

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Magnanimous perfectly describes Father Abram after his experience in Egypt. Down in Egypt his lack of trust in God had reduced him to a small-hearted, self-focused man. But back in Canaan, repentant and trusting God, he exemplified a greatness of spirit and generosity of soul in his dealings with his nephew Lot. Now the story of Abram's rescue of Lot provides us with an instructive sequel to chapter 13 as we see Abram, the man of faith, living magnanimously in a sinful, violent world—as he trusts God."

—Kent Hughes

The calling of a priest will rest on you forever,
confirmed by God's own oath, a bond that none can sever:
within Yourself You bore the cost of priceless grace—
Your sacred role transcends the breadth of time and space.

—Martin Leckebusch, "As Lord of All"

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD!

*ALL: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

Leader: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

ALL: His praise endures forever!

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!


Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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, allelu...
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN.

 "Come, Thou Almighty King"


1. Come, Thou Al- might - y King, help us Thy name— to
2. Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, gird on Thy might - y
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa cred wit - ness
4. To Thee, great One— in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es



sing. Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic-
sword, our prayer a - ttend; come, and Thy peo ple bless, and give Thy
bear in this glad hour: Thou Who al - might - y art, now rule in
be hence ev - er more. Thy sov'reign maj - es - ty, may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign ov - er us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess: Spir - it of hol - i - ness, on us de - scend.
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de part, Spir - it of pow'r. (to bridge)
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty, love and a - dore.

Bridge:

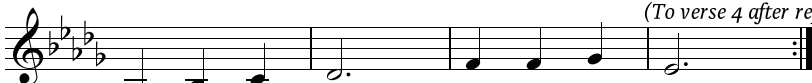
Fa - ther, now call us out of our wan - d'ring.



Je - sus, now come and cast out our fear.



Spir - it, now preach the Son to our deaf - ness:



op - en our hearts, op - en our hearts.

(To verse 4 after repeats)

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 110

The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

²The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;

from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

⁴The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.

⁷He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ALL: O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Leader: Merciful Father, hear now the silent
confessions of your broken and contrite people.

SILENT PRAYERS OF 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.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 6:19-7:3, 15-17, 26-28

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

^{7:1}For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ²and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

¹⁵This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

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

Congregational Hymn



1. Ap - proach, my soul, the mer - cy seat where Je - sus an - swers prayer;
2. Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea; with this I ven - ture nigh:
3. Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, by Sa - tan sore - ly pressed,
4. Be Thou my shield and hid - ing place, that shel - tered near Thy side,



there hum - bly fall be - fore his feet, for none can per - ish there. *(to v. 2)*
 Thou call - est bur - dened souls to Thee, and such, O Lord, am I. *(chorus)*
 by war with - out and fears with - in, I come to Thee for rest. *(chorus)*
 I may my fierce ac - cus - er face, and tell him Thou hast died. *(to v. 5)*

CHORUS:



Let us_ come, _ and draw near _ to the throne of grace.



where Je - sus_ waits_ with op - en_ arms, _



at the throne of grace. _



5. O won - drous love! to bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame.



that guilt - y sin - ners such as I, might plead Thy gra - cious name. *(chorus)*

The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 AM

Joy Ellis Barlow

DAUGHTER OF LESLIE AND BRETT BARLOW

Duncan Liles Carter Jr.

SON OF VIRGINIA AND LILES CARTER

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 unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

“JESUS LOVES ME”

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

☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.
And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 17 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance sheet provided with your worship guide and leave it in your pew or at your table.

Children's Worship. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarten sitting in the Fellowship Hall 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 the Fellowship Hall, prior to the benediction, to join their parents.

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

Genesis 14

In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, ²these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). ⁴Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. ⁷Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹²They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

¹³Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and

defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus.
¹⁶Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)

¹⁹And he blessed him and said,
 "Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
 Possessor of heaven and earth;
²⁰and blessed be God Most High,
 who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." ²²But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' ²⁴I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share."

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.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

☒ HYMN OF GLORY

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above,
 I have a strong, a 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.
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☒ BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 17 - 23, 2021

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SUNDAY, January 17

8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship
10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

MONDAY, January 18 Church Office closed in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**FRIDAY, January 22 &
SATURDAY, January 23** Discover Covenant Class

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, January 18-24).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Memory. Our pastors are asking each person in our congregation to memorize Psalm 68:4-6 during this season after Epiphany. We will use these verses in our worship services over the next few months, and we ask that you spend time learning these words and "laying them up in your heart and in your soul" (Deuteronomy 11:18).

Sunday School Podcast. In this week's Sunday School podcast, Josh Johnson will discuss Matthew 5 with Sarah and Greg Tomlinson. You can access these lessons through our iTunes podcast: Covenant Presbyterian Church, and at covpres.com/see-hear/audio.

Praying for Health Care Professionals. We are compiling a list of the health care professionals in our congregation so that we may pray for you by name. We have started this list, but we do not want to miss anyone working in health care during the pandemic. If you are in this group, please send your name, profession, and where you work to Kim Oliver at koliver@covpres.com so that we can pray for you and your family!

Discover Covenant Class. Our next Discover Covenant class is Friday, January 22, through Sunday, January 24. The class is required for anyone desiring to become a member; however, you are not obligated to join after attending. If you would like to register, please visit covpres.com/new-members. Nursery childcare (ages 5 and under) is available for each session. Please contact Victoria Williams (205-871-7002, vwilliams@covpres.com) with questions.

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	Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld
	Kurt Senn	John Smith T
		Steve Stigler

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2021	2022	2023
Nick Baggett	Jim Bennett	Tripp Alexander
Ward Bailey	William Edwards	Joseph Cascio
Samuel Bragg	Merrill Johnston	Richard Cox
Trey Clegg	Randall Lancaster	Jay Evans
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Jeff Hicks	Stephen Mince	Gary Gorham
Jim Jenkins	Clyde Prather	Jeff Hayes
Alan Spooner	John Shank	John Shults
Patrick Strong	Matt Thomas	Joe Strickland
	Greg Tomlinson	Darrell Tucker

STEERING COMMITTEE

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John Fountain, Pastoral Liaison (Family)	Steve Stigler, Missions Ministry Chair
Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session	

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 2021.

JANUARY READING PLAN

	GENESIS	MATTHEW
1	□ 1-3	□ 1
2/3	□ 4-8	□ 2-3
4	□ 9-11	□ 4
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19	□ 47	□ 14:22-36
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22	□ 2-4	□ 16:5-28
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29	□ 20-22	□ 20:1-16
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