

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Epiphany
February 17, 2019

Do not say, "I cannot help having a bad temper." Friend, you must help it. Pray to God to help you overcome it at once, for either you must kill it, or it will kill you. You cannot carry a bad temper into heaven.

—Charles Spurgeon

Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything.

—Billy Graham

"Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!

Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

—King David

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

—King Solomon

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'

But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

—Jesus of Nazareth

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

"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:



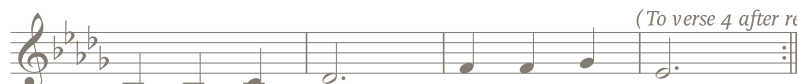
Fa - ther, now call us out of our wan - d'ring.



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.

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, additional lyrics by Zac Hicks. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861, alt. Zac Hicks, 2018.

☒ READING FROM THE PSALMS

Hollye Stigler

Psalm 96:1-9

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

*For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

*For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.*

Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!*

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth!

☒ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Old 100th; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551 Edition;
attrLouis Bourgeois, 1510-1561.

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 7:21-27

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' ²⁴Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

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

☒ SONG OF FAITH

"How Firm A Foundation"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word;
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design,
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never no never, no never forsake.

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I will never no never, no never forsake.

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“His Mercy is More”

Congregational Hymn



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His



ni - sient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum; thrown
Fa - ther so ten - der is cal - ling us home? He
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

CHORUS:



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - ery morn; our



sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more!

The Sacrament of Baptism

Richard Wade Meadows

SON OF LINDSEY AND RICHARD MEADOWS

Mary Rushton Waltchack

DAUGHTER OF RUSHTON AND DEREK WALTCHACK

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 their 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

☒ 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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 19.

Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 19 for details).

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Richard Thompson

☒ READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 4:26-27

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold.

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.

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. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Prayer of Confession

Marty Crawford

Gracious God,

Who in Your tender mercy forgives all our sins and heals all our afflictions,

and Who has called us to be merciful to one another,

we confess with deep sorrow our many failures and sins:

we have been angry when we should have loved,

we have spoken harshly when we should have used kind words,

and we have sought vengeance when we should have shown mercy.

Please forgive us, and renew our hearts that we may glorify You

by imitating Your gracious character,

through Jesus Christ, our gentle Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

Please bring your Faith Promise commitment cards forward during communion and place them in the baskets provided.

Assurance of Pardon

I will heal their apostasy;
I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from them.

⁵I will be like the dew to Israel;
he shall blossom like the lily;
he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;
⁶his shoots shall spread out;
his beauty shall be like the olive,
and his fragrance like Lebanon.

⁷They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow;
they shall flourish like the grain;
they shall blossom like the vine;
their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

—Hosea 14:4-7

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.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Humble Access

*We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
but you are the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to commemorate in this breaking of bread
the death of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
that we may feed on Him in our hearts by faith,
and that we may evermore dwell in Him,
and He in us. Amen.*

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.*

*If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down,
and the server will provide it accordingly.*

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

“By Thy Mercy”



1. Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry, bend from heav'n Thy
2. From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness, from the hard - 'ning
3. When temp - ta - tion sore - ly press - es, in the day of
4. When the world a - round is smil - ing, in the time of
5. In the wear - y hours of sick - ness, in the times of
6. In the sol - emn hour of dy - ing, in the aw - ful

4



gra - cious ear; while our wait - ing souls a - dore Thee,
pow'r of sin, from all mal - ice and un - kind - ness,
Sa - tan's pow'r, in our times of deep dis - tress - es,
wealth and ease, earth - ly joys our hearts be - guil - ing,
grief and pain, when we feel our mor - tal weak - ness,
judg - ment day, may our souls, on Thee re - ly - ing,

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friend of help - less sin - ners, hear.
from the pride that lurks with - in. (chorus)
in each dark and try - ing hour.
in the day of health and peace. (chorus)
when all hu - man help is vain.
find Thee still our Rock and Stay. (chorus)

CHORUS:



By Thy mer - cy, O de - liv - er us, good Lord;—



By Thy mer - cy, O de - liv - er us, good Lord, good Lord.

Words: James John Cummins. Music: Greg Thompson.

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour;
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev'ry hour I need Thee.
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Words: Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918); refrain: Robert Lowry (1826-1899).
Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1875, alt. Refrain: Shelly Moore, 2008.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right- eous- ness,

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make Thy way plain be - fore _____ my face.

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— Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right- eous- ness,

13



make Thy way plain be - fore _____ my face. —

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: February 17 - 23, 2019

SUNDAY, February 17

- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages
(see page 20 for details)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade
- 12:00 p.m. College Sunday School (Dining Room; lunch provided)
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups
- 5:00 p.m. Congregational Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, February 19

- 6:30 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Letters of John (E201)

WEDNESDAY, February 20

- 12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Prayer Time (Children's Ministry Office)
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant
- 5:30-7:15 | Nursery Care (Nursery Floor)
kidConnection* (3rd floor; dinner included)
- 5:30-6:15 | Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Menu: Swedish meatballs
- 6:00-7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15-7:15 | Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
Adult Bible Study | Scripture: How do we read it?
Pt.2, Interpreting Scripture (E201)
- 7:30 | Band Rehearsal

*register for kidConnection at covpres.com

FRIDAY, February 22-

SATURDAY, February 23

Sacred Studio at Covenant

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

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K & 4K - C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten - C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

1st - 2nd Grade - C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

Faith Promise Commitment Sunday. Today is our Faith Promise Commitment Sunday. Please bring your commitment cards forward during communion and place them in the baskets provided. If you did not receive a commitment card, they are available in the sanctuary foyer and church office.

Congregational Prayer. Covenant is dedicated to gathering and praying together, for our congregation, our staff, our leadership, and our community. Please join us to pray tonight at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome!

Wednesdays@Covenant. Our regular Wednesday night activities resume this week with dinner at 5:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at 6:00, youth activities and adult Bible study at 6:15, and band rehearsal at 7:30. Choir rehearsal and Bible study end at 7:15. KidConnection, our children's meal and activities, is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. on the third floor, and you can register children at covpres.com/weekly-activities.

Family Promise at Covenant. The families of Family Promise will be staying at Covenant February 24-March 3. There are many ways you can help during the week. Check the sign-up sheet in your Sunday School class folder or contact Barbara Thompson at babsfthompson@gmail.com.

Ash Wednesday Service. As the Lenten Season approaches, we invite you to join us Wednesday, March 6, at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service.

Save-the-Date: Come to the Table. Ladies, mark your calendars for April 16 and Come to the Table: Second Helpings. This second annual event takes us into members' homes as we fellowship with our sisters and make new friends. Details coming soon!

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Roxanne Given.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE DINING ROOM*	<i>College students</i>
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
CORNERSTONE S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
CROSSPOINTE S100	<i>20s and 30s</i>
FOUNDATIONS E304	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E301	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIVING STONES E303	<i>40s and 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>50s and 60s</i>
OPEN DOORS S105	<i>70s and above</i>
UPPER ROOM S101	<i>60s and 70s</i>
THRESHOLD DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

**The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.*

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RULING ELDERS

2019

Ty Dedmon

Jeff Dyess

Rick Flynn

Heath Henderson

Tom McKnight

John Smith T

Richard Thompson

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

DEACONS

2019

Jim Bennett

Gary Gorham

Keith Harrelson

Jeff Hayes

Steve Killgore

Steve Pfitzer

Brent Powell

Matt Searson

John Shank

Todd Sitton

William Slappey

Billy Tapscott

Darrell Tucker

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

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 2019.

FEBRUARY READING PLAN

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LEVITICUS

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