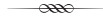


# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Symbolism...is not occasional in the Old Testament, but structural.

—Edmond P. Clowney

God's people...do not come off well in Numbers. You can hardly miss the relentless nature of their complaints and disobedience. ...despite Israel's waffling, this is God's story above all, and God will keep his part of the covenant with Abraham regarding his seed inheriting the land... Numbers reminds you over and again that the divine provision for them...is always ready at hand."

—Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart

...and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

—2 Corinthians 10:3-5

If you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.

—John 5:46

**☒ CALL TO WORSHIP**

*8:30 service | Rev. Marty Crawford*

*11:00 service | Rev. Josh Johnson*

Psalm 22:22

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

**☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

from "Come, Thou Almighty King"

To Thee, great One in Three,

Eternal praises be

Hence evermore:

Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,

And to eternity, love and adore.

**☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION**

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

## ☒ RESPONSIVE READING

from Psalm 105

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: *Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!*

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: *Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!*

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

All: *He spread a cloud for a covering,  
and fire to give light by night.  
They asked, and he brought quail,  
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.*

Leader: He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
it flowed through the desert like a river.  
For he remembered his holy promise,  
and Abraham, his servant.

All: *So he brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with singing.*


**HYMN OF ADORATION**
**"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"**


1.Praise my soul, the King of Heav - en,  
 2.Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor,  
 3.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish,  
 4.Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us;  
 5.An - gels help us to a - dore Him;



to His feet Thy tri - bute bring;  
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
 blows the wind and it is gone;  
 well our fee - ble frame He knows;  
 you be - hold Him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
 in His hands He gent - ly bears us,  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



who, like me, His praise should sing?  
 slow to chide and swift to bless;  
 God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 res - cues us from all our foes;  
 dwell - ers all in time and space,

**Refrain:**


(1-5) Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,



praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
 praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.  
 praise with us the God of grace.

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 3:1-16

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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.  
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 commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
According to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

**☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.  
—from 1 John 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.*

## GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

### "In the Valley"

#### Congregational Hymn



1. When the path that I feared is the way He has set,  
 2. When the road that I tread fills my heart with de - spair,  
 3. On the road that You walked with the weight of the cross,



and I long to give in and re - treat,  
 and it seems that my grief has no end,  
 all my pain and my sor - row You held;



Still to Je - sus I hold, as I face ev - 'ry step,  
 Still to Je - sus I hold, who will walk with me there,  
 So to You I shall hold, You re - deem ev - 'ry loss,



For the Lord, He will give me His peace.  
 And the Lord, He will give me His strength.  
 For my Lord, You have giv - en Your - self.

#### Chorus:



Bless the Lord, He will give me His peace;  
 Bless the Lord, He will give me His strength;  
 Bless the Lord, for He gives me Him - self;



Bless the Lord, He will give me His peace;  
 Bless the Lord, He will give me His strength;  
 (2x) Bless the Lord, for He gives me Him - self;



And if I should re - main in the val - ley to - day,  
 And if I should re - main in the val - ley to - day,  
 And if I should re - main in the val - ley to - day,



bless the Lord, He will give me His peace.  
 bless the Lord, He will give me His strength.  
 bless the Lord, for He gives me Him - self.



## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

*11:00 service*

Laura and Mike Baker  
James, Caroline, and Charlie

Mary and Chris Compton  
Wynn and Nellie

Sydney Jenkins  
Reagan

Linley and Andrew Roberts  
Reese, Bennett, Emmy, and Boone

## MEMBERSHIP VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

*—Book of Church Order*

# *The Sacrament of Baptism*

11:00 AM SERVICE

*John Charles Baker*

SON OF LAURA AND MIKE BAKER

## 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 without reservation 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 truth and mystery of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means which God has graciously given us, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## THE BAPTISM

## THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

## CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

"JESUS LOVES ME"

## ☒ 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 22 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**

from Numbers 20-21

And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there.

<sup>2</sup>Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. <sup>3</sup>And the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before Yahweh! <sup>4</sup>Why have you brought the assembly of Yahweh into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? <sup>5</sup>And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." <sup>6</sup>Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of Yahweh appeared to them, <sup>7</sup>and Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>8</sup>"Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle." <sup>9</sup>And Moses took the staff from before Yahweh, as he commanded him.

