

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Evangel Presbytery, PCA  
Installation Service of Rev. Robby Holt  
as Senior Pastor*

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

—the Prophet Jeremiah

Men are never duly touched and impressed with a conviction of their insignificance, until they have contrasted themselves with the majesty of God. His essence, indeed, is incomprehensible, utterly transcending all human thought; but on each of his works his glory is engraven in characters so bright, so distinct, and so illustrious, that none, however dull and illiterate, can plead ignorance as their excuse.

—John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book I

Real true faith is man's weakness leaning on God's strength.

—Dwight L. Moody

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

—Corrie Ten Boom

**READING FROM THE PSALMS AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

*David Driskill, Assistant Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

Psalm 99

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

*The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.  
Let them praise your great and awesome name!*

*Holy is he!*

The King in his might loves justice.

*You have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

*Holy is he!*

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.  
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.  
In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;  
they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

*O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.*

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

*for the LORD our God is holy!*

## 🎵 HYMN OF PRAISE

“Only a Holy God”

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

Chorus:  
Come and behold Him,  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy,  
Forever a Holy God;  
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God.  
(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God.  
Only our Holy God.

Words and Music: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren  
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## ☒ APOSTLES' CREED

*John Fountain, Assistant Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*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.*

## ☒ 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

*Dan Edwards, Assistant Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Josh Johnson, Assistant Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*Holy God,  
Whose eyes are too pure to look upon iniquity,  
Who cannot tolerate wrong,  
and Who has called us to be holy as You are holy,  
we confess that we have failed to live holy lives,  
but have followed the devices and desires of our own selfish hearts.  
Please forgive us for all our sins,  
cleanse us of all unrighteousness, and renew our spirits,  
that we may hereafter live for Your glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Trisagion”

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have Mercy, have mercy on us.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Fernando Ortega. CCLI 6485614.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21

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**

*Marty Crawford, Assistant Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

“Grace Unmeasured”  
*Congregational Hymn*

Grace unmeasured vast and free That knew me from eternity,  
That called me out before my birth To bring You glory on this earth.  
Grace amazing pure and deep That saw me in my misery,  
That took my curse and owned my blame  
So I could bear Your righteous name.

Grace (grace grace),  
Paid for my sins and brought me to life.  
Grace (grace grace),  
Clothes me with pow’r to do what is right.  
Grace (grace grace),  
Will lead me to heav’n where I’ll see Your face,  
And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

Grace abounding strong and true That makes me long to be like You,  
That turns me from my selfish pride To love the cross on which You died.  
Grace unending all my days; You’ll give me strength to run this race,  
And when my years on earth are through  
The praise will all belong to You.

Grace (grace grace),  
Paid for my sins and brought me to life.  
Grace (grace grace),  
Clothes me with pow’r to do what is right.  
Grace (grace grace),  
Will lead me to heav’n where I’ll see Your face,  
And never cease to thank You for Your grace.  
(Repeat)

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## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

## **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See page 16 for our Ministry Announcements.

## **THE MORNING PRAYERS**

*Bill Hay, Pastor Emeritus, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

**READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

*Walt Davis, Reformed University Fellowship, Samford University*

Isaiah 40:12-31

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?

<sup>13</sup>Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,  
or what man shows him his counsel?

<sup>14</sup>Whom did he consult,  
and who made him understand?

Who taught him the path of justice,  
and taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

<sup>15</sup>Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as the dust on the scales;  
behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.

<sup>16</sup>Lebanon would not suffice for fuel,  
nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

<sup>17</sup>All the nations are as nothing before him,  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

<sup>18</sup>To whom then will you liken God,  
or what likeness compare with him?

<sup>19</sup>An idol! A craftsman casts it,  
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold  
and casts for it silver chains.

<sup>20</sup>He who is too impoverished for an offering  
chooses wood that will not rot;  
he seeks out a skillful craftsman  
to set up an idol that will not move.

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;



who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;  
<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name;  
by the greatness of his might  
and because he is strong in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>30</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

 **HYMN OF GOD'S GLORY**

"Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:  
Behold our God,  
Seated on His throne.  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King,  
Nothing can compare,  
Come let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?  
(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hand,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!  
(Chorus, twice)

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**PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION****INSTALLATION OF ROBBY HOLT AS SENIOR PASTOR**

*Bill Bennett, Ruling Elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

**VOWS OF INSTALLATION**

Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?

Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?

Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

## ☒ CONGREGATIONAL VOWS

Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Rev. Robert K. Holt Jr., whom you have called to be your pastor?

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

## PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

*Alton Hardy, Senior Pastor, Urban Hope Community Church*

## DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

## READING FROM THE PROPHETS AND THE GOSPELS

*Bob Holt, Ruling Elder, North Shore Fellowship (Chattanooga, TN)*

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

John 7:37-38

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## CHARGE TO THE SENIOR PASTOR

*Will Brooke, Ruling Elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

## ☒ CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

*John Smith T, Ruling Elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

## HYMN OF DEVOTION

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and pow’r controlling,  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His pow’r.

May the peace of God, my Father,  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me,  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only Him.

Words: Kate Wilkinson. Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould.

