The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- "...most of Leviticus comprises God's speeches from the tabernacle."
- -L. Michael Morales

"The imitation of God is a theme that unites the ethics of the Old and New Testaments."

- -Gordon Wenham
- "...whatever is his may be called ours...we cannot be condemned for our sins, from whose guilt he has absolved us, since he willed to take them upon himself as if they were his own. This is the wonderful exchange...out of his measureless benevolence, he has made with us; that, becoming Son of man with us, he has made us sons of god with him; that, by his descent to earth, he has prepared an ascent to heaven for us...accepting our weakness, he has strengthened us by his power... receiving our poverty unto himself, he has transferred his wealth to us...taking the weight of our iniquity upon himself, he has clothed us with his righteousness."
- -John Calvin

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8:30 service | Rev. Josh Johnson 11:00 service | Rev. Henry Morris

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

—Psalm 22:22

METAL CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Trinity Song"

Come with Your peace, With Your invitation. Bind us together in holy love. (Repeat)

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit, Holy Communion, Three in One. (Repeat)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

RESPONSIVE READING

1 Peter 3:8-12

Leader: Finally, all of you, have unity of mind,

sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling,

but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

All: For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

Leader: For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.

All: But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

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

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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READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

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;

 $In \ keeping \ with \ the \ command ments \ of \ Jesus \ Christ \ our \ Lord,$

According to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

MASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

-Ephesians 1:7

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.

"O Great God" Congregational Hymn



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.

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 21 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

The Means of Our Growth

Leviticus 1:1 YHWH called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying...

Leviticus 4:1 And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

Leviticus 5:14 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

Leviticus 6:1 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

Leviticus 6:8 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying,

Leviticus 6:19 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

Leviticus 11:1 And YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying...

Leviticus 12:1 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

Leviticus 13:1 YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying...

Leviticus 14:1 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

Leviticus 14:33 YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying...

Leviticus 15:1 YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying...

Leviticus 17:1 And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

Leviticus 18:1 And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

Leviticus 19:1 And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying...

The Goal of Our Growth

Leviticus 19:2-4

"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I YHWH your God am holy. ³Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am YHWH your God. ⁴Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am YHWH your God.""

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am YHWH your God.

 11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am YHWH.

¹³"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am YHWH.

¹⁵"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am YHWH.

¹⁷"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am YHWH.

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.

The Mystery of Our Growth

Leviticus 26:11-13

I will make my dwelling among you, and I shall not reject you. ¹² And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. ¹³ I am YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk upright.

MESSAGE		
Robby Holt		
The Means of Our Growth		
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14)		
The Goal of Our Growth		
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put on the new humanity, created after the likeness of God		
in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:24)		
The Mystery of Our Growth		
I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands		
one like a son of man (Revelation 1:12-13)		

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are italicized.

Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-29; 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 sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

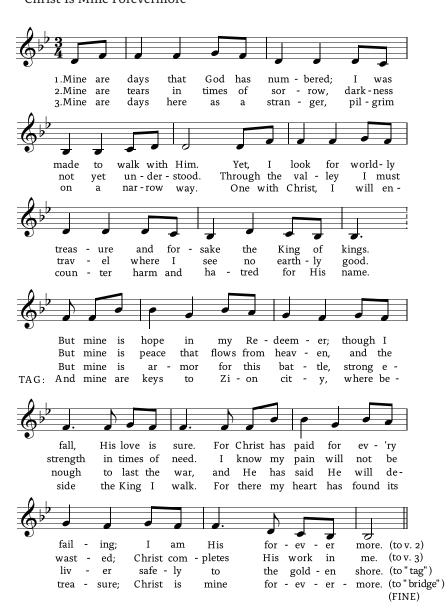
"When I Survey (The Wondrous Cross)"

When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine Demands my soul, my life, my all. Demands my soul, my life, my all.



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"God the Spirit"



1.Ho - ly fount of in - spir - a - tion, by whose the 2.Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, giv - er the 3.When we wan-der, Lord di-rect us, keep us in the



great of old sec- ond birth; Mas ter's way.

spoke the word of re - ve - la tion, may Thy cease - less ren - o - va- tion Let Thy strong, swift sword pro- tect us__







God the Spir-it, we a dore_ Thee, in the Tri-une God-head One;



one in love and pow'r and glo ry with the Fa ther_ and the_Son.



