

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Yet they sinned still more against him,
rebelling against the Most High in the desert.
They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.
They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"
—Psalm 78:17–19

But such is the malignity and ingratitude of men, that they count
all God's bounty for nothing, whilst they are brooding over their
own importunate lusts.
—John Calvin

Oh...they...grumbled on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
They grumbled on Thursday too.
They grumbled on Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
They grumbled the whole week through...
—"Grumble Song," Mr. and Mrs. F H Lacy

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30 service | Rev. Henry Morris

11:00 service | Rev. Marty Crawford

Psalm 34:3

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

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

from "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!

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

from Psalm 78

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

All: *We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.*

Leader: He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;
and that they should not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

All: *Yet they sinned still more against him,
rebellious against the Most High in the desert.
They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.
They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"*

 **HYMN OF ADORATION**

"Come Away From Rush and Hurry"
to the tune of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come away from rush and hurry
To the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry,
Come to Christ to find relief.
Come away from noise and clamor,
Life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered
Here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness,
We lie down to rest our soul;
From the waters of God's mercy
We drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence,
All the saints are richly fed
With the oil of God's anointing,
Into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens,
Life's confusion, fear, and pain;
Leave them at the cross of Jesus,
Take instead His kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts for He will quench them,
He alone will satisfy;
All our longings find attainment
When to self we gladly die.

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When to self we gladly die.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" ¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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.
 Turn us to yourself.
 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

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
 and your sins like mist;
 return to me, for I have redeemed you.
 —Isaiah 44:22

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 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.*

☒ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Bless the Lord O My Soul (Psalm 103)"

Congregational Hymn



1. My God is slow to an - ger when I go a - stray;
 2. He saved me from the pit_ when I had lost all hope;
 7 3. Mer - ci - ful and gra - cious is my God to me;



Bless the Lord, O my soul.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.



For all of my be - tray - als, He will not re - pay;
 From end - less springs of kind - ness all His bless - ings flow;
 And I will tell His good - ness through e - ter - ni - ty;



Bless the Lord, O my soul.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.



Through mer - cy and_ com - pas - sion His great love is proved,
 Our days will fade_ like flow - ers and are quick - ly spent,
 7 Bless the Lord you an - gels, all you heav - 'nly hosts,



He co - vers my_ trans - gres - sions like the snow.
 and like the wind, our years will come and go.
 and ev - 'ry liv - ing crea - ture here be - low.



As far as east_ from west are all my sins re - moved;
 7 Ev - er - last - ing fa - vor is His cov - e - nant;
 7 Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost;

1.2.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

3.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord_ you an - gels, all you heav - 'nly hosts,

and ev - 'ry liv - ing crea-ture here be - low.

Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost;

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

 **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 22 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

Numbers 11:1-23; 11:24-35; 12:6-9

And the people complained in the hearing of Yahweh about their misfortunes, and when Yahweh heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of Yahweh burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. ²Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to Yahweh, and the fire died down. ³So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of Yahweh burned among them.

⁴Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

⁷Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. ⁸The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. ⁹When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of Yahweh blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to Yahweh, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

¹⁶Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ¹⁷And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone. ¹⁸And say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, for you have wept in the hearing of Yahweh, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was better for us in Egypt." Therefore Yahweh will give you meat, and you shall eat. ¹⁹You shall not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, ²⁰but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected Yahweh who is among you and have wept before him, saying, "Why did we come out of Egypt?"'" ²¹But Moses said, "The people among whom I am number six hundred thousand on foot, and you have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!' ²²Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, and be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and be enough for them?" ²³And Yahweh said to Moses, "Is Yahweh's hand shortened? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not."

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.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of Yahweh. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then Yahweh came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they

prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all Yahweh's people were prophets, that Yahweh would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

³¹Then a wind from Yahweh sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground. ³²And the people rose all that day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail. Those who gathered least gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. ³³While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of Yahweh was kindled against the people, and Yahweh struck down the people with a very great plague. ³⁴Therefore the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had the craving. ³⁵From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed to Hazeroth, and they remained at Hazeroth.

