the days of Noah to me:
as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,
and will not rebuke you.

¹⁰For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,”
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

 **HYMN OF HOPE**

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest in His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
(Chorus, twice)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
(Chorus, twice)

Words: Edward Mote, 1834. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Steadfast”

Congregational Hymn

I will build my house,
Whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move;
I will set my hope
In your love, O Lord,
And your faithfulness will prove,

You are steadfast, steadfast...

By the word you spoke,
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night;
In your watchful care,
I will rest secure,
As you lead us with your light.

You are steadfast, steadfast...

I will not trust in the strength of kings,
On your promise I will stand;
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

You are steadfast, steadfast...

In the moment of emptiness,
All was fulfilled;
In the hour of darkness,
Your light was revealed;
In the presence of death,
Your life was affirmed;
In the absence of holiness,
You are still God.

You are steadfast, steadfast,
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, and Josh Silverberg, with adaptations from Henri Nouwen. CCLI 7068091.

The Sacrament of Baptism

8:15 AM

Sibbes Mc Millan Johnson

SON OF ELIZABETH AND JOSH JOHNSON

Samuel Crawford Krepps

SON OF ANNIE AND COLEMAN KREPPS

10:30 AM

Susanna Stone Edwards

DAUGHTER OF SARAH AND WILLIAM EDWARDS

Cora Carroll Fox

DAUGHTER OF HEATHER AND PETER FOX

PARENTAL VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Words: Anna Bartlett Warner (1859). Music: William B. Bradbury.

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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 sheet provided with your worship guide and leave it in your pew or at your table.

Children's Worship. Children. 3 year olds (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarteners 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

8:15 Paul Loyless

10:30 Kurt Senn

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 6:5-14; 7:4-5, 11-17; 8:1, 6-12, 15-17, 20-22; 9:1

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

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.*

^{7:4}For in seven days I will send rain on the earth **forty days** and **forty nights**, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." ⁵And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the

great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

¹²And rain fell upon the earth **forty days and forty nights**. ¹³On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. ¹⁵They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

¹⁷The flood continued **forty days** on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

^{8:1}But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

⁶At the end of **forty days** Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent forth a **dove** from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. ⁹But the **dove** found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the **dove** out of the ark. ¹¹And the **dove** came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the **dove**, and she did not return to him anymore.

¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶"Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and *be fruitful and multiply* on the earth."

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

^{9:1}And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "*Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.*"

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.

 **HYMN OF GLORY**

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
to the tune of "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

I will sing of my Redeemer
 And his wondrous love to me;
 On the cruel cross he suffered,
 From the curse to set me free.
 Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
 With his blood he purchased me;
 On the cross he sealed my pardon,
 Paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,
 How my lost estate to save,
 In his boundless love and mercy,
 He the ransom freely gave.
 I will praise my dear Redeemer,
 His triumphant power I'll tell:
 How the victory he gives me
 Over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer
 And his heavenly love for me;
 He from death to life has brought me,
 Son of God, with him to be.
 Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
 With his blood he purchased me;
 On the cross he sealed my pardon,
 Paid the debt, and made me free.

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
 With his blood he purchased me;
 On the cross he sealed my pardon,
 Paid the debt, and made me free.

Words: Philip P. Bliss. Music: James McGranahan.

 **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 8 - 14, 2020

SUNDAY, November 8

- 8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday School (Group B; Sanctuary)
College, Cornerstone, Foundations, Kingdom Builders, and Threshold
Children's Sunday School (Group B)
Youth Small Groups

MONDAY, November 9

- 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

TUESDAY, November 10

- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Evangel Presbytery (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Ephesians

WEDNESDAY, November 11

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 8:30 p.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

THURSDAY, November 12

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

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (David Driskill, November 9-15).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Worship, November 15. We will have a church-wide evening worship service on November 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Alton Hardy (Senior Pastor) and Michael Bowen (Director of Operations) of Urban Hope Community Church will be sharing with us during and after the service. We also will be collecting a love offering for UHCC. Our Missions Committee has committed \$10,000 of Faith Promise funds to UHCC and is prayerfully challenging our congregation to match, and even exceed, that amount during the month of November! You can bring your offering that evening or send it the church office marked for UHCC. This will be a special worship service for our church family!

