The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity August 5, 2018

"The office of the law is to show us the disease, in such a way as to show us, at the same time, no hope of cure: The office of the gospel is, to bring a remedy to those that were past hope. For as the law leaves man to himself, it condemns him, of necessity, to death; while the gospel, bringing him to Christ, opens the gate of life."

—Commentary on the Second Epistle of the Corinthians, John Calvin (1509-1564)

The City where I hope to dwell,
There's none on Earth can parallel.
The stately Walls both high and strong
Are made of precious Jasper Stone,
The Gates of Pearl, both rich and clear,
And Angels are for Porter's there.
The Streets thereof transparent gold
Such as no Eye did e're behold.

—from "The Flesh and the Spirit" by Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672)

READING FROM THE PSALMS & CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Driskill

(Congregational responses are *italicized*.)

Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, Before his throne rejoice; Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; To us he'll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Words: Christian H. Bateman, 1843. Music: Traditional Spanish melody; arr. by David Evans, 1927.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We praise You, O God, for Your infinite glory and for Your amazing grace; for You have created us and all that is, and, when Your creatures rebelled against Your Majesty, You pardoned us and made us Your own beloved children, that we might forever glorify and enjoy You.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and make Your Name known among all the peoples, that all may join in Your worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Emily Mince

Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

"Rock of Ages"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace; Foul, I to the Fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815. Music: TOPLADY; Thomas Hastings, 1830.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 1:9-14

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

M HYMN OF BLESSING



Words: Psalm 67. Music: Adam Wright 2018 (Corner Room Music).

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"None Other Lamb"

None other Lamb, none other Name, None other Hope in Heaven or in sea, No hiding place from guilt and shame, None beside Thee, None beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low; Only my heart's desire cries out in me By the deep thunder of its want and woe, Cries out to Thee, Cries out to Thee.

All who labor and are heavy-laden, Come unto me—I will give you rest

Lord, Thou art life, tho' I be dead; Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be; Nor heav'n have I, nor place for my head, No home, but Thee, No home, but Thee.

Words: Christina G. Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: High Street Hymns, 2012.

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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginny Johnston

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 19.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Lex Williamson

GUEST PREACHER

John Wood, Senior Pastor (retired)

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN)

John Wood retired as the Senior Pastor of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in April 2018. While growing up, he lived in Illinois and North Carolina. John, wife Marianne, and their family moved to Knoxville in January 1990, where he served for 28 years. The Woods have three children, Rachel, David, and Sarah, and six grandchildren, three boys and three girls.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

2 Corinthians 3:4-18

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks he to God

MESSAGE

THE LETTER KILLS, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE" John Wood

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. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are italicized.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Father,
Whose eyes are too pure to look upon iniquity,
and Who cannot tolerate wrong,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
both in what we have done and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent of our sin.
Please forgive our foolish ways,
and renew our hearts that we may return to You
with sincere faith, rekindled affections, and simple obedience,
that our lives may always glorify Your most holy Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

M Assurance of Pardon

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-1 John 1:8-9

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.

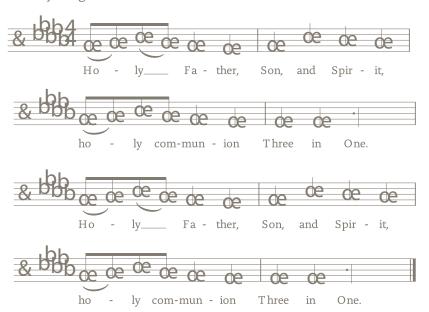
Apostle's Creed

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 Ghost,
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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Response

"Trinity Song"



Words and Music: Sandra McCracken.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

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.

If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

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

"Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)"

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long, From this labor and this heartache, I have come, The skies will wear out, but you remain the same, Rock of Ages, I praise your name.

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near, You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears, To make this stone heart come alive again, Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

Chorus:

Rock of Ages, Rock of Ages, Bind your children until the kingdom comes. Rock of Ages, your will be done.

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest, My desperate need for such a Savior, I confess, Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace, Rock of Ages, I need your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken, scorned for me, Who am I that you would die to make me free? To give me glory, you took the death and pain, Rock of Ages, my Offering. (Chorus)

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried. The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied, Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands, Rock of Ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure, Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul, Bind your children with cords of love and grace, Rock of Ages, we give you praise. (Chorus)

Words: Sandra McCracken. Music: Kevin Twit. ©2005 Same Old Dress Music (Admin. By Music Services) (ASCAP) and Kevin Twit (ASCAP)

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

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 cruse 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 Goid'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.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Dear Father, Who created and sustains all things for Your glory, and Who has chosen us from before the beginning of time,

We thank You with all our hearts.