^{12:6}And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I Yahweh make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. ⁷Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. ⁸With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of Yahweh. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" ⁹And the anger of Yahweh was kindled against them, and he departed.

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.

"Before the Throne of God Above"

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.

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.

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. What truth can calm the troub-led soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, Helives! Christ, Helives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be - long.
Where is His grace and good ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.
and what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes a - part from His com mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm y trial?
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand...
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
and we will feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more...

Refrain:



O sing Ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal;



O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess



Christ our hope in life and death.

"Galatians 2:20"



I have been cru - ci - fied with_ Christ.



It is no long - er I who_ live,



but Christ who lives in me,



but Christ who lives in_ me._



And the life I now live in the flesh



I live by faith in the Son of God,___



Who loved me and gave Him - self for me.


BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 15 - 21, 2023

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SUNDAY, October 15

8:30 am Gathered Worship
9:45 am Adult Sunday School (see page 23)
11:00 am Gathered Worship
4:00 pm 6th Grade Small Groups (Youth Rooms)
5:00 pm 4th & 5th Grades Faith & Fun (3rd Floor)
5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups (Youth Rooms)
5:00 pm Women's Study: Acts

MONDAY, October 16

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

TUESDAY, October 17

6:15 am Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 am Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (100)
11:00 am Women's Study: Acts (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, October 18

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
Adult Options:
- 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)
KidConnection (3k - 5th grades, 3rd floor; children
may be dropped off *by a parent* at 5:45)
Youth Activities (6th - 12th grades; Youth Rooms)

OCTOBER 15, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Breakfast. Men, join us this Tuesday, October 17, at 6:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly Men's Breakfast. This is a great opportunity to hear from our pastors, fellowship together, and enjoy some really good food! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers!

Women's Ministry: Christmas Concert + Market. Tickets go on sale tomorrow, October 16, for our Christmas Concert + Market. Join us Thursday, November 30, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, for our holiday market and concert featuring Melanie Penn. You also can apply to be a market vendor; the deadline is October 20. Please visit covpres.com/events for all the information, to purchase tickets, and to apply to be a market vendor.

Crates for Ukraine 3.0. Covenant is again filling and packing crates with much-needed medical and personal care items to send to Ukraine. We are planning to send four crates, and we will be ordering all of the supplies for direct delivery to Covenant. The cost for this effort will be approximately \$7,000. Please prayerfully consider making a financial donation to cover the cost. You can give online at covpres.com or send a check to Covenant (marked for "Crates for Ukraine"). Please contact Mark Midyette (205-531-5980) or Sarah South (321-278-8111) if you have any questions.

Nominating Committee Recommendations. Through October 22, we ask that you submit recommendations for our 2024 Nominating Committee. This 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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Michael Kruger

"The Reliability of the New Testament"

5:15 pm | Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 pm | Dr. Michael Kruger (Sanctuary)

Join us on Wednesday, October 25, to hear from Dr. Michael Kruger, Biblical scholar, author, speaker, and President RTS Charlotte. We will begin the evening with dinner at 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall, and then all adults will move to the Sanctuary for a lecture and Q&A with Dr. Kruger on *"The Reliability of the New Testament."* This will take the place of our regular Wednesday night studies for adults. Please plan to join us!

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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DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Tripp Alexander	Samuel Bragg	Will Bennett
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BIBLE READING PLAN

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OCTOBER READING PLAN

	ISAIAH
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2	<input type="checkbox"/> 24-26
3	<input type="checkbox"/> 27-28
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19	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
20	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4
21/22	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9
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EPHESIANS

- 2-3
- 4
- 5
- 6

PHILIPPIANS

- 1
- 2
- 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

- 4
- 5

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

- 1

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 Schnittjer

HYMN CREDITS

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

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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

"Come Away From Rush and Hurry"

Words: CCLI Song # 6283218. Marva J. Dawn. © 1999 Dawn, Marva J. (Admin. by Hope Publishing Company). Music: NETTLETON. CCLI License # 147209.

"Doxology"

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, attr. to Louis Bourgeois (1551).

"Bless the Lord O My Soul (Psalm 103)"

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"Galatians 2:20"

Words: Galatians 2:20. Music: Adam Wright.

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