The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity October 13, 2019

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible."

-Corrie Ten Boom

"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."

—Oswald Chambers

"True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than the moral perfections of the One who cannot lie."

—A.W. Tozer

"I believe the promises of God enough to venture an eternity on them."

—Isaac Watts

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."
—John Newton

◯ CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

SONG OF PRAISE

"How Great is Our God"





Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves.

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Kristi Gidlev

Exodus 14:5-31

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" ⁶So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, ⁷and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. ⁹The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

¹⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

◯ HYMN OF EXALTATION

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O Israel of God, your Savior adore, For when we were doomed, He carried us ashore. Though Pharaoh's great chariots our spirits alarmed, Our mighty Jehovah delivered us unharmed.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

Words: based on Psalm 104 and Exodus 14; Robert Grant, 1833; 2nd verse, Sandy Willson, 2019. Music: Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806; arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815.

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

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GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"We Believe" Chancel Choir

We believe in God Supreme, Ever present, never seen; God Most High, who reigns above; Father nigh, whose name is Love. We, whose prayers to God ascend, Praise creation's Source and End.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, God's own Son, our Sacrifice; Very God, yet virgin born; Sinless, yet for sinners torn. We, whom Jesus died to win, Known He lives to come again.

We adore the Spirit, free,
Author of our unity.
Giver of the sacred Word,
Well-spring of the second birth.
We, whom He indwells and fills
Yield our hearts and minds and wills.

We, the Church, affirm our faith, In the Triune God of grace; Kingdoms fall and ages change; Faithful, changeless, God remains! One in Christ, we lift on voice! We believe, and we rejoice!

Words and Music: Dan Forrest.

The Sacrament of Baptism

William. White Newton, Jr.

Alice McClain Spiller

DAUGHTER OF LOREN AND BOBBY SPILLER

Margaret Bonner Spiller DAUGHTER OF LOREN AND BOBBY SPILLER

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

Children's Worship Information:

Children ages 3 to 4 may attend Children's Worship for the entire worship service, while kindergarteners through 2nd graders are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace. Following the worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K ■ C224/C225 (available for the entire worship hour)

4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten • C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*

1st & 2nd Grades • C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*

*Children on the main level will dismiss through the door leading into the Fellowship

Hall, and children in the balcony will dismiss through the door closest to the elevator.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad with your full name and names of any family members attending with you. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Paul Loyless

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 4:43-54

After the two days he departed for Galilee. ⁴⁴(For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) ⁴⁵So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

⁴⁶So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill.

⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵²So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." ⁵³The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

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

"HEALED BY FAITH"
Sandy Willson

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 communing but would like to participate, please come forward and 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.

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

Prayer of Confession

David Driskill

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

we confess with great sorrow that our sins are many,
but we believe in You;

we confess that we deserve nothing but Your wrath and displeasure,
but we trust in Your forgiving grace;

We acknowledge that You are a just and holy God, Who punishes every sin,
but we have put our faith in Your saving gospel;
therefore, we are bold to plead for Your forgiveness,
and for Your cleansing,
and for the assurance of eternal life with You and all the saints,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life." —John 6:47

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.

Words of Institution

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

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on Him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in 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.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

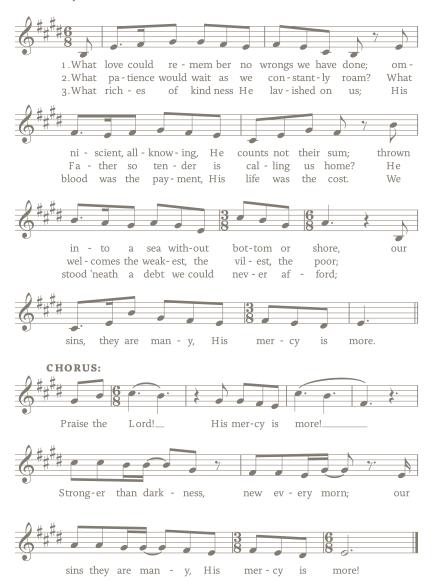
Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"How Sweet and Awesome is the Place"



Word: Isaac Watts. Music: ancient Irish melody.

"His Mercy is More"



Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, 2016.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God! If all will see how great, how great is our God!

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 13 - 19, 2019

SUNDAY. October 13

8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages

(see page 21)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | Rising 3k through 2nd grades

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Jr. High & Sr. High Small Groups

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us (Dining Room)

MONDAY, October 14

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's Office)

TUESDAY, October 15

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Gospel Manhood (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us (E201)

WEDNESDAY, October 16

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Olive Branch Concert & Lunch (everyone is invited!) 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays@Covenant

5:30-7:15 KidConnection (3K-6th grades; 3rd floor)

5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Jr. High Activities (bring dinner to Youth Area)

6:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)

6:15 Bible Study Options:

Marriage Enrichment (NOTE: this program is full)

Small Group Discussions

1. Sermon on the Mount (E201)

2. The Basics of the Christian Life (Dining Room)

6:45 Sr. High Activities (Youth Area) 7:45 Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please see our full calendar of Covenant events at covpres.com/calendar.

