

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Just as Moses gathered Israel on Sinai and commissioned them to reach the nations, so Jesus appoints the Twelve and charges them to proclaim the message of the kingdom. This appointment involves establishing a new people group to live in the new creation, where it will grow exponentially in fulfillment of the original Genesis 1:28 commission."

—Greg Beale & Benjamin Gladd

"It was in the Temptation that the strong man met the [S]tronger."

—Ernest Best

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

—The Apostle John

"What greater privilege could there be than to be identified with Jesus and his family?"

—Sinclair B. Ferguson

**☒ CALL TO WORSHIP**

*8:00 service | Rev. John Fountain*

*10:30 service | Rev. Dan Edwards*

**☒ RESPONSIVE READING**

from Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

*All: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,*

Leader: He forgives all your iniquity,  
He heals all your diseases,  
He redeems your life from the pit,  
He crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
He satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*All: The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*All: For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.*

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

## ☒ 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.

## ☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION


**HYMNS OF ADORATION**
**"Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah (Psalm 146)"**


1.Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah!  
 2.Hap - py are the ones pro - fess - ing  
 3.Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry,  
 4.Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah!



Come, our great Re - deem - er praise.  
 Ja - cob's God to be their aid.  
 sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
 Come, our great Re - deem - er praise.



I will sing the glo - rious prais - es  
 They are blest whose hope of bless - ing  
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,  
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es



of my God through all my days.  
 on the LORD their God is stayed.  
 makes the sight - less eyes to see.  
 of my God through all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es,  
 Heav'n and earth the LORD cre - at - ed,  
 God our Sav - ior loves the right - eous,  
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er;



nor on hu - man help de - pend.  
 seas and all that they con - tain.  
 and the strang - er He be - friends,  
 through all a - ges He is King.



They shall die, to dust re - turn - ing;  
 He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion,  
 helps the or - phan and the wid - ow,  
 Un - to Him, your God, O Zi - on,



all their thoughts and plans shall end.  
 right - eous - ness He will main - tain.  
 judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

☒ "My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)"



1. When the en - e - my sur - rounds and my  
2. You're my strong - hold and my shield, in the  
3. This is love I can't ex - plain, this is



heart grows faint with - in, when the dark - ness o - ver -  
midst of ev - 'ry threat, though the wick - ed nev - er  
mer - cy un - re - served, through Your sac - ri - fice so



whelms and my fears are press - ing - in, I will  
yield, they will van - ish like a - breath. Yes, I  
great I have peace that's un - de - served. For the



trust in You, O Lord, in the si - lence I will  
know the out - come's sure, Sa - tan's e - vil plans will  
bat - tle has been won, and I fear no shame or



wait, I will stand up - on Your Word.  
fail, in Your pow - er I'm se - cure.  
loss, now the sting of death is gone.

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**Chorus:**

You're my sol - id rock and my sal - va - tion, my



stead-fast hope that won't be shak-en, my soul will wait, my



soul will wait for\_\_\_ You\_\_\_ You're my



com-fort when I feel for-sak-en, My re-fuge and my



sure foun - da - tion, my soul will wait, my



soul will wait for\_\_\_ You\_\_\_ 1, 2 - to verse  
3 - to bridge

**Bridge:**

Pour - ing out our hearts be - fore You,  
Per - fect Sav - ior, strong De - fend - er,



we will trust in You. (repeat)  
we will trust in You.

## READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Ezekiel 34:25-31

“I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. <sup>26</sup>And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup>And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am Yahweh, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup>They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. <sup>29</sup>And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. <sup>30</sup>And they shall know that I am Yahweh their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares Yahweh God. <sup>31</sup>And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares Yahweh God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*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.  
 Amen.*

## ❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He will not always chide,  
     nor will he keep his anger forever.  
 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
     nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
     so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
 as far as the east is from the west,  
     so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103:10-12

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.

## ☒ CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

*We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light;  
Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made;  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven;  
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again,  
according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven;  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we 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.  
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And we look for the Resurrection of the dead;  
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.*

## ☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

8:00 service | Congregational Hymn



1. Let us love and sing \_\_\_ and won - der,  
 2. Let us love the Lord \_\_\_ who bought us,  
 3. Let us sing, though fierce \_\_\_ temp - ta - tions  
 4. Let us won - der; grace \_\_\_ and jus - tice  
 5. Let us praise and join \_\_\_ the chor - us



let us praise the Sav - ior's name!  
 pit - ied us when en - e - mies, \_\_\_  
 threat - en hard to bring \_\_\_ us down!  
 join and point to mer - cy's store; \_\_\_  
 of the saints en - throned \_\_\_ on high; \_\_\_



