The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity November 10, 2019

Men and women find their real spiritual prosperity in God. We cannot find it on the human level. We cannot find the abundant life by indulging ourselves in all that life has to offer. We cannot find happiness by pursuing it. We cannot create satisfaction. These great blessings come from God. So we must feed on God as he is presented to us in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you feed upon him? Do you come to him expecting to be fed?

—James Montgomery Boice

I am an empty vessel—not one thought Or look of love, I ever to Thee brought; Yet I may come, and come again to Thee With this, the empty sinner's only plea— Thou lovest me. Oh, fill me, Jesus Savior, with Thy love! Lead, lead me to the living fount above; Thither may I, in simple faith, draw nigh,

And never to another fountain fly, But unto Thee.

-Mary Shekleton

EXECUTE CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Johnson

Psalms 34:8-10

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

MATHEMATICAL PROPERTY OF WORSHIP



Words and Music: Jonathan, Megan, and Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Tracy Stephens

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

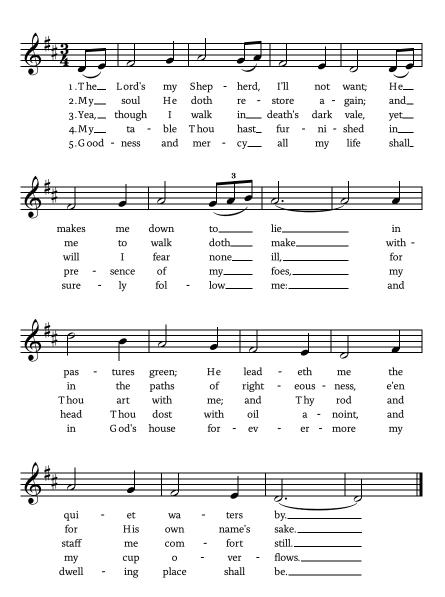
forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MATHEMATICAL PROPERTY OF TRUST

"The Lord is My Shepherd"



Words: Psalm 23. Music: DOMINUS REGIT ME (Dykes).

APOCALYPTIC READING

Revelation 19:1-10

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

"Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

²for his judgments are true and just;
for he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

³Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

⁴And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" ⁵And from the throne came a voice saying,

"Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

8it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure"—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." ¹⁰Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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

MATHORITY HYMN OF JOY

"We Will Feast"

Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
We will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the flood, Upheld, protected, gathered up. (Refrain)

In the dark of night before the dawn, My soul be not afraid. For the promised morning, oh how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength. (Refrain)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One. And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom. (Refrain)

Words: Sandra McCracken, 2014. Music: Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2014.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Jesus I am Resting, Resting" Rachel Barlotta, Soloist

Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, And Thy beauty fills my soul;
For by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole.

O how great Thy loving kindness, Vaster, broader than the sea.

O how marvelous Thy goodness, Lavished all on me.

Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, Know what wealth of grace is Thine;

Know Thy certainty of promise And have made it mine.

Chorus:

Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus I behold Thee as Thou art. And Thy love, so pure, so changeless Satisfies my heart; Satisfies its deepest longings, Meets, supplies its every need; Compasseth me 'round with blessing, Thine is love indeed. (Chorus)

Ever lift Thy face upon me As I work and wait for Thee.
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, Fill me with Thy grace.
(Chorus, twice)

Words: Jean Sophia Pigott (1876). Music: James Mountain, Mike Passaro, and Shelly Moore; CCLI: 7020115.

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.

Children's Worship Information:

Children ages 3 to 4 may attend Children's Worship for the entire worship service, while kindergarteners through 2nd graders are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace. Following the worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K • C224/C225 (available for the entire worship hour)

4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten • C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*
1st & 2nd Grades • C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*
*Children on the main level will dismiss through the door leading into the Fellowship Hall, and children in the balcony will dismiss through the door closest to the elevator.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad with your full name and names of any family members attending with you. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Ty Dedmon

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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.

MESSAGE

"FIVE LOAVES, TWO FISH, AND TWELVE BASKETS" John Fountain			

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 communing but would like to participate, please come forward and 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.

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

Prayer of Confession

Dave Driskill

Most holy and merciful Father,

We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature

prone to evil and slow in good and all our shortcomings and offenses.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,

In wasting your gifts, in forgetting your life.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein 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 O most holy and loving Father, Help us, we beg you, to live in your light and walk in your ways

 $according \ to \ the \ command ments \ of \ Jesus \ Christ \ our \ Lord. \ Amen.$

M Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

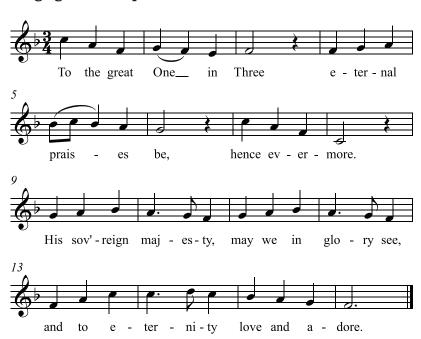
-2 Corinthians 5:172

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.

M 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 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.

⊠ Congregational Response



Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Mark 14:22-25

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 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 during the second Communion Hymn.