Wednesdays@**Covenant.** Join us each Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. for our fellowship dinner and stay for choir rehearsal at 6:00 and our studies and activities at 6:15. There is something for everyone! Visit covpres.com/schedule.

Gospel Manhood. Men, our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our own Britton Wood, RUF Area Coordinator for Western Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, will be speaking. There is a \$10 suggested donation for lunch.

College Sunday Lunches. During October we will have a varied schedule for our College Sunday School lunches. Today, there will be no lunch due to fall break. The schedule for the remainder of October is as follows: October 20, lunch at Covenant; and October 27, lunch with your Adopt-a-Student families. Please contact Josh Johnson (jjohnson@covpres.com) with any questions.

Olive Branch Concert & Lunch. Our Olive Branch group invites you to join them on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for a concert by Rick Barnes and lunch immediately following. Rick will play selections from Haydn and Brahms and include a few jazz pieces as well. This is always a fun time; please join us!

Feast Not Famine Fall Market & Harvest Supper. Ladies, our fifth annual Feast Not Famine event is November 14! Join us for a fall market at 5:00 p.m. in the Commons, featuring the gifts and talents of Covenant ladies. (To reserve a table, please email Julie Baggett at juliecbaggett@gmail.com.) Our harvest supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Betsy Childs Howard. Betsy grew up at Covenant and is an editor for *The Gospel Coalition*. Invitations coming soon!

Youth Ministry Winter Retreat. Registration for our annual Youth Winter Retreat (January 17-20), is now open! Winter Retreat is one of the best things we do as a Youth Ministry because it is a time to truly retreat from the pressures students feel in their daily lives. We desire for your student's relationship with Jesus to become more real and alive than it was before! We will meet at Covenant at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17 and head to our favorite retreat place, Camp ToKnowHim, in Pisgah, AL. This is also a great opportunity for your students to reach out to their friends and bring them along on the retreat. To register visit covpresyouth.com/winter-retreat-2020.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | COMMONS College students*

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 Young families; 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 30s and 40s

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

OPEN DOORS | S105 *70s and above*

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

UPPER ROOM | S101 *60s and 70s*

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

^{*}College students gather in Commons Area at 12:00 for class and lunch.

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RULING ELDERS

2019 2020 2021 Ty Dedmon Bill Bennett Eric Getty Russell Martin Jeff Dyess Will Brooke Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray Warren Norville Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Sandy Stradtman Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Clay Wheeler John Smith T Bob Schaffeld

Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

DEACONS

John Shank

2019

Nick Baggett Tripp Alexander Jim Bennett Ward Bailey Paul Darden Gary Gorham Samuel Bragg Jay Evans Keith Harrelson Bryan Flores Trey Clegg Jeff Hayes Will Graham Steve Killgore John Gant Jeff Hicks Steve Pfitzer John David Gray Jim Jenkins Brent Powell Marty Martin Alan Spooner **Bud Miller** Matt Searson

Tvler O'Connor

2020

2021

Patrick Strong

Todd Sitton John Shults
William Slappey Danny Smith
Billy Tapscott Robert Stephens
Darrell Tucker Clark Worrell

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 2019.

SEPTEMBER READING PLAN ISAIAH GALATIANS			
28/29	□ 13-18	□ 6-Ephesians 1 EPHESIANS	
30	□ 19-21		
OCTOBER READING PLAN			
	ISAIAH	EPHESIANS	
1	□ 22-23	□ 3	
2	□ 24-26	□ 4	
3	□ 27-28	□ 5	
4	□ 29-30	□ 6	
		PHILIPPIANS	
5/6	□ 31-36	□ 1-2	
7	□ 37-38	□ 3	
8	□ 39-40	□ 4	
		COLOSSIANS	
9	□ 41-42	□ 1	
10	□ 43-44	□ 2	
11	□ 45-47	□ 3	
12/13	□ 48-52	□ 4-1 Thessalonians 1	
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18	□ 65-66		
10	JEREMIAH		
19/20	□ 1-4	□ 2-3	
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21	□ 5-6	□ 1	
22	□ 7-8	□ 2	
23	□ 9-10	_ _ 3	
24	□ 11-13	□ 4	
25	□ 14-16	□ 5	
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28	□ 23-24	□ 2	
29	□ 25-26	□ 3	
30	□ 27-28	□ 4	
		TITUS	
31	□ 29-30	□ 1	