<sup>10</sup>Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" <sup>11</sup>And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. <sup>12</sup>And Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them." <sup>13</sup>These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with Yahweh, and through them he showed himself holy.

<sup>22</sup>And they journeyed from Kadesh, and the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor. <sup>23</sup>And Yahweh said to Moses and

Aaron at Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom, <sup>24</sup>“Let Aaron be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land that I have given to the people of Israel, because you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah. <sup>25</sup>Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up to Mount Hor. <sup>26</sup>And strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron shall be gathered to his people and shall die there.” <sup>27</sup>Moses did as Yahweh commanded. And they went up Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. <sup>28</sup>And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. <sup>29</sup>And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had perished, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty days.

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.*

<sup>2:11</sup>When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. <sup>2</sup>And Israel vowed a vow to Yahweh and said, "If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction." <sup>3</sup>And Yahweh heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites, and they devoted them and their cities to destruction. So the name of the place was called Hormah.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then Yahweh sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against Yahweh and against you. Pray to Yahweh, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And Yahweh said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.



## 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.

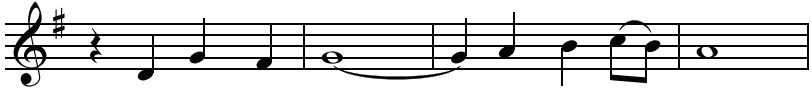
## HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

*Congregation, please join in singing the hymns during Communion.*

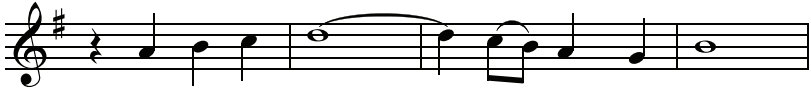
### "As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"



1.As Mo - ses raised\_\_\_\_\_ the ser-pent up,  
2.For God so loved\_\_\_\_\_ the world He made,  
3.God did not send\_\_\_\_\_ Christ to the world



so must God's Son\_\_\_\_\_ be lift - ed\_\_ high;  
He gave His own\_\_\_\_\_ be - lov - ed\_\_ Son;  
that He might then\_\_\_\_\_ con-demn us\_\_ all,



that who-so - ev - er\_\_ will be - lieve  
all who be - lieve\_\_\_\_\_ in\_\_ Him will live -  
but that the world\_\_\_\_\_ by Christ's own death



in Him may live\_\_\_\_\_ e - ter - nal - ly.  
not die, but live\_\_\_\_\_ for ev - er - more.  
might then be ran - somed from the\_ fall.

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the  
2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, He, the  
3. Come be - hold the wond-rous mys - t'ry, Christ, the  
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by



dawn - ing of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's  
per - fect Son of Man. In His liv - ing, in His  
Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined  
death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -



prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.  
suf - fring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
strain Him praise the Lord! - He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the  
See the true and bet - ter A - dam come to  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un -



light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con-de-  
save the hell-bound man; Christ, the great and sure ful-  
Fa - ther's plan un - fold; bring-ing ma - ny sons to  
wav - er - ing our hope; Christ, in pow - er, re-sur-



scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.  
Glo - ry: grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.  
rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the 'whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus twice)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

(Chorus twice)

 **BENEDICTION**

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 19 - 25, 2023**

**SUNDAY, November 19**

- 8:30 am Gathered Worship
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School (see page 23)
- 11:00 am Gathered Worship
- 4:00 pm 6th Grade Small Groups (Youth Rooms)
- 5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups (Youth Rooms)
- 5:00 pm Women's Study: Acts

**MONDAY, November 20**

- 6:00 pm Women's Beatitude Living: Christ-Centered  
12-Step Group (Tower Room)

**THURSDAY - FRIDAY,  
November 23 - 24**

Church Office Closed

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, November 20 - 26).*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Commitment Sunday.** Today is our Commitment Sunday for 2024. Please bring your Commitment Card forward during Communion and place it in the baskets provided, or you may place it in the offering plate. If you did not receive a Commitment Card, they are available in the Sanctuary Foyer and the Commons.