BENEDICTION

SUNDAY, August 20

8:30 am Gathered Worship

9:45 am Sunday School Communities (see page 22)

11:00 am Gathered Worship

MONDAY, August 21

6:00 pm Women's Beatitude Living: Christ-Centered

12-Step Group (Tower Room)

WEDNESDAY, August 23

10:00 am Church-wide Prayer Time (104)

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 3. On Sunday, September 3 we will have one gathered worship service at 11:00 a.m. We will not have Sunday School or Children's Worship.

College Sunday School. Our College Sunday School Community is meeting in the Tower Room this fall. If you are a college student, please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45!

Wednesdays@**Covenant.** Wednesday night dinner, activities, and studies kick off on September 6! Dinner will begin at 5:15 p.m. and choir, studies, and children's and youth activities are from 6:15 - 7:15. Please visit covpres.com/wednesdays for all of the details and to register for studies and kidConnection. Our adult options are:

- 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 (registration requested; Room 201)
- Women's Study: The Book of Acts (Rooms 303, 304, & 305)
- Grief Support Group (registration requested, space is limited; Room 300)
- The Sanctuary: Conversations About Mental Health (registration requested, space is limited; Tower Room)

You can register for studies at covpres.com/wednesdays.

Women's Fall Bible Studies. Ladies, we have two Bible study options this fall: a study of Acts and Divine Design Discipleship: New Wine. Both studies begin September 12 and meet on Tuesdays—Divine Design at 10:00 am (room 100) and Acts at 11:00 am (Sanctuary). Lunch will be available (\$10/meal) for the Acts small group discussions, and Nursery childcare will be available on Tuesdays by reservation. We have two other small group discussion options for the Acts study: Wednesdays 6:15 - 7:15 pm and Sundays 5:00 - 7:00 pm (both at Covenant). There is a \$10 book fee for the Acts study. Register at covpres.com/womens-bible-studies.

Church-wide Scripture Memory. Our memory passage for Summer (June 4 - September 13) is 1 Peter 3:8-12.

9:45 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | 304 College students
THRESHOLD | 304 20s and 30s
KING'S TABLE | 301 30s

(Pastor: Josh Johnson)

CROSSPOINTE | 100 mid 30s to mid 40s
CORNERSTONE | 104 late 30s to late 40s

(Pastor: John Fountain)

LIGHTHOUSE | 305 late 30s to early 50s **KINGDOM BUILDERS** | 201 late 50s to early 70s

(Pastor: David Driskill)

FOUNDATIONS | DINING ROOM early 40s to early 50s

LIVING STONES | 303 late 40s to early 60s

(Pastor: Henry Morris)

COMMUNITY | 300 All ages and life stages

OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM | 101 late 60s and above

(Pastor: Marty Crawford)

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12 (Pastor: John Fountain)

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24 RULING ELDERS

2023 2024 2025

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Charles White

John Smith T Steve Stigler

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2023 2024 2025

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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 2023.

AUGUST READING PLAN

	PSALMS	ROMANS
1	□ 65-67	□2
2	□ 68-69	□3
3	□ 70-72	□4
4	□ 73-74	□5
5/6	□ 75-76	□6
7	□ 77-79	□7
8	□ 80-84	□8
9	□ 85-87	□ 9:1-10:4
10	□ 88-89	□10:5-21
11	□ 90-92	□ 11:1-24
12/13	□ 93-98	□ 11:25-12:21
14	□ 99-101	□13
15	□ 102-104	□14
16	□ 105-106	□ 15:1-21
17	□ 107-108	□ 15:22-33
18	□ 109-111	□16
		1 CORINTHIANS
19/20	□ 112-115	□1-2
21	□ 116-119:48	□3
22	□ 119:49-104	□4
23	□ 119:105-176	□5
24	□ 120-123	□6
25	□ 124-127	□ 7:1-24
26/27	□ 128-133	□ 7:25-8:13
28	□ 134-137	□9
29	□ 138-141	□10:1-22
30	□ 142-144	□10:23-11:1
31	□ 145-147	□ 11:2-16

26 SERMON RESOURCES

Our pastors are using the following resources as they study and prepare for their sermons.

Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?, L. Michael Morales Additional Notes on Leviticus, Jay Sklar Leviticus: An Introduction and Commentary, Jay Sklar The Book of Leviticus, Gordon J. Wenham

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