He has hushed the law's \_\_\_ loud thun - der,  
 called us by His grace \_\_\_ and taught us,  
 For the Lord, our strong \_\_\_ sal - va - tion,  
 when through grace in Christ \_\_\_ our trust is,  
 here they trust - ed Him \_\_\_ be - fore us,



He has quenched Mt. Si - nai's flame \_ (v. 2)  
 gave us ears and gave \_\_\_ us eyes: (refrain)  
 holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown \_ (v. 4)  
 just - ice smiles and asks \_\_\_ no more: \_ (refrain)  
 now their prais - es fill \_\_\_ the sky: (refrain)

### Refrain:



He has washed us with His blood, \_\_\_  
 He who washed us with His blood, \_\_\_  
 He has washed us with His blood, \_\_\_



He has washed us with His blood,\_\_\_  
 He who washed us with His blood,\_\_\_  
 He has washed us with His blood,\_\_\_



He has washed us with His blood,\_\_\_  
 He who washed us with His blood,\_\_\_  
 He has washed us with His blood,\_\_\_



He pre - sents our souls\_ to God.\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)  
 has se - cured our way\_ to God.\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)  
 He will bring us home\_ to God.\_\_\_\_ (bridge)

### Bridge:



He has washed us with His blood,\_\_\_



He has washed us with His blood.\_\_\_\_

**GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"Credo"

*10:30 service | Chancel Choir*

We believe in one God,  
The Maker of everything,  
The new earth, the bright sky,  
Things seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus the Christ, the Son,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
The only begotten One.

We believe that through Him  
All good things were made for us,  
A full life free from death,  
A Savior to trust.

We believe He came from Heaven,  
Conceived by the Spirit of God,  
And traveled the lonely paths  
That we also have trod,  
Becoming flesh and blood,  
And tears and breath,  
And with His love conquering our fears,  
He even conquered death.

Crucified, dead, and buried,  
The third day rose from the dead,  
Seated at the right of the Almighty;  
From there He will judge the quick and the dead.

We believe in one God,  
The Maker of everything,  
The new earth, the bright sky,  
Things seen and unseen,  
We believe in one God;  
We believe in one God,  
Amen.

☒ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*See page 25 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance pad in your pew and pass it down.*

**Children's Worship | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.** Children in 3K (3 years old before 9/1/22) through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children leave from the foyer of the Sanctuary and walk to C221 with staff and volunteers. Children will return to join their families for Communion, so please help your child find you by watching for him or her.

**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 GOSPELS

Mark 3:7-35

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea <sup>8</sup>and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. <sup>9</sup>And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, <sup>10</sup>for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. <sup>11</sup>And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." <sup>12</sup>And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

<sup>13</sup>And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. <sup>14</sup>And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach <sup>15</sup>and have authority to cast out demons. <sup>16</sup>He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); <sup>17</sup>James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); <sup>18</sup>Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, <sup>19</sup>and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>20</sup>Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>And when his people heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming

to an end. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—  
<sup>30</sup>for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." <sup>33</sup>And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

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**

*Robby Holt*

Gathered

Scattered

Covered

**LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

**Words of Institution**

from Luke 22:14-23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Our Confident Access**

Leader: In Jesus, the Son of God, we have a sympathetic,  
great high priest who lives for us.

*All: 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.*

Leader: 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.

## **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 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.*

"We Draw Near"

Solo:

Year by year in the temple,  
Blood was shed by the priest  
To atone for the people,  
But it could not make them clean.  
'Til He came, spotless Lamb,  
Offered Himself, put away sin  
Once and for all, once and for all  
It is finished.

(Chorus, with congregation)

Solo:

Our High Priest, Word made flesh,  
Worthy of the Holy Place;  
Curtain torn at His death,  
Christ the new and living way.  
Rising up, He entered in,  
He sat down at Your right hand,  
And He is alive, He is alive,  
Interceding!

(Chorus, with congregation)

**Chorus (Congregation):**

So we draw near, we bold - ly come;  
 Je - sus our right - eous - ness, washed by His blood.  
 We draw near to Your throne of grace;  
 Je - sus, our con - fi - dence, seek - ing Your face.

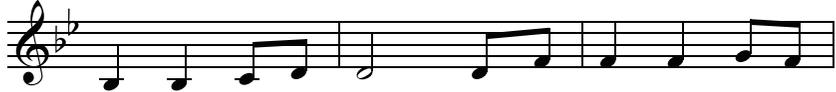
**Bridge (Congregation):**

Let our prais - es rise up as an in - cense  
 filled with re - v'rence and awe.  
 Let our lives be poured out for Your glo - ry,  
 pleas - ing to You God.