**Lessons & Carols.** Our annual Lessons & Carols service is Sunday, December 10. The service will begin at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, and we will have a dessert fellowship immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery childcare will be provided during the service.

**Pedals & Presents.** This year we are partnering with two local ministries for Christmas: a bicycle drive for Christian Service Mission and presents for the children spending Christmas at The Lovelady Center. There are three ways to participate in "Pedals & Presents":

- Donate funds to purchase a bike for CSM. Visit [covpres.com/give](http://covpres.com/give) and choose "Other Designated" as the Fund and type "CSM Bikes" in the space provided. We are asking for gifts of \$100 per bike.
- Sponsor a child from The Lovelady Center by providing Christmas gifts for them. There are 105 children who will spend the holidays at The Lovelady Center, and we are asking for gifts totaling \$50-\$100 per child. Sign up at [covpres.com](http://covpres.com).
- Join the team helping to coordinate the Lovelady gifts and/or the bike drive for CSM. Sign up at [covpres.com](http://covpres.com).

**Lovelady Dinner & Concert.** Our annual Lovelady Dinner & Concert is Tuesday, December 12! That night we host 400+ women and children from The Lovelady Center for dinner and a concert and a Christmas Extravaganza for the kids. There are many ways that you can be involved. Visit [covpres.com](http://covpres.com) for details.

**Congregational Meeting.** On Sunday, December 3, we will hold a congregational meeting at 10:45 am (between Sunday School and the 11:00 service) in the Sanctuary to elect our slate of officers (class of 2026) and the members of our 2024 Nominating Committee.

**Women's Ministry: Christmas Concert + Market.** Tickets are on sale for our Christmas Concert + Market! Join us Thursday, November 30, 5:00 - 8:30 pm, for our holiday market and concert featuring Melanie Penn. For all the details and to purchase tickets, please visit [covpres.com/events](http://covpres.com/events).

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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9:45 a.m.

*Directional signs are located throughout the church.*

<b>COLLEGE</b>   FELLOWSHIP HALL	<i>College students</i>
<b>THRESHOLD</b>   304	<i>20s and 30s</i>
<b>KING'S TABLE</b>   201	<i>30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
<b>CROSSPOINTE</b>   100	<i>mid 30s to mid 40s</i>
<b>CORNERSTONE</b>   104	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)
<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b>   305	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i>
<b>KINGDOM BUILDERS</b>   301	<i>late 50s to early 70s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>   303	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i>
<b>LIVING STONES</b>   DINING ROOM	<i>late 40s to early 60s</i> (Pastor: Henry Morris)
<b>COMMUNITY</b>   300	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
<b>OPEN DOORS &amp; UPPER ROOM</b>   101	<i>late 60s and above</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
<b>YOUTH</b>   YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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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.

### NOVEMBER READING PLAN

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## RESOURCES

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

*Commentaries on the Last Four Books of Moses: Arranged on the Form of a Harmony, Vol 1 - 4*, John Calvin

*From Paradise to the Promised Land*, T. D. Alexander

*He Gave Us Stories*, Richard L. Pratt

*Leviticus and Numbers*, Joe Sprinkle

*Numbers*, David L. Stubbs

*Numbers*, Gordon Wenham

*Promise and Deliverance, Vol 1*, S.G. De Graaf

*The Five Books of Moses*, Everett Fox

*The Lord Bless You & Keep You*, Michael J. Glodo

*The Pentateuch as Narrative*, John H. Sailhamer

*The Story of God Bible Commentary: Numbers*, Jay Sklar

*The Theme of the Pentateuch*, David J. A. Clines

*Torah Story*, Gary Edward Schmitz

## HYMN CREDITS

Find our gathered worship playlist at [covpres.com/music-worship](http://covpres.com/music-worship).

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Words: anonymous. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796.

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834. Music: John Goss, 1869.

*"In the Valley"*

Words and Music: CCLI SONG # 7206183. 2022 CityAlight Music (Admin. by Integrity Music). CCLI License # 147209.

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

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

*"As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"*

Words: John 3:14-17, Numbers 21:6-9, versified by Marie J. Post. Music: O WALY WALY, English folk melody.

*"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

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*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

Words: Edward Mote, 1834. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863.