

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The 'generational' structure of the book of Genesis along with the use of the keywords of 'seed' and 'blessing' reinforce the book's theme that God elected the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to bless the earth. They are the heirs of the promissory covenant God made with Abraham."

—Bruce Waltke

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

—Galatians 3:15-18

I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead;
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.
—from the Nicene Creed

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

All: *You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.*

Leader: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

All: *So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!*

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 *Congregation stand as able.*

"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"



1. The heav-ens 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 7
 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; 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
 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.

 "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"


1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
 2. What truth can calm the troub-led soul? God is good, God is good.
 3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be-long.
 Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood.
 and what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes a - part from His com-mand?
 Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm-y trial?
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-royed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand...
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?_
 and we will feast in end less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more..._

Refrain:



O sing Ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal;



O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess



Christ our hope in life and death.

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 23:23-32

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ²⁴You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

²⁵“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

²⁷“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ ³¹Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³²Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers.

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

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. Amen.*

❧ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

—Ephesians 1:7-8

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.

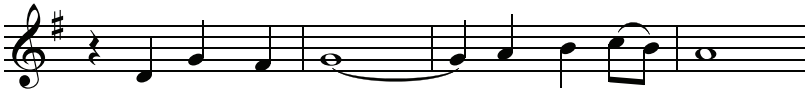
☒ GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"As Moses Raised the Serpent Up (John 3:14-17)"

Congregational Hymn



1.As Mo - ses raised_____ the ser-pent up,
2.For God so loved_____ the world He made,
3.God did not send_____ Christ to the world



so must God's Son_____ be lift - ed_ high;
He gave His own_____ be - lov - ed_ Son;
that He might then_____ con-demn us_ all,



that who-so - ev - er_ will be - lieve
all who be - lieve_____ in_ Him will live -
but that the world_____ by_Christ's own death



in Him may live_____ e - ter - nal - ly.
not die, but live_____ for ev - er - more.
might then be ran - somed from the_ fall.

Words: John 3:14-17, versified by Marie J. Post. Music: O WALY WALY, English folk melody.

The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 AM

Margaret Fox Tortorici

DAUGHTER OF TOWNS AND MICHAEL TORTORICI

Baker Martin Driskill

SON OF KATHERINE AND DAVID DRISKILL

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 without reservation 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 truth and mystery of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means which God has graciously given us, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

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

“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 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 | 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 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10, 27; 25:12, 19; 36:1-8

^{2:4}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

^{5:1}This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

^{6:9}These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

^{10:1}These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.

^{11:10}These are the generations of Shem. When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood.

^{11:27}Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.

^{25:12}These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham.

^{25:19}These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac...

^{36:1}These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). ²Esau took his wives from the Canaanites: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, Oholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite, ³and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth. ⁴And Adah bore to Esau, Eliphaz; Basemath bore Reuel; ⁵and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

⁶Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the members of his household, his livestock, all his beasts, and all his property that he had acquired in the land of Canaan. He went into a land away from his brother Jacob. ⁷For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together. The land of their sojournings could not support them because of their livestock. ⁸So Esau settled in the hill country of Seir. (Esau is Edom.)

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.

MESSAGE

John Fountain

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

from Luke 22:14-23; 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.

A 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.

"Have Mercy"



1,3. Have mer - cy _____ on _____ me.
2. Oh, help my _____ un - be - lief.



Have mer - cy _____ on _____ me.
Oh, help my _____ un - be - lief.



O _____ Lord, have mer - cy.



O _____ Lord, have mer - - - cy.

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, Thad Cockrell.

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold,
He must hold me fast.

Chorus:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast,
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast;
He'll not let my soul be lost,
His promises shall last,
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.
(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied,
He will hold me fast;
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast,
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last.
(Chorus, twice)

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: August 8 - 14, 2021**SUNDAY, August 8**

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	All Covenant Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:15 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship

WEDNESDAY, August 11

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Covenant Prayer Time (S100)
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Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, August 9 - 15).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officer Nominees and Congregational Meeting. This morning we will have a congregational meeting to receive the slate of officer nominations (class of 2024) from the Nominating Committee. The meeting will take place at 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Nominees received by the congregation will go through Officer Training this fall and will be elected in December. Please see the list of nominees on page 20.