"Nothing But the Blood" Choral Communion Offering

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know; Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: Nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know; Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace: Nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done; Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know; Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow. No other fount I know; Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Words: Robert Lowry. Music: PLAINFIELD, arr. by Craig Courtney.

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep the flock, from sin, defend us, Seek us when we go astray: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, We will early turn to Thee; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, We will early turn to Thee.

Words: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1989. Music: William B. Bradbury.

M PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

⊠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me, And in God's house forevermore, My dwelling place shall be.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 10 - 16, 2019

SUNDAY, November 10

8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages

(see page 21)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | Rising 3k through 2nd grades

12:00 p.m. College Sunday School & Lunch (meet in Commons)

12:00 p.m. Creatif Artist Reception for Kelley Alford (Dlning Room)

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us (Dining Room)

MONDAY, November 11

6:00 p.m. Chili Cookoff (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, November 12

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Evangel Presbytery Meeting (Worship at 11:00)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us (E201)

WEDNESDAY, November 13

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant

5:30-7:15 KidConnection (3K-6th grades; 3rd floor)

5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Jr. High Activities (bring dinner to Youth Area)

6:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)

6:15 Bible Study Options:

Marriage Enrichment (NOTE: this program is full)

Small Group Discussions

1. Sermon on the Mount (E201)

2. The Basics of the Christian Life (Dining Room)

6:45 Sr. High Activities (Youth Area) 7:45 Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, November 14

5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Feast Not Famine Fall Market & Harvest Supper

(5:00 market opens; 6:30 dinner begins)

FRIDAY, November 15

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Children's Movie Night (3rd-5th grades; 3rd floor)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, November 11-17).

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please see our full calendar of Covenant events at covpres.com/calendar.

Creatif Artist Reception. Everyone is invited to a reception today immediately following our worship service for Kelley Alford, our newest featured artist. The reception, hosted by Creatif, Covenant's Art Guild, will be in the Dining Room. Come meet Kelly and learn about her art and her inspiration.

Christmas in Fairfield. Christmas in Fairfield is a unique ministry that provides clothing for children in need and participating parents the opportunity to shop for gifts for their children at highly reduced prices. By participating in Christmas in Fairfield you will bless these families with the gift of giving! There are several ways to get involved from sponsoring a child to donating funds to volunteering. Please visit one of our information tables to find out how to get involved!

Youth Sponsored Chili Cookoff. Our annual Chili Cookoff is tomorrow, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this night of food, fellowship, and competition in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go toward youth events and mission trips.

Children's Movie Night. All 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us Friday, November 15 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for pizza, popcorn, drinks, and a movie. The cost is \$5/child. Please email Laura Tucker (ltucker@covpres.com) to RSVP.

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker this month is Todd Erickson, Pastoral Executive at Second Presbyterian Church (Memphis, TN).

Lovelady Dinner & Concert. The Lovelady Dinner & Concert is December 3, and Charles Billingsly will be back in concert! Each year we invite the ladies from the Lovelady Center and their children to join us at Covenant for this Christmas event. While the women are our guests for dinner and the concert, their children enjoy pizza and a Christmas Vacation Bible School. This is one of the highlights of the Advent season at Covenant! If you are interested in serving on the team that organizes this event, please contact Ingram Link at ilink@covpres.com

Commitment Sunday. 2020 Commitment Cards were mailed last week. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment for next year and bring your card to gathered worship next Sunday, November 17.

Advent Events. Mark your calendar for our annual Lessons and Carols service December 8 at 6:00 p.m. (dessert fellowship immediately following), and for a Christmas concert with Act of Congress on December 15 at 6:00. You do not want to miss either of these evenings of music and worship!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | COMMONS College students*

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 Young families; 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 30s and 40s

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 5os and 6os

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

UPPER ROOM | S101 *60s and 70s*

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

^{*}College students gather in Commons Area at 12:00 for class and lunch.

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Bob Schaffeld

Clay Wheeler

Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

DEACONS

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2019 2020 2021

Nick Baggett Tripp Alexander Jim Bennett Paul Darden Ward Bailey Gary Gorham Samuel Bragg Jay Evans Keith Harrelson Bryan Flores Trey Clegg Jeff Hayes Will Graham Steve Killgore John Gant Jeff Hicks John David Gray Steve Pfitzer Jim Jenkins Brent Powell Marty Martin Alan Spooner **Bud Miller** Matt Searson Tyler O'Connor Patrick Strong John Shank

Todd Sitton John Shults
William Slappey Danny Smith
Billy Tapscott Robert Stephens
Darrell Tucker Clark Worrell

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.

NOVEMBER READING PLAN

	JEREMIAH	TITUS
1	□ 31-32	□ 2
2/3	□ 33-37	□3 - Philemon
		HEBREWS
4	□ 38-39	□1
5	□ 40-42	□ 2
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11	□ 3-5	□ 8
	EZEKIEL	
12	□ 1-3	□ 9
13	□ 4-6	□ 10:1-25
14	□ 7-9	□ 10:26-39
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18	□ 17-19	□ 13
		JAMES
19	□ 20-21	□ 1
20	□ 22-23	□ 2
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23/24	□ 29-33	□ 5 - 1 Peter 1
		1 PETER
25	□ 34-35	□ 2
26	□ 36-37	□ 3
27	□ 38-39	□ 4
28	□ 40	□ 5
		2 PETER
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