

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jesus Christ...is the treasure who lies wrapped in the folds of the OT...partly concealed within the manger...Enter the humble surroundings of the stable, as did the shepherds in Bethlehem... to "*search the Scriptures*"—to read backwards to unwind the swaddling cloths and to disclose the Christ who lies there.  
—Richard Hays, "Reading Backwards"

"Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;  
shout, O depths of the earth;  
break forth into singing, O mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it!  
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,  
and will be glorified in Israel."  
—Isaiah 44:23

And I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
The Lord and Giver of Life;  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets...  
—from the Nicene Creed

**☒ CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 97

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!

All: *Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*

Leader: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

All: *The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.*

**☒ GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, amen.

Words and Music: Anonymous, 2nd century.

**☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION**

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

## ☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

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"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"  
*to the tune of "Doxology"*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Serve Him with joy, His praises tell,  
Come now before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
He formed us all without our aid.  
We are the flock He comes to feed,  
The sheep who by His hand were made.

O enter then His gates with joy,  
Within His courts His praise proclaim.  
Let thankful songs your tongues employ,  
O bless and magnify His name.

Because the Lord, our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His faithfulness at all times stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host,  
Be praise and glory evermore.

Be praise and glory evermore.

Words: William Kethe, 1561. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH.

AUGUST 1, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

 "By Faith"


1. By faith we see the\_\_ hand of God
2. By faith our fa - thers\_\_roamed the earth
3. By faith the pro - phets\_\_ saw the day
4. By faith the church was\_\_ called to go
5. By faith this moun - tain\_\_ shall be moved



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,  
 with the pow'r of His pro mise in their hearts,  
 when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear  
 in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost  
 and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail,



in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,  
 of a ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand,  
 with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
 to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news  
 for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and\_\_ not by sight. (v. 2)  
 a place where peace and\_\_ jus - tice reign. (chorus)  
 and rise tri - um phant from the grave. (v. 4)  
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner\_\_ of the earth. (chorus)  
 for all who call up - on His name. (chorus)

**Chorus:**


We will stand as chil- dren of the pro - mise;



we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward.



'Til the race is fin- ished and the work is done,



we'll walk by faith and\_ not by sight.

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend. CCLI 5469291.

**READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

James 2:1-10

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.  
We have rebelled against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
Therefore we lack integrity  
Now, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their sins.  
Restore those who are penitent;  
According to your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;  
That we may live godly, righteous, and sober lives  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

### Silent Confession

## ❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

—Romans 5:8-9

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**

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

*Congregational Hymn*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on!

Words: American folk hymn. Music: The Southern Harmony, 1835.



## ☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*See page 16 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 35:16-29

Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. <sup>17</sup>And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for you have another son." <sup>18</sup>And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

<sup>19</sup>So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), <sup>20</sup>and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. <sup>21</sup>Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder. <sup>22</sup>While Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Israel heard of it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. <sup>23</sup>The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob's firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. <sup>24</sup>The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. <sup>25</sup>The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant: Dan and Naphtali. <sup>26</sup>The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

<sup>27</sup>And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. <sup>28</sup>Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. <sup>29</sup>And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

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

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.*

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch a treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything—  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart—  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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"God Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me,  
On Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within,  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice  
And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,  
Make my spirit right and true;  
Cast me not away from Thee,  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart,  
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me  
And return, O God, to Thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove,  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love;  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Words: Richard Redhead. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997. CCLI 754678.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: August 1 - 7, 2021

### SUNDAY, August 1

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

### WEDNESDAY, August 4

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 (Josh Johnson, August 2 - 8).*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fall Sunday School.** We are returning to our regular Sunday School Communities on Sunday, August 15. Please visit [covpres.com/sunday-school-communities](http://covpres.com/sunday-school-communities) for classroom details, and join us as we kick off the fall quarter!

**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](http://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](http://covpres.com).

**Officer Nominees and Congregational Meeting.** On Sunday, August 8, 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 at the bottom of page 19.



# ONE-ANOTHERING

## ALL COVENANT SUNDAY SCHOOL



July 11 - August 8

ALL ages\* are invited to attend our Family-Style  
Sunday School together in the Fellowship Hall.

### **HANNAH AND SAMUEL (LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE)**

August 1 | 1 Samuel 1-6

Focus: God listens to Hannah's cries and speaks to young Samuel—  
God hears us and delights to speak to us in His Word.

### **DANCING DAVID**

#### **(JOYFUL WORSHIP LIKE NOBODY IS WATCHING)**

August 8 | 2 Samuel 6

Focus: God delights in joyful worship in His presence—  
we are invited to celebrate like nobody is watching!

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\*Nursery care is available; Children's & Youth Sunday School classes will not meet separately.

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2021

Eric Getty  
Daniel Murray  
Warren Norville  
Sandy Stradtman  
Clay Wheeler

2022

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

2023

Will Brooke  
Nathan Collums  
Jeff Dyess  
Michael Latta  
Charlie Logan  
Bob Schaffeld  
John Smith T  
Steve Stigler

**DEACONS**

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

Tripp Alexander  
Joseph Cascio  
Richard Cox  
Jay Evans  
Bryan Flores  
Gary Gorham  
Jeff Hayes  
John Shults  
Joe Strickland  
Darrell Tucker

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**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

## 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

	<b>PSALMS</b>	<b>ROMANS</b>
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
		<b>1 CORINTHIANS</b>
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