Fall Sunday School. We are returning to our regular Sunday School Communities on Sunday, August 15. Please visit covpres.com/sunday-school-communities for adult classroom details. Also on August 15, our Children's Ministry will welcome upcoming 3K children into our Preschool Ministry for Sunday School and Children's Worship as well as promote all of our children into their new classes. Parents, be on the lookout for all the details from our Children's Ministry Team. All youth will return to their Youth Ministry classes as well. Please join us as we kick off the fall quarter!

Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff. All ladies are invited to join us for a Women's Ministry fall kickoff brunch on Sunday, August 15, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come here about our fall Bible studies and events!

Fall Choir. Choir is coming back this fall, and we're shaking up our schedule! If you've always wanted to join the choir but couldn't commit to every Sunday, this is your time. Once a month (twice in December) the choir will lead congregational singing and present special pieces during the 10:30 service. We also are offering additional optional Sundays to help lead congregational singing for the first half of the 10:30 service. Rehearsals begin August 18, 6:15-7:15 p.m., in the Sanctuary. You can find all of the details at covpres.com/music-worship. Please join us August 18!

Stewards of Children Training. Steve Collins, founder and Executive Director of Adults Protecting Children, is coming to Covenant Saturday, August 21, 9:00-11:30 a.m., to lead us through *Stewards of Children* training and encourage us in how this applies to our ministries. One in ten children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday. As a member of our community, it is highly likely that someone you know or care for has experienced, or is currently experiencing, child sexual abuse. For this reason, this training is for EVERYONE at Covenant, age 14 and older, and we encourage you to attend. Please register at covpres.com.

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our new memory verse is Titus 3:4-8. We will be memorizing these verses as a church body from August 15 - November 27.

OFFICER NOMINEES (CLASS OF 2024)

Elders:

Dave Gray
Heath Henderson
Paul Loyless
Tyler O'Connor
Jason Peevy
Charlie Regan
Charles White

Deacons:

Samuel Bragg
Paul Darden
Joe Fante
Perry Given
Steve Killgore
Robert Luttrell
Steve Pfitzer
Brent Powell
Matt Searson
Todd Sitton

Trustees:

John Gant
Catherine Hogewood

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COMMUNITY | E305 *All ages and life stages*

CORNERSTONE | S101 *30s and early 40s*

CROSSPOINTE | S100 *Young families; 30s*

FOUNDATIONS | *40s and 50s*
E206 (DINING ROOM)

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 *30s and 40s*

LIVING STONES | E303 *late 40s, 50s, and early 60s*

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 *50s and 60s*

**OPEN DOORS &
UPPER ROOM** | S104 *60s, 70s, and above*

THRESHOLD | E304 *Singles and young marrieds;
20s and 30s*

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA *Students grades 7-12*

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RULING ELDERS

2021

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Clay Wheeler

2022

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John Hamilton

Mark Hogewood

John James

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Norman Pless

Kurt Senn

2023

Will Brooke

Nathan Collums

Jeff Dyess

Michael Latta

Charlie Logan

Bob Schaffeld

John Smith T

Steve Stigler

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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

2023

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Joseph Cascio

Richard Cox

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Bob Schaffeld, Missions Ministry Chair

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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 2021.

AUGUST READING PLAN

	PSALMS	ROMANS
1	□ 65-69	□ 4
2	□ 70-72	□ 5
3	□ 73-74	□ 6
4	□ 75-76	□ 7
5	□ 77-79	□ 8
6	□ 80-84	□ 9:1-10:4
7/8	□ 85-90	□ 10:5-11:12
9	□ 91-93	□ 11:13-36
10	□ 94-95	□ 12
11	□ 96-98	□ 13
12	□ 99-101	□ 14
13	□ 102-104	□ 15:1-21
14/15	□ 105-108	□ 15:22-1 Corinthians 1:17
		1 CORINTHIANS
16	□ 109-110	□ 1:18-31
17	□ 111-112	□ 2
18	□ 113-115	□ 3
19	□ 116-119:48	□ 4
20	□ 119:49-104	□ 5
21/22	□ 119:105-176	□ 6
23	□ 120-124	□ 7
24	□ 125-127	□ 8
25	□ 128-130	□ 9
26	□ 131-133	□ 10:1-22
27	□ 134-137	□ 10:23-11:1
28/29	□ 138-142	□ 11:2-34
30	□ 143-145	□ 12:1-11
31	□ 146-148	□ 12:12-31