

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The soul can do without everything except the word of God, without which none at all of its wants are provided for.

—Martin Luther

One way to get comfort is to plead the promise of God in prayer, show Him His handwriting; God is tender of His Word.

—Thomas Manton

If we do not love the Bible, we certainly do not love the God who gave it to us; but if we do love God, then no other book in the entire world will be comparable in our minds. When God speaks, it is the delight of our ears to hear what he says.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

To comply with current CDC recommendations, we encourage the congregation to sing in moderation while wearing masks.

“My Hope is Built”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest in His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
(Chorus, twice)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
(Chorus, twice)

Words: Edward Mote, 1834. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Kim Killgore

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,
³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving and Merciful Father,
You are holy, just, and righteous in all your ways,
And though you have called us, your covenant people,
To be holy as You are holy,
We confess our sin before You.
We have failed to trust You, we have forsaken Your Word,
We have delighted in the pleasures and cares of the world,
And we have broken all of your commandments.
Lord, forgive us, and let us hear again The sweet word of comfort
That we are pardoned and restored through the blood of Jesus.
To glory of the name of King Jesus we pray, Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Trisagion”

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have Mercy, have mercy on us.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Fernando Ortega. CCLI 6485614.

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

—1 Timothy 1:15

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.

 **HYMN OF JOY**

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them,
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger,
He no more will see or heed;
She hath suffered many a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance,
Since the kingdom now is here;
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him,
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble
As befits His holy reign;
For the glory of the Lord,
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His word is never broken.

Words: Johannes Olearius, 1671; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551, arr. Rick Barnes.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Peter 1:13-25

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

 **HYMN OF FAITH**

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

“That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I will never, no never, no never forsake.”

Words: Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: J. Funk’s *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

Josh Johnson

“The Lord is My Salvation”

Rachel Barlotta and Daniel Smith

The grace of God has reached for me,
And pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground.
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls.
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun.
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus:
Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love,
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won,
The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord.
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come.
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days.
The Lord is my salvation.
(Chorus)

And when I reach my final day,
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home.
The Lord is my salvation.
(Chorus)

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit.
The Lord is my salvation.
(Repeat)

The Lord is my salvation.
The Lord is my salvation.

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, Jonas Myrin
CCLI 7063694.

☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 16 for our Ministry Announcements.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Paul Loyless

 **READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

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.*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

☒ HYMN OF HOPE

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heaven,
Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resist Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son,
Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life.
That’s dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
Glorify Your Name through me.

You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
Glorify Your Name through me.

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☒ BENEDICTION

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting. Today, immediately following gathered worship, we will have a meeting to accept the slate of officer nominations (class of 2023) from the Nominating Committee. Once accepted, the nominees will go through Officer Training this fall and will be elected in December. (See page 17.)

Installation of Rev. Robby Holt. During gathered worship on Sunday, August 30, we will install Rev. Robby Holt as the Senior Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please plan to attend in person or watch via livestream as we begin this joyous new phase in the life of our church!

CDS & MDO 2020 Start Date. Covenant Day School and Mother's Day Out will be starting soon! CDS Meet the Teacher is August 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., (parents will receive information regarding their time slot to meet their teacher). The CDS 4s and 5s will begin classes on September 1, and the 3s and 4s will begin on September 2. MDO will have their parent meeting on August 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will begin their year on September 9.

Women's Fall Bible Studies. Our Ephesians Bible study, "Hinged," begins on September 8, with large group teaching time in the Sanctuary led by different women. We plan to have childcare and small groups on Tuesdays. We are also offering small group meetings on other days at different times. When you register, please indicate the day and time you'd like to meet. Divine Design Discipleship also begins on September 8, with large group teaching and small group discussions (there is an option for virtual small groups). Kathy Girardeau will explore Expectations—how powerfully they impact our life experience and how to bring them into agreement with Biblical truth. Please visit covpres.com/fall-study for more information and to register for each study.

Fall Sunday School Plans. In light of the limitations of gathering due to COVID-19, we are dividing our Sunday School communities into two groups for fall and winter that will meet every other Sunday evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning September 13. We will have 30 minutes of teaching time in the Sanctuary followed by 30 minutes of fellowship and prayer in assigned classrooms. For the group assignments and dates, please see covpres.com/sunday-school-communities. Our full nursery will be available, and Children's Sunday School and Youth Small Groups will also take place during this time. We will be sending out specific RSVP links in September. If you have any questions, please contact David Driskill (ddriskill@covpres.com) or Laura Tucker (ltucker@covpres.com).

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SLATE OF OFFICER NOMINEES | CLASS OF 2023

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RULING ELDERS

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 Michael Latta
 Charlie Logan
 Paul Loyless
 Bob Schaffeld
 Lee Sheppard
 Steve Stigler
 Mark Taylor
 John Wood

2021

Eric Getty
 Russell Martin
 Daniel Murray
 Warren Norville
 Sandy Stradtman
 Clay Wheeler

2022

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

DEACONS

2020

Tripp Alexander
 Paul Darden
 Jay Evans
 Bryan Flores
 John Gant
 John David Gray
 Marty Martin
 Bud Miller
 Tyler O'Connor
 John Shults
 Danny Smith
 Robert Stephens
 Clark Worrell

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

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 2020.

AUGUST READING PLAN

	PSALMS	ROMANS
1/2	□ 65-69	□ 4
3	□ 70-72	□ 5
4	□ 73-74	□ 6
5	□ 75-76	□ 7
6	□ 77-79	□ 8
7	□ 80-84	□ 9:1-10:4
8/9	□ 85-90	□ 10:5-11:10
10	□ 91-93	□ 11:11-36
11	□ 94-95	□ 12
12	□ 96-98	□ 13
13	□ 99-101	□ 14
14	□ 102-104	□ 15:1-21
15/16	□ 105-108	□ 15:22-1 Corinthians 1:17
		1 CORINTHIANS
17	□ 109-110	□ 1:18-31
18	□ 111-112	□ 2
19	□ 113-115	□ 3
20	□ 116-119:48	□ 4
21	□ 119:49-104	□ 5
22/23	□ 119:105-176	□ 6
24	□ 120-124	□ 7
25	□ 125-127	□ 8
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27	□ 131-133	□ 10:1-22
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