The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent March 10, 2019

"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

—Jesus of Nazareth

"But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing."

—James the Apostle

"Endeavor that the Holy Spirit may dwell cheerfully with you, as in a pleasant and joyful dwelling, and give him no occasion for grief."

—John Calvin

"Let us pray that we may have this tongue of the learned that we may be enabled to speak a word in season to some poor, weary soul. Our Lord came from heaven to do that; and of Him it was written, and He verified it in His life, "A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench." That is the way for us also."

—Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones

"Tongue control? It will never be achieved unless there is first of all heart and mind control...When any Christian comes to the point of yielding to the Lord—in full sincerity, cost what it may—control of his thought life, the problem of managing his tongue will be solved, provided that such a surrender goes deeper than the intellect and reaches the emotions and the will."

—Frank E. Gaebelien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

Psalm 107:1-3, 7-9

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west. from the north and from the south.

He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Bear me thro' the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams, 1745. Music: John Hughes, 1907.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Molly Stone

Psalm 51:7-17

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

"Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

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

MHYMN OF MERCY

"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.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 8:1-6

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." ⁶But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

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

M HYMN OF OUR SAVIOR

"Jesus is Better"





Words and Music: Aaron Ivey and Brett Land.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"King of Love" *Children's Choir*

The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever, And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth; And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Chorus:

Never failing, Ruler of my heart, Everlasting, Lover of my soul, On the mountain high or in the valley low, The King of Love my Shepherd is, The King of Love my Shepherd is.

Lost and foolish, off I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark veil I fear no ill, With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. (Chorus, twice)

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise Within Your house forever, Within Your house forever.

Words: based on Psalm 23. Alt. Lyrics and Music: Stuart Garrard, Jonathan Lindley Smith, Adam Palmer, Matthew Hein, and Stephanie Kulla.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Benjamin Grant Daniel
SON OF KATIE AND CAMERON DANIEL

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 their 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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 20 for details).

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Michael Latta

® READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 4:29-31

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice."

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

'AN EDIFYING MOUTH"
osh Johnson

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

John Fountain

Merciful God, Who spoke all of creation into being by the word of your power, and Who made us to image you in our whole being, we confess our failure to represent you in our thoughts, deeds, and especially in our words.

We have torn down those around us with our speech,

M Assurance of Pardon

On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

—Zechariah 13:1

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

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.

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.

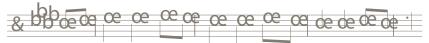
"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"



1.Strick- en, smit- ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
2.Tell me, ye who hear him groan- ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
3.Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup pose the e - vil great,
4.Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref- uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re-ject-ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! Friends thro' fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-sult-ing his dis-tress; here may view its na-ture right-ly, here its guilt may es-ti-mate. Christ, the Rock of our sal-va-tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect-ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da vid's Lord; man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter pose to save; Markthe sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load; Lamb of God, for sin-ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo-ken: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.
but the deep est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus-tice gave.
'tis the Word, the Lord's A-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
None shall ev-er be con found-ed who on him their hopehave built.

Words: Thomas Kelly, 1804, alt. 1961. Music: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN, Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850, arr. by Fernando Ortega.



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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



1.May the grace of Christ our Sav ior and the Fa ther's bound less love, 2.Thus may we a - bide in u-nion with each oth - er and_ the Lord,



with the Ho-ly Spir-it's fa-vor, rest up-on us from a-bove. and pos-sess, in sweet com-mu-nion, joys which earth can-not af-ford.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: March 10 - 16, 2019

SUNDAY, March 10

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

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

(see page 21 for details)

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

Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade

12:00 p.m. College Sunday School (Dining Room; lunch provided)

5:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups

MONDAY, March 11

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

TUESDAY, March 12

6:30 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

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

11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Letters of John (E201)

WEDNESDAY, March 13

12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Prayer Time

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant

5:30-7:15 | Nursery Care (Nursery Floor)

kidConnection* (3rd floor; dinner included)

5:30-6:15 | Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Menu: corned beef and cabbage

6:00-7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15-7:15 | Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

Adult Bible Study | Prayer: The Lord's Prayer,

Our Foundation (E201)

7:30 | Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

^{*}register for kidConnection at covpres.com

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:

3K & 4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour) **Kindergarten • C221** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace) **1st - 2nd Grade • C316** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

Wednesdays@Covenant. Join us midweek for dinner at 5:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at 6:00, youth activities and adult Bible study at 6:15, and band rehearsal at 7:30. Choir rehearsal and Bible study end at 7:15. KidConnection, our children's meal and activities, is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. on the third floor, and you can register children at covpres.com/weekly-activities.

Officer Recommendations. We are now accepting recommendations for church officers for the class of 2022. Please complete the recommendation form in the back of your worship guide and submit your recommendations by Sunday, March 17. You may place the form in the baskets provided in the sanctuary foyer or in the church office.

Lenten Devotionals. Members of our Covenant staff have written daily Lenten devotionals for us to read through and meditate on throughout the 40 days of Lent. Please pick up a copy of our Lenten Devotional 2019 in the sanctuary foyer, commons area, or church office.

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Scott Sauls, Senior Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, will be our guest speaker. Please make plans to join us!

Congregational Prayer Time. Our next time of congregational prayer is Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited as we come together to pray for our congregation, our staff, our leadership, our ministries, and our community.

Save-the-Date: Come to the Table. Ladies, mark your calendars for April 16 and Come to the Table: Second Helpings. This second annual event takes us into members' homes as we fellowship with our sisters and make new friends. Details coming soon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

College students

COLLEGE | DINING ROOM*

 COMMUNITY | E305
 All ages and life stages

 CORNERSTONE | S104
 30s and 40s

 CROSSPOINTE | S100
 20s and 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

UPPER ROOM | S101 60s and 70s

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

^{*}The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.

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Clay Wheeler

John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

> Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

DEACONS

John Shank

2021 2019 2020

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

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

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.

MARCH READING PLAN				
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2/3	□ 28-31	□ 9		
4	□ 32-33	□ 10:1-31		
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	DEUTERONOMY			
6	□ 1-2	□ 11:1-19		
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8	□ 5-7	□ 12:1-27		
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13	□ 20-22	□ 14:26-50		
14	□ 23-25	□ 14:51-72		
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		LUKE		
18	□ 31-32	□ 1:1-23		
19	□ 33-34	□ 1:24-38		
	JOSHUA			
20	□ 1-3	□ 1:39-80		
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JUDGES

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

Elected officers serve a three-year term.

Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, March 17. You may place this form in the baskets provided in the sanctuary foyer or the church office.

•	Recommendations for the Office of ELDER :
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•	Recommendations for the Office of DEACON :
	1
	2
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•	Recommendations for the Office of TRUSTEE:
	1
	2