## BENEDICTION

*Robby Holt, Senior Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Covenant Name Tags.** In order to help the Holts—and all of our church family—get to know each other, we have provided churchwide name tags! The name tags are available in the foyer each Sunday; please pick up your name tag and wear it while on campus. We have boxes near the exits for you to return your name tag each week so that we can reorganize them and store them for you. If you do not find your name tag, please contact Victoria Williams at [vwilliams@covpres.com](mailto:vwilliams@covpres.com).

**Enfold Disability Ministry.** Our desire is for everyone at Covenant to participate fully in our ministries. We are all growing in the Lord together, and our members and visitors with disabilities are vital to the body of Christ. To that end, we have created Enfold Disability Ministry in order to help everyone connect with the Lord and with others. We are seeking people to pray for those in our congregation who are affected by disability, and we are also beginning a book discussion group in October. This ministry is being led by Katie Flores, and you can contact her for more information ([kflores@covpres.com](mailto:kflores@covpres.com)) or visit [covpres.com/enfold](http://covpres.com/enfold).

**Volunteer Opportunity.** Many of you know that Birmingham City Schools are not offering in-person instruction the first nine weeks of the school year. This affects several of our nursery workers and their children. In order to keep these ladies employed and to help their children, Covenant would like to offer two rooms with supervising church members on M, T, W, and F from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We hope to have one room for elementary children with a hands-on volunteer helping with online activities, and a second room for middle and high schoolers with a volunteer mainly for supervision. If you are interested in helping to facilitate virtual learning for these students, please contact Jami Bennett at [jbennett@covpres.com](mailto:jbennett@covpres.com).

**CDS & MDO 2020 Start Date.** Covenant Day School and Mother's Day Out will be starting soon! CDS Meet the Teacher is August 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The CDS 4s and 5s will begin classes on September 1, and the 3s and 4s will begin on September 2. MDO will have their parent meeting on August 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will begin their year on September 9.

**Fall Sunday School Plans.** This fall and winter we are dividing our Sunday School communities into two groups that will meet every other Sunday evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning September 13. For the group assignments and dates, please see [covpres.com/sunday-school-communities](http://covpres.com/sunday-school-communities). Our full nursery will be available, and Children's Sunday School and Youth Small Groups will also take place during this time. We will be sending out RSVP forms. If you have any questions, please contact David Driskill ([ddriskill@covpres.com](mailto:ddriskill@covpres.com)) or Laura Tucker ([ltucker@covpres.com](mailto:ltucker@covpres.com)).

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in honor of Lane and Win Jones' 45th wedding anniversary.*



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2020

Bill Bennett  
Will Brooke  
Michael Latta  
Charlie Logan  
Paul Loyless  
Bob Schaffeld  
Lee Sheppard  
Steve Stigler  
Mark Taylor  
John Wood

2021

Eric Getty  
Russell Martin  
Daniel Murray  
Warren Norville  
Sandy Stradtman  
Clay Wheeler

2022

Ty Dedmon  
John Hamilton  
Mark Hogewood  
John James  
David O'Dell  
Norman Pless  
Kurt Senn

## DEACONS

2020

Tripp Alexander  
Paul Darden  
Jay Evans  
Bryan Flores  
John Gant  
John David Gray  
Marty Martin  
Bud Miller  
Tyler O'Connor  
John Shults  
Danny Smith  
Robert Stephens  
Clark Worrell

2021

Nick Baggett  
Ward Bailey  
Samuel Bragg  
Trey Clegg  
Will Graham  
Jeff Hicks  
Jim Jenkins  
Alan Spooner  
Patrick Strong

2022

Jim Bennett  
William Edwards  
Merrill Johnston  
Randall Lancaster  
Mark Midyette  
Stephen Mince  
Clyde Prather  
John Shank  
Matt Thomas  
Greg Tomlinson

## 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 2020.

### AUGUST READING PLAN

	<b>PSALMS</b>	<b>1 CORINTHIANS</b>
29/30	□ 138-142	□ 11:2-34
31	□ 142-145	□ 12:1-11

### SEPTEMBER READING PLAN

	<b>PSALMS</b>	<b>1 CORINTHIANS</b>
1	□ 146-148	□ 12:12-31
2	□ 149-Proverbs 1	□ 13
	<b>PROVERBS</b>	
3	□ 2-4	□ 14
4	□ 5-6	□ 15:1-34
5/6	□ 7-10	□ 15:35-16:24
		<b>2 CORINTHIANS</b>
7	□ 11-12	□ 1
8	□ 13-14	□ 2
9	□ 15-16	□ 3
10	□ 17-18	□ 4
11	□ 19-20	□ 5:1-6:13
12/13	□ 21-26	□ 6:14-8:15
14	□ 27-28	□ 8:16-24
15	□ 29-30	□ 9
16	□ 31-Ecclesiastes 2	□ 10
	<b>ECCLESIASTES</b>	
17	□ 3-4	□ 11:1-15
18	□ 5-6	□ 11:16-33
19/20	□ 7-12	□ 12-13
	<b>SONG OF SOLOMON</b>	<b>GALATIANS</b>
21	□ 1-3	□ 1
22	□ 4-6	□ 2
23	□ 7-Isaiah 1	□ 3
	<b>ISAIAH</b>	
24	□ 2-3	□ 4
25	□ 4-6	□ 5
26/27	□ 7-11	□ 6-Ephesians 1
		<b>EPHESIANS</b>
28	□ 12-14	□ 2
29	□ 15-17	□ 3
30	□ 18-20	□ 4

