

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household."

—Exodus 12:2-3

...we read Numbers best when we read it as the story of the heavenly King (the Lord), who has come to dwell in his palace-tent (the Tabernacle), where he is served by his palace servants (the priests), and which rests in the midst of his covenant people (the Israelites).

—Jay Sklar

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

—1 Corinthians 5:7

Celebrating the Lord's acts of deliverance and love in the past is crucial for obeying his commands in the present.

—Jay Sklar

☒ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30 service | Rev. Josh Johnson

11:00 service | Rev. Marty Crawford

Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

All: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

from "Come, Thou Almighty King"

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty,
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ RESPONSIVE READING

from Psalm 34

Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

All: *Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

Leader: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

All: *The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.*

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

All: *The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*

Leader: Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

All: *When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.*

Leader: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

 **HYMNS OF ADORATION**

"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens, Adore Him"
to the tune of "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners"

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him,
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed:
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord: for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail:
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee;
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne:
All Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

"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____



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 - to verse 3
2 - to bridge

Bridge:



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



FINE
we will trust in You.
we will trust in You.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 19:23-37

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken."
³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

*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.*

Leader: Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:9

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.

☒ CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE 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.*

☒ 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.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Be Thou My Vision"

Chancel Choir

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me,
Save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought
In the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping,
Thy presence my light.
(Repeat)

Be thou my wisdom,
Be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me,
And I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father,
And I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling,
And I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only
The first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven,
My treasure thou art;
Great heart of my heart,
Whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.

☒ 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.

The "passing of the peace" plays a significant role in our liturgy. It precedes our coming to the Lord's Table because this sacrament manifests and celebrates our unity in Christ as one body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us not to let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us in reconciling grace and mutual love.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 21 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance pad in your pew and pass it down.

Children's Worship. Children in 3K (3 years old before 9/1/23) 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. Please note: At the end of the 8:30 service, children in 3K will transition to Sunday School and will not return to the Sanctuary for Communion.

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 PENTATEUCH

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Numbers 9:1-10:10

And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ²“Let the people of Israel keep the Passover at its appointed time. ³On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall keep it at its appointed time; according to all its statutes and all its rules you shall keep it.” ⁴So Moses told the people of Israel that they should keep the Passover. ⁵And they kept the Passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses, so the people of Israel did. ⁶And there were certain men who were unclean through touching a dead body, so that they could not keep the Passover on that day, and they came before Moses and Aaron on that day. ⁷And those men said to him, “We are unclean through touching a dead body. Why are we kept from bringing Yahweh’s offering at its appointed time among the people of Israel?” ⁸And Moses said to them, “Wait, that I may hear what Yahweh will command concerning you.”

⁹Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰“Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If any one of you or of your descendants is unclean through touching a dead body, or is on a long journey, he shall still keep the Passover to Yahweh. ¹¹In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight they shall keep it. They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ¹²They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break any of its bones; according to all the statute for the Passover they shall keep it. ¹³But if anyone who is clean and is not on a journey fails to keep the Passover, that person shall be cut off from his people because he did not bring Yahweh’s offering at its appointed time; that man shall bear his sin. ¹⁴And if a stranger sojourns among you and would keep the Passover to Yahweh, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its rule, so shall he do. You shall have one statute, both for the sojourner and for the native.”

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.

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¹⁵On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning. ¹⁶So it was always: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. ¹⁷And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped. ¹⁸At the command of Yahweh the people of Israel set out, and at the command of Yahweh they camped. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. ¹⁹Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle many days, the people of Israel kept the charge of Yahweh and did not set out. ²⁰Sometimes the cloud was a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of Yahweh they remained in camp; then according to the command of Yahweh they set out. ²¹And sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning. And when the cloud lifted in the morning, they set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they set out. ²²Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, abiding there, the people of Israel remained in camp and did not set out, but when it lifted they set out. ²³At the command of Yahweh they camped, and at the command of Yahweh they set out. They kept the charge of Yahweh, at the command of Yahweh by Moses.

¹⁰¹Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Make two silver trumpets. Of hammered work you shall make them, and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for breaking camp. ³And when both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁴But if they blow only one, then the chiefs, the heads of the tribes of Israel, shall gather themselves to you. ⁵When you blow an alarm, the camps that are on the east side shall set out. ⁶And when you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that are on the south side shall set out. An alarm is to be blown whenever they are to set out. ⁷But when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow a long blast, but you shall not sound an alarm. ⁸And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets. The trumpets shall be to you for a perpetual statute throughout your generations. ⁹And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before Yahweh your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies. ¹⁰On the day of your gladness also, and at your appointed feasts and at the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. They shall be a reminder of you before your God: I am Yahweh your God.”

MESSAGE

Robby Holt

Remember your Salvation (by the blood of the Lamb)

Walk with the Lord (according to his Word)

Remember how you...

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Our sermon passage for October 8 will be from Numbers 10:11-36. Please see our suggested reading plan for the book of Numbers on page 27.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

Words of Institution

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

Confession: Our Confident Access in Jesus Christ

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 join in singing the hymns during Communion.