Feast Not Famine. Ladies, Sandra McCracken will be with us November 17 for Feast Not Famine! We will also have a holiday market plus yummy treats, all while remaining safe and socially distanced. Reservations are required and are limited to Covenant members and regular attenders age 18 and over (covpres.com/feast-not-famine). The nursery will be available from 5:30-8:30 p.m. (age 5 and under). To make a reservation, please email nursery@covpres.com.

Christmas in Fairfield. Christmas in Fairfield, Covenant's annual holiday outreach opportunity, is a unique ministry that provides clothing for children in need and participating parents the opportunity to shop for gifts for their children at highly reduced prices. There are two ways to get involved this year: sponsor a child by purchasing clothing and donate funds to fill the shop. Please visit covpres.com/fairfield-christmas to sign up to sponsor a child and to give online!

Congregational Meeting, December 6. On Sunday, December 6, we will hold a congregational meeting to elect our slate of officers (class of 2023) and the members of our 2021 Nominating Committee.

Orphan Sunday. Today we join with churches across the country in recognition of Orphan Sunday and to pray for orphaned and vulnerable children all over the world (Psalm 82:3-4). If you would like information about Covenant's Orphan and Adoption Ministry, please contact Phyllis Hamm at phamm@covpres.com.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church. During the month of November, Christians are called to pray for our sisters and brothers who are persecuted for their faith. Research suggests that more than 245 million Christians are persecuted, which is 1 in 9 Christians in the world today. Please pray for these brothers and sisters as they stand firm in their love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 5:6-10). For more information, stories, and resources, visit opendoorsusa.org/international-day-of-prayer and persecution.com.

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RULING ELDERS

2020

Bill Bennett
Will Brooke
Michael Latta
Charlie Logan
Paul Loyless
Bob Schaffeld
Lee Sheppard
Steve Stigler
Mark Taylor
John Wood

2021

Eric Getty
Russell Martin
Daniel Murray
Warren Norville
Sandy Stradtman
Clay Wheeler

2022

Ty Dedmon
John Hamilton
Mark Hogewood
John James
David O'Dell
Norman Pless
Kurt Senn

DEACONS

2020

Tripp Alexander
Paul Darden
Jay Evans
Bryan Flores
John Gant
John David Gray
Marty Martin
Bud Miller
Tyler O'Connor
John Shults
Danny Smith
Robert Stephens
Clark Worrell

2021

Nick Baggett
Ward Bailey
Samuel Bragg
Trey Clegg
Will Graham
Jeff Hicks
Jim Jenkins
Alan Spooner
Patrick Strong

2022

Jim Bennett
William Edwards
Merrill Johnston
Randall Lancaster
Mark Midyette
Stephen Mince
Clyde Prather
John Shank
Matt Thomas
Greg Tomlinson

STEERING COMMITTEE

2020

Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session
Stephen Mince, Chair of the Diaconate
Lee Sheppard, Personnel Committee Chair
John Shank, Finance Committee Chair

Will Brooke, Member At-large
Daniel Murray, Family Ministry Chair
Steve Stigler, Missions Ministry Chair
Ty Dedmon, Shepherding Ministry Chair

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 2020.

NOVEMBER READING PLAN

	JEREMIAH	TITUS
1	□ 29-34	□ 3-Philemon
		HEBREWS
2	□ 35-36	□ 1
3	□ 37-38	□ 2
4	□ 39-41	□ 3:1-4:13
5	□ 42-43	□ 4:14-5:10
6	□ 44-45	□ 5:11-6:12
7/8	□ 46-50	□ 6:13-7:10
9	□ 51-Lamentations 2	□ 7:11-28
	LAMENTATIONS	
10	□ 3-4	□ 8
11	□ 5-Ezekiel 1	□ 9
	EZEKIEL	
12	□ 2-3	□ 10
13	□ 4-6	□ 11:1-16
14/15	□ 7-11	□ 11:17-12:29
16	□ 12-14	□ 13
		JAMES
17	□ 15-17	□ 1
18	□ 18-20	□ 2
19	□ 21-22	□ 3
20	□ 23-25	□ 4
21/22	□ 26-29	□ 5-1 Peter 1
		1 PETER
23	□ 30-31	□ 2
24	□ 32-34	□ 3
25	□ 35-36	□ 4
26	□ 37-38	□ 5
		2 PETER
27	□ 39-40	□ 1
28/29	□ 41-44	□ 2-3
		1 JOHN
30	□ 45-46	□ 1

