

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



EASTER TIDE | MAY 15, 2022 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"you are a...royal priesthood..."

—The Apostle Peter, 1 Peter 2:9

"Israel as a 'kingdom of priests' is Israel committed to the extension throughout the world of ministry to Yahweh's presence...by priests depending on faith in Yahweh, a servant nation..."

—John I. Durham

"Like Old Testament Israel, we are people whom God wants to use for the mission that is driven forward by his future grace—bringing people of all nations in the whole earth into that multinational family of those who know him, love him and worship him alone."

—Chris Wright

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

8:00 | *Rev. John Fountain*

10:30 | *Rev. Josh Johnson*

☒ RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

All: *Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: *For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

HYMNS OF ADORATION

"Praise, My Soul, King of Heaven"



1.Praise my soul, the King of Heav - en,
 2.Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor,
 3.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish,
 4.Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us;
 5.An - gels help us to a - dore Him;



to His feet Thy tri - bute bring;
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 blows the wind and it is gone;
 well our fee - ble frame He knows;
 you be - hold Him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 in His hands He gent - ly bears us,
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



who, like me, His praise should sing?
 slow to chide and swift to bless;
 God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 res - cues us from all our foes;
 dwell - ers all in time and space,

Refrain:



(1-5) Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,



praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.
 praise with us the God of grace.

 "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)

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 29-34

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

²⁹Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? ³⁰Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We acknowledge and confess before you;
Our sinful nature quick to do evil and slow to do good;
All our shortcomings and offenses are before you at all times.
You alone know how often we have sinned;
In wandering from your ways;
In wasting your gifts;
In forgetting your love.
O Lord, have mercy upon us;
For in our sin we have displeased you.
Teach us to hate our errors;
Cleanse us from our secret faults;
And forgive our sins;
For the sake of your dear Son.
And, most holy and loving Father,
Cause us to live in your light and walk in your ways;
In keeping with the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord,
According to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

—Romans 8:1

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.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Congregational Hymn

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, and perfect plea;
A great High priest Whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 AM

Elizabeth James Batte

DAUGHTER OF ELIZABETH AND JARED BATTE

Henry Williams Batte

SON OF ELIZABETH AND JARED BATTE

Charlotte Frances Fitts

DAUGHTER OF LEAH AND LUCAS FITTS

Mary Cameron Steele

DAUGHTER OF LAUREN AND DAVID STEELE

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 your child's 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 without reservation 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 truth and mystery of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means which God has graciously given us, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Words: Anna Bartlett Warner (1859). Music: William B. Bradbury.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 20 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance pad in your pew and pass it down.

Children's Worship. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2021) through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children will walk with staff to C222, C223, or C224, and staff will then walk children back to worship to join their parents 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

Exodus 19:1-9, 16-20

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. Yahweh called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that Yahweh had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that Yahweh has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to Yahweh.

⁹And Yahweh said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because Yahweh had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

¹⁹And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. ²⁰Yahweh came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And Yahweh called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

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.

But you are a chosen race, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to **abstain from the passions of the flesh**, which wage war against your soul. ¹²**Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable**, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

Words of Institution

from Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayer of Humble Access

*We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King, to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
in this breaking of bread, a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you
and you with 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.
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.

"Open Our Eyes"



1. When we see the ris - en Sav - ior with the
 2. Je - sus, show Your - self the Au - thor and Per -
 3. You're the Word that spoke cre - a - tion, You're the
 4. Je - sus, show Your - self the Pro - phet, Je - sus,



bread that He has blessed, He be -
 fact - er of our faith, in Your
 end of Mos - es' Law, You're the
 show Your - self the King, Je - sus,



comes the liv - ing Ser - vant, heav'n - ly
 liv - ing and Your dy - ing, con - sum -
 goal of A - bram's bless - ing, You're the
 show Your - self the Priest, all in



food for ho - ly rest.
 ma - tion of God's grace.
 King whom Dav - id saw;
 all, and ev - ery - thing.



Stay with us, for day is fad - ing, feast with
 From cre - a - tion to the ex - ile, in - car -
 You're the Day the proph - ets longed for, You're the



us, O se - cret King, show to
 na - tion to the grave, res - ur -
 cov - e - nant of grace, You're the

FINE



us how Scrip - ture's sto - ry speaks of
 rec - tion to a - scen - sion; come, O
 he - ro of the Scrip - tures, now we



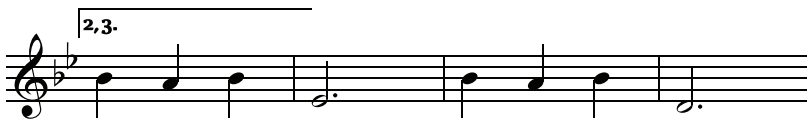
You in ev - ery - thing.
 Je - sus, come to save.
 see You face to face.