## "Christ Is Mine Forevermore"



1. Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was  
 2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark - ness  
 3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim



made to walk with Him. Yet, I look for world - ly  
 not yet un - der - stood. Through the val - ley I must  
 on a nar - row way. One with Christ, I will en -



treas - ure and for - sake the King of kings.  
 trav - el where I see no earth - ly good.  
 coun - ter harm and ha - tred for His name.



But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er; though I  
 But mine is peace that flows from heav - en, and the  
 But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e -

**TAG:** And mine are keys to Zi - on cit - y, where be -



fall, His love is sure. For Christ has paid for ev - 'ry  
 strength in times of need. I know my pain will not be  
 nough to last the war, and He has said He will de -  
 side the King I walk. For there my heart has found its



fail - ing; I am His for - ev - er more. (to v. 2)  
 wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me. (to v. 3)  
 liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en shore. (to "tag")  
 trea - sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more. (to "bridge")  
 (FINE)

**BRIDGE:**



Come re - joice now, O my soul, for His



love is my re - ward! Fear is gone and hope is sure;



Christ is mine for - ev - er - more!

*(repeat twice,  
then to "tag")*

OCTOBER 2, 2022 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

 **BENEDICTION**

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 2 - 8, 2022

### SUNDAY, October 2

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages (see page 26)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
4:00 p.m.	6th Grade Small Groups (Youth Rooms)
5:00 p.m.	4th/5th Grade Faith & Fun (3rd floor)
5:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups (Youth Rooms)
5:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Revelation

### MONDAY, October 3

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
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### TUESDAY, October 4

10:00 a.m.	Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (100)
11:00 a.m.	Women's Study: Revelation (Sanctuary)

### WEDNESDAY, October 5

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Church-wide Prayer Time (101)
5:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Wednesdays@Covenant
5:15 p.m.	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:15 p.m.	<i>Adult Options:</i>
	- Choir (Sanctuary)
	- Because You Asked (201)
	- Women's Study: Revelation (303, 304, 305)
	- Grief Support Group (300)
	<i>KidConnection</i> (3k - 5th grades, 3rd floor)
	<i>Youth Activities</i> (6th - 12th grades; Youth Rooms)

*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (John Fountain, October 3 - 9).*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Nominating Committee Recommendations.** From now through October 9, we are asking for your recommendations for our 2023 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is elected by the congregation to serve a one-year term and is responsible for nominating church officers for election by the congregation. Please email your recommendations to Victoria Williams at [vwilliams@covpres.com](mailto:vwilliams@covpres.com) or complete the form at the back of this worship guide and place it in the basket provided in the Sanctuary foyer.

**Men's Monthly Breakfast.** Our next Men's Breakfast is Tuesday, October 11, at 6:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. These monthly breakfasts are for men of all ages to foster healthy community across the generations. Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers!

**Hymn Sing.** Our Fall Hymn Sing is Sunday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot outside the Sanctuary. We will have a church-wide BBQ dinner immediately following in the Youth parking lot (\$5 per person/\$20 family max). Everyone is invited—you don't want to miss this night of worship and fellowship!

**Discover Covenant Class.** If you would like to consider joining Covenant, our Discover Covenant Class, October 14 - 16, is a great way to learn about our church and what it means to be a member. Nursery childcare (ages 5 and under) will be provided for each session. Please register any children 7th grade and older for the class. Visit [covpres.com/new-members](http://covpres.com/new-members) to register.

**Local Missions Sunday.** Mark your calendars for Local Missions Sunday: Serving Our City on November 6! We will host our local missions partners and learn how we can pray for them and serve alongside them in Birmingham. More information coming soon!

**Women's Ministry: Feast Not Famine.** Ladies, mark your calendars for Feast Not Famine Wednesday, November 16! The holiday market will be open from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner, special music, and a guest speaker. More information coming soon!

**Church-wide Memory Verse.** Our memory verse for fall (August 14 - November 26) is Psalm 96:1-3.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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9:15 a.m.

