

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"...the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations...to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations."

—from Isaiah 66:18-19

"Centrifugalism is supplanting centripetalism...the conversion of the messenger must precede the conversion of those who are lost."

—Harold E Dollar

"There is a difference between the experience of grace and recognizing it as a primary Christian (or Jewish) doctrine. The New Testament—from Jesus to Paul—wants to press us to return to first principles: that God has been working on our behalf throughout history and that this has been seen with pristine clarity in the arrival of Jesus."

—Gary M. Burge

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

1 Chronicles 16:31

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

 **RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 99:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

All: *The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!!*

Leader: The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

All: *Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!*

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 *Congregation stand as able.*

❏ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"Come Thou Fount"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.


Here I raise mine Ebenezer;*
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: NETTLETON; Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

*"The stone of help" (1 Samuel 7:12-14)

 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"


1.Praise my soul, the King of Heav - en,
 2.Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor,
 3.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish,
 4.Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us;
 5.An - gels help us to a - dore Him;



to His feet Thy tri - bute bring;
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 blows the wind and it is gone;
 well our fee - ble frame He knows;
 you be - hold Him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 in His hands He gent - ly bears us,
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



who, like me, His praise should sing?
 slow to chide and swift to bless;
 God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 res - cues us from all our foes;
 dwell - ers all in time and space,

Refrain:



(1-5) Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,



praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.
 praise with us the God of grace.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 55

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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**

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

—Hebrews 10:19-22

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.

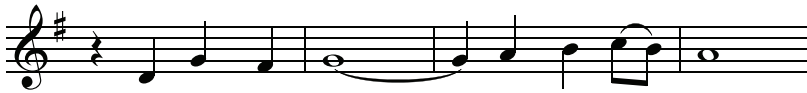
GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"

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, Numbers 21:6-9, versified by Marie J. Post. Music: O WALY WALY, English folk melody.

The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 AM

Daniel McClellan Cade

SON OF KATHERINE AND FRANK CADE

Marian Ruth Taylor

DAUGHTER OF CARRIE AND DANIEL TAYLOR

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 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 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 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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Acts 6:7, 9:31, 12:24, 13:49, 15:41, 16:5, 19:20, 28:30-31

^{6:7}And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

^{9:31}So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

^{12:24}But the word of God increased and multiplied.

^{13:49}And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

^{15:41}And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

^{16:5}So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

^{19:20}So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

^{28:30}He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

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 worshippers, 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.

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling,
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph,
Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father,
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort,
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

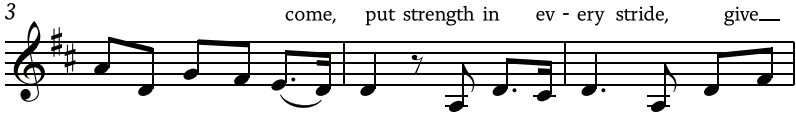
May His beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him.

Words: Kate Wilkinson. Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould.

"O Church, Arise"



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the
 war - to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 come, put strength in ev - ery stride, give—



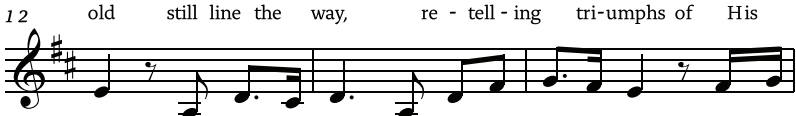
call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; then see His foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev - ery hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of
 woun ded whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
 neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -
 stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ged from His
 12 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His



lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle - cry is love, reach - ing
 cure, and Christ will have the prize for which He died - an in
 grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues 'til the day ev - 'ry
 grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger for the day when with



out to those in dark - ness. 2. Our call to tions. →
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 eye and heart shall see_ Him.
 Christ we stand in Glo -

A - rise, shine, for your Light has_ come. A -

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rise, shine for the ri - sen_ Son. Lift your

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: February 13 - 19, 2022

SUNDAY, February 13

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (see page 22)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	6th Grade Small Groups
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Women's Study: Remember Your Joy

MONDAY, February 14

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

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Hope and Help for Moms (305)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Divine Design Discipleship (104)
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Remember Your Joy (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, February 16

10:00 a.m.	Church-wide Prayer Time (101)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Wednesdays@Covenant
	5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:15 KidConnection (3K-5th grades; 3rd floor)
	6:15 Youth Activities (Youth Area)
	6:15 Bible Studies
	Church-wide Studies:
	You Are Not Your Own: Redefining Identity (201)
	<i>Topic: Social Media & Technology</i>
	God, His People, and Poverty Alleviation (Fellowship Hall)
	Women's Studies:
	Remember Your Joy (303)
	The Book of Isaiah (305)
	Remember Your Joy (Dining Room; 7:15 p.m.)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (John Fountain, February 14 - 20).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missions Festival 2022. Our annual Missions Festival is February 27 - March 1. Our speaker will be Brian Habig, pastor of Downtown Presbyterian Church (Greenville, SC). Sign-ups for our 24 Hours of Prayer and volunteer opportunities, along with the festival schedule, can be found at covpres.com/missions-festival.

