The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Epiphany February 24, 2019

"The more effectually to express how worthy God is to be praised in his works, he calls upon all creatures from above and below to sing his praises. He begins with angels, but immediately proceeds to address the brute creation and dumb elements, intimating, that there is no part of the world in which the praises of God are not to be heard, inasmuch as he everywhere gives proof of his power, goodness, and wisdom. He then comes to speak of men, whom God has constituted the proper heralds of his praises in this world. But as the unbelieving portion of them is both blind to the consideration of God's works, and dumb to his praises, the Psalmist at the close appeals to the children of Israel, who were privileged with a special discovery of God, as principal witnesses."

—John Calvin on Psalm 148

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Driskill

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, The King of creation; O my soul praise Him For He is thy health and salvation. All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things So wondrously reigneth; Shelters thee under His wings, Yes so gently sustaineth. Hast thou not seen How all thy longings have been Granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee. Surely His goodness and mercy Here daily attend thee; Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him.

All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him.

Let the amen Sound from His people again.

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Let the amen Sound from His people again. Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Words: Based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863. Music: *LOBE DEN HERREN*.

M PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Justin Richardson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be sa crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

M HYMN OF FAITH

"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.

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

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

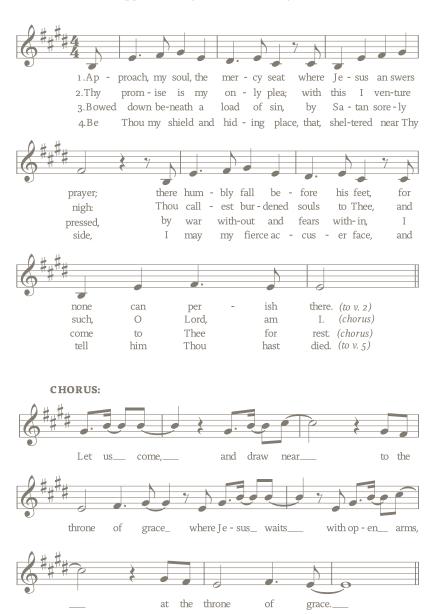
Ephesians 1:3-10

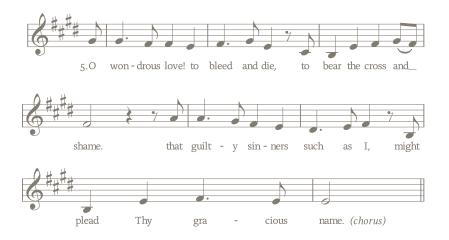
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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

M HYMN OF GOD'S GRACE

"Throne of Grace (Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat)"





Words: John Newton, 1779; chorus lyrics by Rick Barnes, 2012. Music: Rick Barnes, 2012.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Chancel Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy!
Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and Seraphim
Falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and
Evermore shall be.

Thou art holy, Thou art holy, Thou art holy!

Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in Earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, arranged by Dan Forrest.

M 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

Bill Bennett

GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Ligon Duncan
Chancellor/CEO, Reformed Theological Seminary

Ligon Duncan is the Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary and the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology. Ligon was born in Greenville, SC, and reared in the home of an eighth generation Presbyterian ruling elder. A graduate of Furman University (B.A. History), he received a M.Div. and M.A. (Historical Theology) from Covenant Theological Seminary. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, New College, Scotland. Ligon has authored, co-authored, edited, or contributed to more than 35 books, and he is the chairman of the RUF Midsouth Committee. Ligon is an active churchman and has been involved in the presbyteries and general assemblies of the PCA in various ways for many years. Ligon and his wife Anne have two teenagers and reside in Jackson, MS.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 148:1-14

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights! ²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. ⁶And he established them forever and ever: he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, 8 fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! ⁹Mountains and all hills. fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock. creeping things and flying birds! 11Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12 Young men and maidens together, old men and children! ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted: his majesty is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the Lord!

MESSAGE

"REASONS FOR PRAISE"	
Ligon Duncan	

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dan Edwards

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life;
to the glory of your name. Amen.

—Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

— Romans 5:1-2

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.

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 Ghost,
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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

M 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.

If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly.

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.

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HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"



Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: Greg Thompson, 2000.

"And Can It Be"

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace! Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me! (Refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
(Refrain)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
(Refrain)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: Thomas Campbell (1777-1844).

M PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: February 24 - March 3, 2019

SUNDAY, February 24 Family Promise families arrive

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, Feburary 25

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

TUESDAY, Feburary 26

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, February 27

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

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: iambalava

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

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

Adult Bible Study | Scripture: How do we read it? Pt.3, Practical Reading and Applying of Scripture

(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.

John Fountain Ordination Service. John Fountain, our Director of Student Ministries, has worked hard pursuing ordination since coming to Covenant and will be ordained during an evening service on March 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to this special service celebrating John, his calling, and the work he is already doing at Covenant. There will be a reception immediately following the service, and nursery childcare will be available by reservation (email nursery@covpres.com).

Covenant Band. The Covenant band is a rotating group of musicians who play during Sunday worship services and other special events. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We encourage anyone who plays an instrument to be a part. We do require an audition, but don't let that scare you! Our goal is not only to discover each player's strengths but to also learn how we can help those who might need more practice. For more information, email Rick Barnes at rbarnes@covpres.com

Ash Wednesday Service. As the Lenten Season approaches, we invite you to join us Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service.

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

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

LIVING STONES | E303

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | S101 60s and 70s

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

40s and 50s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

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

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2019 2020 2021

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Jeff Dyess Will Brooke Russell Martin

Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray

Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Warren Norville

Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Sandy Stradtman

John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Clay Wheeler Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler

Mark Taylor

John Wood

DEACONS

John Shank

2019 2020 2021

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

Tyler O'Connor

Patrick Strong

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

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.

FEBRUARY READING PLAN

	NUMBERS	MARK	
23/24	□ 8-13	□ 5	
25	□ 14-16	□ 6:1-31	
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MARCH READING PLAN			
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5	□ 34-36	□ 10:32-52	
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6	□ 1-2	□ 11:1-19	
7	□ 3-4	□ 11:20-33	
8	□ 5-7	□ 12:1-27	
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		LUKE	
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19	□ 33-34	□ 1:24-38	
	JOSHUA		
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21	□ 4-6	□ 2:1-21	
22	□ 7-8	□ 2:22-52	
23/24	□ 9-13	□ 3:1-4:30	
25	□ 14-15	□ 4:31-44	
26	□ 16-18	□ 5:1-16	
27	□ 19-20	□ 5:17-39	
28	□ 21-22	□ 6:1-26	
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