*Directional signs are located around the church.*

<b>THRESHOLD</b>   304	<i>Singles, college students, and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
<b>KING'S TABLE</b>   301	<i>30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
<b>CROSSPOINTE</b>   100	<i>mid 30s to mid 40s</i>
<b>CORNERSTONE</b>   104	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)
<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b>   305	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>   DINING ROOM	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i>
<b>LIVING STONES</b>   303	<i>late 40s to late 50s</i> (Pastor: Henry Morris)
<b>KINGDOM BUILDERS</b>   201	<i>late 40s to late 60s</i> (Pastor: Dan Edwards)
<b>COMMUNITY</b>   300	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
<b>OPEN DOORS &amp; UPPER ROOM</b>   101	<i>late 60s and above</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
<b>YOUTH</b>   YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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John Hamilton	Nathan Collums	Heath Henderson
Mark Hogewood	Jeff Dyess	Paul Loyless
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	

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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

Will Brooke, Member At-large	Mark Hogewood, Personnel Committee Chair
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.

### SEPTEMBER READING PLAN

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15	<input type="checkbox"/> 31-Ecclesiastes 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
	<b>ECCLESIASTES</b>	
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22	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-Isaiah 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
	<b>ISAIAH</b>	
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## SERMON RESOURCES

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

*A Theology of Mark*, Hans F. Bayer

*Let's Study Mark*, Sinclair B. Ferguson

*The Gospel of Mark*, R. T. France

*The NIV Application Commentary: Mark*, David E. Garland

*Loosing the Lion*, Leroy A. Huizenga

*King's Cross*, Timothy Keller

*The Gospel of Mark*, William L. Lane

*Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: Mark*, Eckhard J. Schnabel

*Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: Mark*, Mark L. Strauss

## HYMN CREDITS

Find our gathered worship playlist at [covpres.com/music-worship](http://covpres.com/music-worship).

*"Gloria Patri"*

Words: 2nd century. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851.

*"Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah (Psalm 146)"*

Words: Psalter, 1887, alt. P.D., Psalm 146. Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872), 1839, P.D.

*"My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)"*

Words and Music: CCLI Song # 7190363. Bob Kauflin, Keaton Bunting.

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*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; tr. by William H. Draper, 1926.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN.

*"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"*

Words and Music: CCLI Song # 5834479. John Newton, Laura Taylor. © 2001

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*"Credo"*

Words: adapted from the Nicene Creed by Ragan Courtney. Music: John Purifoy. ©2016 by Hal Leonard Corporation.

*"We Draw Near"*

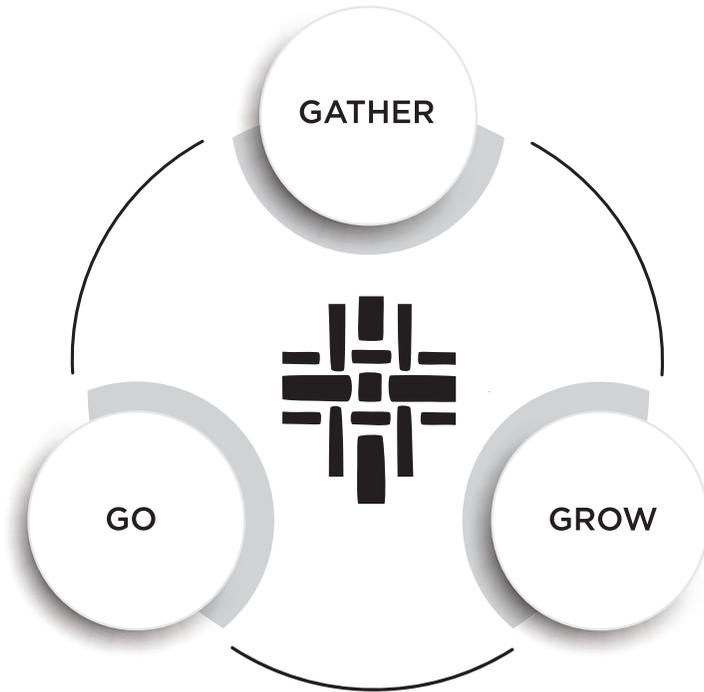
Words and Music: Caroline Cobb.

*"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"*

Words and Music: CCLI Song # 7036096. Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson.

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We **GATHER, GROW**, and **GO**  
in Christ Jesus into all things



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## FOR THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is elected by the congregation to serve a one-year term and is responsible for nominating church officers for election by the congregation. The Nominating Committee is made up of 14 members (4 elders, 3 deacons, 7 at-large congregants) and pastoral staff.

*Please submit your recommendations for male and female lay persons by October 9 by either emailing Victoria Williams at [vwilliams@covpres.com](mailto:vwilliams@covpres.com) or by filling out this form and placing it in the basket provided in the Sanctuary foyer.*

► **FEMALE NOMINEES** for the Nominating Committee:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

► **MALE NOMINEES** for the Nominating Committee:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDED by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**There will be a congregational meeting in December, between the services,  
to elect the 2023 Nominating Committee members.**