Ladies' Missions Brunch. We are so excited for our Missions Brunch on Tuesday, March 1 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the home of Maggie O'Connor. Invitations are coming soon! Please sign up at covpres.com/missions-festival under the "Get Involved" tab to bring something, donate money for goody bags for our missionaries, and/or serve at the brunch. Thank you!

Discover Covenant Class. Our next Discover Covenant Class is March 18 - 20. This class is a great way to learn about our church and what it means to become a member of Covenant. The class meets on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and during Sunday School on Sunday morning. Please visit covpres.com/new-members to sign up.

Sandra McCracken Concert. We have a few tickets left for the Sandra McCracken concert! Sandra will be in concert at Covenant on Sunday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The tickets are free, and we will be collecting a love offering that evening to benefit the church-planting efforts of Urban Hope Community Church.

Wednesdays@Covenant. Wednesdays@Covenant begin each week with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and studies, choir rehearsal, and youth and children's activities all beginning at 6:15. See the full schedule on page 20 and on the Covenant website at covpres.com/schedule.

Church-wide Memory Passage. Our new memory passage for the Season of Epiphany (January 6 - March 1) is 1 Chronicles 16:31:

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

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	30s (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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John James	Michael Latta	Tyler O'Connor
David O'Dell	Charlie Logan	Jason Peevy
Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld	Charlie Regan
Kurt Senn	John Smith T	Charles White
	Steve Stigler	

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jim Bennett	Tripp Alexander	Samuel Bragg
William Edwards	Joseph Cascio	Paul Darden
Merrill Johnston	Richard Cox	Joe Fante
Randall Lancaster	Jay Evans	Steve Killgore
Mark Midyette	Bryan Flores	Robert Luttrell
Stephen Mince	Gary Gorham	Steve Pfitzer
Clyde Prather	Jeff Hayes	Brent Powell
John Shank	John Shults	Matt Searson
Matt Thomas	Joe Strickland	
Greg Tomlinson	Darrell Tucker	

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Nathan Collums, Family Ministry Chair	Robby Holt, Moderator of the Session
Marty Crawford, Pastoral Liaison (Missions)	Ingram Link, Ministry Liaison (Women)
David Driskill, Pastoral Liaison (Shepherding)	Bob Schaffeld, Missions Ministry Chair
John Fountain, Pastoral Liaison (Family)	John Shank, Finance Committee Chair
Gary Gorham, Chair of the Diaconate	John Smith T, Clerk of the Session
Heath Henderson, Shepherding Ministry Chair	

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.

FEBRUARY READING PLAN

	EXODUS	MATTHEW
1	□ 23-24	□ 21:33-46
2	□ 25-26	□ 22:1-22
3	□ 27-28	□ 22:23-46
4	□ 29-30	□ 23:1-22
5/6	□ 31-33	□ 23:23-24:35
7	□ 34-35	□ 24:36-51
8	□ 36-37	□ 25:1-30
9	□ 38-39	□ 25:31-46
10	□ 40-Leviticus 1	□ 26:1-25
	LEVITICUS	
11	□ 2-3	□ 26:36-56
12/13	□ 4-6	□ 26:57-27:44
14	□ 7-9	□ 27:45-66
15	□ 10-12	□ 28
		MARK
16	□ 13-15	□ 1
17	□ 16-18	□ 2
18	□ 19-20	□ 3
19/20	□ 21-26	□ 4
21	□ 27-Numbers 1	□ 5:1-20
	NUMBERS	
22	□ 2-4	□ 5:21-43
23	□ 5-7	□ 6:1-29
24	□ 8-9	□ 6:30-56
25	□ 10-12	□ 7:1-13
26/27	□ 13-16	□ 7:14-8:21
28	□ 17-19	□ 8:22-9:29

SERMON RESOURCES

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

The Acts of the Risen Lord: Luke's Account of God's Unfolding Plan,
Alan J. Thompson

The Message of Acts in the History of Redemption, Dennis E. Johnson

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PRAYER FOR VOCATION

Steven Garber

God of heaven and earth,
we pray for your kingdom to come,
for your will to be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Teach us to see our vocations and occupations
as woven into your work in the world this week.
For mothers at home who care for children,
for those whose labor forms our common life
in this city, the nation, and the world,
for those who serve the marketplace
of ideas and commerce,
for those whose creative gifts nourish us all,
for those whose callings take them into the academy,
for those who long for employment
that satisfies their souls and serves you,
for each one we pray, asking for your great mercy.

Give us eyes to see that our work is holy to you,
O Lord, even as our worship this day is holy to you.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