Lord Jesus, Who bled and died for us, Who was raised for our justification, Who now reigns at the Father's right hand and promises to return in glory, and Who has instituted this holy meal we celebrate,

We thank You and adore You.

Holy Spirit, Who has given us light and life by the new birth, Whose presence is our constant comfort and joy, and Who keeps us to the end,

We thank You and praise You.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we offer You high thanksgiving and unending praise.

Be forever exalted, O Lord. Amen.

◯ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"



MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

Rising 4K & Kindergarten • C221 (available for the entire worship hour) **Rising 1st-4th Grades • C316** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

NEW Sunday Schedule. Beginning next Sunday, August 12, we will meet for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Gathered Worship at 10:30. Mark your calendars!

Praise & Prayer: A Hymn Sing. Join us in the Sanctuary on August 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a hymn sing and prayer service to kick off our fall quarter and the new school year. We will join together in song and in prayer for Covenant and for our school systems, teachers, and students of all ages.

Congregational Meeting. On Sunday, August 19, immediately following worship, we will have a meeting to vote to accept the slate of officer nominations from the Nominating Committee. Please remain in the Sanctuary for this meeting.

Congregational Prayer Time. Join us on August 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a half hour of corporate prayer for our church and community. All ages are welcome to attend!

Reconciliation Service. On Sunday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m. we will hold a worship service focused on reconciliation. The Session is working on the public apologies we owe to this congregation, and we will share these during this service. All communing members of Covenant are encouraged to attend.

Wednesdays@**Covenant.** Wednesday night activities kick off September 5 with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Chancel Choir rehearsal at 6:15 in S103, and Bible studies and youth activities at 6:15. (The children's meal, worship, and the Word will all be on the third floor.) We have two great study options for adults this fall: 1) Believing & Living the Gospel; and 2) Sharing the Gospel. Julie Sparkman will begin Believing & Living the Gospel with "Six Weeks to Sane Thinking," and Sandy Willson and Dave Driskill will be teaching "Ethical Living" for the second half, touching on several culturally hot topics. In Sharing the Gospel, Josh Johnson will be diving deep into apologetics and evangelism. Please make plans to join your Covenant family mid-week this fall!

Women's & Men's Ministries. Our women's and men's studies and events are kicking off in September. Gospel Manhood begins Tuesday, September 18 (11:30 a.m.) with speaker Randy Pope of Perimeter Church, Georgia. And details for our women's Bible studies can be found at covpres.com/upcoming-events.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: August 5-11, 2018

SUNDAY, August 5

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons) 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | rising 4K through rising 4th grade

10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 21)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Grow & Go (Youth Rooms)

TUESDAY, August 7

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nursery Summer Play Day*

THURSDAY, August 9

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nursery Summer Play Day*

SATURDAY, August 11

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Mom's Summer Study (2nd Floor)

for mothers and their preschoolers; bring a stuffed

animal to leave for a "sleepover"

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Summer Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)

*pre-registration required

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | E300 College students

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 3os and 4os

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 4os, 5os, and 6os

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | S101 6os and 7os

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and newly married;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12



NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

beginning August 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

will meet at 9:15AM

GATHERED WORSHIP will begin at 10:30AM

As we seek to share the gospel with our community, we believe this change will enhance our ability to reach out to our neighbors who do not yet have a church home.

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John Wood

DEACONS

Charles White

2018 2019 2020

Brandon Bishop Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander
Nathan Collums Gary Gorham Paul Darden
John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Jay Evans
Randall Lancaster Jeff Hayes Bryan Flores
Matt Searson Steve Killgore John Gant

Patrick Strong Steve Pfitzer John David Gray
Darrell Tucker Brent Powell Marty Martin
John Shank Bud Miller

Todd Sitton Tyler O'Connor
William Slappey John Shults
Billy Tapscott Danny Smith
Robert Stephens

Clark Worrell

Mark Taylor

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 Keith Harrelson
 Nancy Pless

 Jeff Dyess
 Randall Lancaster
 Clyde Prather

 Dave Driskill (Pastoral Liaison)
 Michael Latta
 Joe Strickland

 Will Gurner
 Kate McKnight
 Barbara Thompson

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John Hamilton Mary T Miller

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 2018.

AUGUST READING PLAN

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