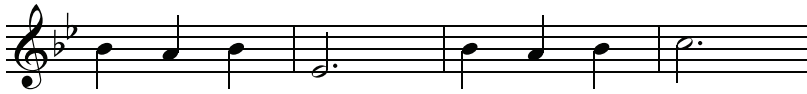
Do not our hearts burn now? For you're



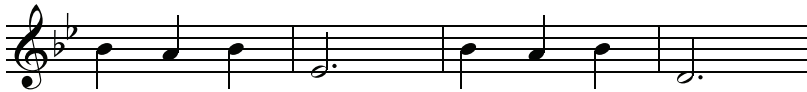
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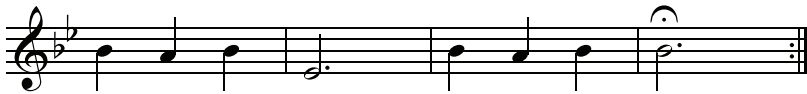
Op - en our eyes, shine on our sight,



O ris - en Lord, reign - ing on high;



give us Your life, bread from the skies;



lift up our hearts, op - en our eyes.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

 **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: May 15 - 21, 2022

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SUNDAY, May 15

- 8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages (see page 21)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Hymn Sing (parking lot)
Dinner immediately following (the Pit)

MONDAY, May 16

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Study: Seek First (304)

WEDNESDAY, May 17

- 10:00 a.m. Church-wide Prayer Time (101)

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Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, May 16 - 22).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Hymn Sing. Our Spring Hymn Sing is tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot, with dinner following in the Pit. All are invited!

Women's Summer Studies. We have a number of Summer Studies coming up:

- *Seek First* on Mondays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in May and June.
- *The Covenant Life* on Sundays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (podcast and book study) in June.
- *Breathe: The Life Giving Oxygen of the Lord's Prayer* on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (childcare and children's lesson included) in June and July. Ladies who are not coming with children are welcome to join us for lunch from 11:00 - 12:00 or join us at noon.
- *Read It, See It, Say It, Sing It: Knowing and Loving God's Word* on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., five weeks in June, July, and August.

Visit covpres.com/womens-bible-studies for details and registration.

Children's Summer Activities. Our Children's Ministry has lots of fun planned for this summer! Please visit covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities for details and registration for everything from VBS to Game On.

Sunday, May 29. We will have one gathered worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday May 29. We will not have Sunday School that morning.

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our scripture memory for the Eastertide (April 17 - June 5) is 1 Corinthians 15:20-22:

*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*Today's flowers were given by Leah and Lucas Fitts in memory
of Lucas' mother, Susan Fitts.*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

THRESHOLD 304	<i>Singles, college students, and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
KING'S TABLE 301	30s (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
CROSSPOINTE 100	<i>mid 30s to mid 40s</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)
CORNERSTONE 104	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE 305	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i>
FOUNDATIONS DINING ROOM	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
LIVING STONES 303	<i>late 40s to late 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS 201	<i>late 40s to late 60s</i> (Pastor: Dan Edwards)
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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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.

MAY READING PLAN

	1 KINGS	LUKE
1	□ 2-6	□ 23:1-25
2	□ 7-8	□ 23:26-56
3	□ 9-10	□ 24:1-12
4	□ 11-12	□ 24:13-35
5	□ 13-14	□ 24:36-53
		JOHN
6	□ 15-16	□ 1
7/8	□ 17-22	□ 2:1-3:21
	2 KINGS	
9	□ 1-2	□ 3:22-4:26
10	□ 3-4	□ 4:27-42
11	□ 5-6	□ 4:43-54
12	□ 7-9	□ 5:1-29
13	□ 10-11	□ 5:30-47
14/15	□ 12-16	□ 6:1-51
16	□ 17-19	□ 6:52-71
17	□ 20-22	□ 7:1-36
18	□ 23-24	□ 7:37-52
19	□ 25-1 Chronicles 2	□ 7:53-8:11
	1 CHRONICLES	
20	□ 3-5	□ 8:12-38
21/22	□ 6-9	□ 8:39-59
23	□ 10-11	□ 9
24	□ 12-14	□ 10:1-21
25	□ 15-17	□ 10:22-42
26	□ 18-20	□ 11:1-27
27	□ 21-23	□ 11:28-44
28/29	□ 24-29	□ 11:45-12:36a
	2 CHRONICLES	
30	□ 1-3	□ 12:36b-50
31	□ 4-6	□ 13:1-20

SERMON RESOURCES

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

Exodus, T. Desmond Alexander

The Gospel of Exodus, Michael P. V. Barrett

The God who Makes Himself Known, W. Ross Blackburn

Exodus Old and New, L. Michael Morales

The Message of Exodus, J. A. Motyer

Exploring Exodus, Nahum M. Sarna

From Bondage to Liberty, Anthony T. Selvaggio

Exodus, Christopher J. H. Wright

ESV Study Bible

Lexham English Translation

NIV Study Bible

HYMN CREDITS

"Praise, My Soul, King of Heaven"

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834. Music: John Goss, 1869.

"Come Thou Fount"

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

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Words and Music: CCLI Song # 2306412. Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

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"Open Our Eyes"

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"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Words: George Matheson, 1882. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997.