

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



AUGUST 22, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

God Makes the most surprising choices. Here he chooses a family divided by favoritism, immaturity, jealousy, and vengeance. Yet he will bring about his purposes through them and in the process will bring about their radical transformations and restoration. The road to kingship in Israel is much more tortuous than in Edom; the elect must be redeemed before they rule.

—Bruce Waltke

Q. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures; ordering them, and all their actions, to his glory.

—Larger Catechism, Q&A 18

The true light, which gives light to everyone...He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

—John 1:9a, 11

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 98:1-6

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

*All: The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD,
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

☒ 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.

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

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

 **HYMNS OF ADORATION**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
To gather all His saints
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: DARWALL.



"Behold Our God"

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hand,

Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?
 Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
 Who can teach the One who knows all things?
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave,

All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
 Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!

Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come let us a -

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com

pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him.

Words and Music: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird and Stephen Altrogge
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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 12:1-12

And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. ²When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰Have you not read this Scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
¹¹this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

¹²And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

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

The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, 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 himself for me.

—from Galatians 1:3-4; 2:20

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
"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"
Congregational Hymn


1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er!
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en,
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en.
 4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus,



There is no more for heav - en now to give.
 for by my side the Sav - ior, He will stay.
 The fu - ture sure, the price, it has been paid.
 for He has said that He will bring me home.



He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom,
 I lab - or on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing,
 For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don,
 And day by day I know He will re - new me



my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
 for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played.
 and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave!
 un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne!



To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus.
 To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me.
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed.
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus.



For my life is whol - ly bound to His.
 Through the deep - est val - ley He will lead.
 Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my plea.
 All the glo - ry ev - er - more to Him.



Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver-come!
Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing, "I am free!"
When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson. CCLI: 7121852.

 **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 | 10:30 a.m. 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 the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, prior to communion, 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 37:12-36

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.

¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

¹⁸They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. ²⁴And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ³⁰and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?" ³¹Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." ³⁴Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. ³⁶Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

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.

☒ CLOSING HYMN

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

O sacred Head now wounded
 With grief and shame weighed down;
 Now scornfully surrounded
 With thorns Thine only crown;
 How pale Thou art with anguish,
 With sore abuse and scorn;
 How does that visage* languish
 Which once was bright as morn?

What Thou my Lord hast suffered
 Was all for sinners' gain;
 Mine mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain;
 Lo, here I fall my Savior,
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy favor,
 Vouchsafe** to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
 To thank Thee dearest friend?
 For this Thy dying sorrow,
 Thy pity without end;
 O make me Thine forever,
 And should I fainting be;
 Lord let me never, never
 Outlive my love to Thee.

Words: Bernard of Clarivaux, 1091-1153; tr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656; tr. by James W. Alexander, 1830. Music: PASSION CHORALE; Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; arr. by J.S. Bach, 1729).

*face; expression; countenance

**to grant or give, as by favor

☒ BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: August 22 - 28, 2021**SUNDAY, August 22**

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship
10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

MONDAY, August 23

6:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out Parent Meeting (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, August 24

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Covenant Day School Meet the Teacher (drop in)

WEDNESDAY, August 25

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. First Day of MDO & CDS
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Covenant Prayer Time (S100)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (David Driskill, August 23 - 29).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth & Children's Ministry Update. Even though we are not having Sunday School for a few weeks, our Children's and Youth Ministries staff are planning events during this time to maintain connections with our youngest members. Children's worship is available for ages 3 through kindergarten during the 10:30 service, and we are offering an "Open House" on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 for children to participate in a brief activity in the children's building and recite a memory verse for a goody! We have several other outdoor evening events planned in September as well. As for our youth students, small groups will begin on August 29, Senior High Bible Study will begin on September 7, and Jr. High Bible Study will begin on September 8. As always, our youth staff continues to connect one-on-one with students during the week. Children and youth parents, be on the lookout for more details regarding all of these upcoming events!

Women's Bible Studies. We are planning for women's Bible studies to begin the week of September 12. We have several options on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and Sunday evenings. Please visit covpres.com/womens-bible-studies for all the details and to register.

Pray for Me. The vision of the Pray for Me Campaign is that every young person in the church would have a team of adult believers serving as their prayer champions. Once you sign up, we will match you with a 6th-12th grade student that you will commit to praying for throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Email Rachel Davis at shields.rachel.c@gmail.com to sign up and be paired with a student. Thank you for being willing to pray for our students!

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our new memory verse is Titus 3:4-8. We will be memorizing these verses as a church body now through November 27.

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but
according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal
of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ
our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life. 8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want
you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may
be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent
and profitable for people.*

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	Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld
	Kurt Senn	John Smith T
		Steve Stigler

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2021	2022	2023
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Trey Clegg	Randall Lancaster	Jay Evans
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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 2021.

AUGUST READING PLAN

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