"Come Thou Fount"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;*
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

*"The stone of help" (1 Samuel 7:12-14)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest,
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above,
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
Mercy and love.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning,
New mercies I see;
All I have needed,
Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth;
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside.
(Chorus, twice)

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 1 - 7, 2023

SUNDAY, October 1

8:30 am	Gathered Worship
9:45 am	All-Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am	Gathered Worship
5:00 pm	Hymn Sing & Dinner on the Grounds (The Pit)

MONDAY, October 2

8:15 am	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
6:00 pm	Women's Beatitude Living: Christ-Centered 12-Step Group (Tower Room)

TUESDAY, October 3

10:00 am	Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (100)
11:00 am	Women's Study: Acts (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, October 4

10:00 am	Church-wide Prayer Time (104)
5:15 - 7:15 pm	Wednesdays@Covenant 5:15 Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:15 Studies & Activities for all ages <i>Adult Options:</i> - Choir (Sanctuary) - Get With the Times: Living as the Church in a Post-Christian World (Dining Room) - Missions Study: Kingdom & Mission: Following the Sent & Sending God (201) - Women's Study: Acts (303, 304, 305) <i>KidConnection</i> (3k - 5th grades, 3rd floor; children may be dropped off <i>by a parent</i> at 5:45) <i>Youth Activities</i> (6th - 12th grades; Youth Rooms)

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

45th Anniversary & Hymn Sing. Today is Covenant's 45th anniversary! We will celebrate 45 years of God's faithfulness during an all-adult Sunday School hour and children's Sunday School and at our fall Hymn Sing at 5:00 pm with dinner on the grounds (The Pit). Please plan to join us!

Birthday Cakes for Covenant. Bake a birthday cake to share at our dinner on the grounds tonight following the Hymn Sing on October 1! You can drop off your cake in the Covenant Kitchen before the Hymn Sing.

Opportunity to Serve. Covenant will serve at Christian Service Mission, one of our local missions partners, on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 - 11:00 am at 3600 3rd Ave. South. We either will pack food boxes or sort Amazon donations alongside Love Fellowship from Adamsville. We welcome volunteers ages 6th grade and up! Please contact Catherine Hogewood, clhogewood@att.net, for more information.

Wednesdays@Covenant. Join us each Wednesday night for dinner, activities, and studies! Dinner begins at 5:15 pm and choir, studies, and children's and youth activities are from 6:15 - 7:15 (see page 20). Please visit covpres.com/wednesdays for all of the details.

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Scripture Memory. As a church we are memorizing scripture together. Our memory verse for this season (September 14 - December 2) is Numbers 6:22-27:

*The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,
The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I shall bless them."*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:45 a.m.

Directional signs are located throughout the church.

COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP HALL	<i>College students</i>
THRESHOLD 304	<i>20s and 30s</i>
KING'S TABLE 201	<i>30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
CROSSPOINTE 100	<i>mid 30s to mid 40s</i>
CORNERSTONE 104	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)
LIGHTHOUSE 305	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS 301	<i>late 50s to early 70s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
FOUNDATIONS 303	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i>
LIVING STONES DINING ROOM	<i>late 40s to early 60s</i> (Pastor: Henry Morris)
COMMUNITY 300	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM 101	<i>late 60s and above</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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Robert Luttrell
Steve Pfitzer
Brent Powell
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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 2023.

OCTOBER READING PLAN

	ISAIAH
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20	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4
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EPHESIANS

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PHILIPPIANS

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3-4

COLOSSIANS

1:1-2:5

2:6-3:17

3:18-4:18

1 THESSALONIANS

1

2:1-16

2:17-3:13

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2 THESSALONIANS

1

2

3

1 TIMOTHY

1-2

3

4

5:1-6:2a

6:2b-21

2 TIMOTHY

1

2-3

4

TITUS

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RESOURCES

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

Commentaries on the Last Four Books of Moses: Arranged on the Form of a Harmony, Vol 1 - 4, John Calvin
From Paradise to the Promised Land, T. D. Alexander
He Gave Us Stories, Richard L. Pratt
Leviticus and Numbers, Joe Sprinkle
Numbers, David L. Stubbs
Numbers, Gordon Wenham
Promise and Deliverance, Vol 1, S.G. De Graaf
The Five Books of Moses, Everett Fox
The Lord Bless You & Keep You, Michael J. Glodo
The Pentateuch as Narrative, John H. Sailhamer
The Theme of the Pentateuch, David J. A. Clines
Torah Story, Gary Edward Schnitjer

HYMN CREDITS

Find our gathered worship playlist at covpres.com/music-worship.

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Words: anonymous. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796.

"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

Words: from Psalm 148. Foundling Hospital Collection, Stanzas 1 & 2, 1796
 Edward Osler, Stanza 3, 1836. Music: HYFRYDOL.

"My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)"

Words and Music: CCLI Song # 7190363. Bob Kauflin, Keaton Bunting. © 2021
 Sovereign Grace Praise (Admin. by Integrity Music). CCLI License # 147209.

"Gloria Patri"

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

Words: early Irish, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931), versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935).
 Music: Bob Chilcott.

"Come Thou Fount"

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: NETTLETON; Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923. Music: William M. Runyan, 1923, arr. Rick Barnes.

READING PLAN FOR NUMBERS

September 10 | Numbers 1-4

September 17 | Numbers 5-6

September 24 | Numbers 7-8

October 1 | Numbers 9:1-10:10

October 8 | Numbers 10:11-36

October 15 | Numbers 11:1-12:16

October 22 | Numbers 13-14

October 29 | Numbers 15

November 5 | Numbers 16-18

November 12 | Numbers 19

November 19 | Numbers 20:1-21:9

November 26 | Numbers 21:10-35

December 3 | Numbers 22:1-41

December 10 | Numbers 23:1-30

December 17 | Numbers 24:1-25

December 24 | Matthew 1:1-6a, 16

December 31 | Matthew 2:1-12

January 7 | Numbers 25-26

January 14 | Numbers 27

January 21 | Numbers 28-30

January 28 | Numbers 31-32

February 4 | Numbers 33:1-49

He who promised
is FAITHFUL

celebrating 45 years of God's Faithfulness

HYMN SING

&

DINNER ON THE
GROUNDS

October 1 | 5:00 PM