

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The prophets brought instruction and rebuke to people at all levels of society, denouncing every kind of sin. Religiously, they are 'ethical monotheists'; socially, they are the unquenchable conscience of the just; spiritually, they are the precursors of the kingdom of God, announcing Jesus Christ to the world."

—New Geneva Study Bible

"Contrary to the received political wisdom, Isaiah saw the security of the Lord's people not in politics and armed alliances, but in confidence in the Lord's promises."

—Alec Motyer

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

—Colossians 3:17

 **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE**

8:00 service | The Libertos

10:30 service | The Tutens

Lamentations 3:24

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

Christ, himself, is our hope!

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

8:00 service | Rev. Josh Johnson

10:30 service | Rev. David Driskill

 *Congregation stand as able.*

 **RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 2

Leader: Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

All: *He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD holds them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”*

Leader: I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

All: *Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.*

Leader: Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear.
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear;
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to him, your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;

By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,
3. Let the heights of heav'n a - dore Him;
4. Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther,



ere the worlds be - gan to be,
when the Vir - gin, blest of grace,
an - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
and, O Ho - ly Ghost to Thee,



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
pow'rs do - min - ions bow be - fore Him;
hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He, the Source, the End - ing He,
bore the Sav - ior of our race;
and ex - tol our God and King;
and un - wea - ried prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been,
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion



and that fu - ture years shall see,
first re - vealed His sa - cred face,
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:1-13

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things,
Judge of all men;
We acknowledge with grief our many sins and our wickedness,
We have sinned by thought, word, and deed,
And we have done so against your divine majesty,
Justly provoking your anger and indignation against us.
We earnestly repent as we heartily grieve our many misdoings.
Have mercy upon us most merciful Father;
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

TRISAGION

Ho - - - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - - - ly im - mor - tal One,
have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

 **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
 they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
 they shall become like wool.

—Isaiah 1:18

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.*

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee;
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
 And unwearied praises be.
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory,
 Evermore and evermore!

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Congregational Hymn



1.Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple;
 2.Yea, her sins our God will par - don,
 3.For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing
 4.Make ye straight what long was crook - ed;



"speak ye peace," thus saith our God; "Com-fort those who
 blot-ting out each dark mis-deed; all that well - de -
 in the de - sert far and near, bid-ding all men
 make the rough - er plac - es plain. Let your hearts be



sit in dark-ness, mourn-ing 'neath their sor-row's load.
 served His an - ger He no more will see or heed.
 to re - pen-tance since the king - dom now is here.
 true and hum - ble, as be - fits His ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that
 She hath suf-fered man-y'a day; now her griefs have
 O that warn-ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is



waits for them, tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 passed a - way. God will change her pin - ing sad-ness
 God a way; let the val - leys rise to meet Him
 shed a - braod, and all flesh shall see the tok - en



and her war - fare now is o - ver."____
 in - to ev - er - spring-ing glad - ness.____
 and the hills bow down to greet Him.____
 that His word is nev - er bro - ken.____

☒ 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” precedes the Lord’s Supper as a liturgical reminder of our unity as members of Christ’s body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us to not 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 9/1/22) 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.

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 PROPHETS

Isaiah 42:1-9; 18-20

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, Yahweh,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶"I am Yahweh; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am Yahweh; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them."

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,

and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,

or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one,

or blind as the servant of Yahweh?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;

his ears are open, but he does not hear.

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.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

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

Prayer of Humble Access

*We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King, to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
in this breaking of bread, a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you and you with 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.
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.

"Come Light Our Hearts"



For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait,



for You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait;



tru-ly our hope is in You, tru-ly our hope is in You.



O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra - diance
Oh Joy a - bove all o - ther loves, in You we



shines on all who look to You in the dark,
find more than e - nough. We come as we are,



Em - man - u - el come, come light our hearts.
O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.

"Until He Comes Again"



1.By this we re - mem - ber in faith as we
2.By this we re - mem - ber in hope as we
3.By this we re - mem - ber in love as we



ga - ther with bread and wine; we re - mem - ber
ga - ther with bread and wine; we re - mem - ber
ga - ther with bread and wine; we re - mem - ber



un - til He comes a - gain. (v. 2)
un - til He comes a - gain. (chorus)
un - til He comes a - gain. (chorus)

Chorus:



When He comes a - gain, like a thief in the



night. When He comes a - gain, all the wrongs will be



right. Oh, the earth lift-ed up as heav-en comes down;



we re - mem - ber un - til He comes a - gain.

 **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: November 27 - December 3, 2022**SUNDAY, November 27**

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Communities (see page 22)
10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

MONDAY, November 28

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, November 30

10:00 a.m. Church-wide Prayer Time (104)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, November 28 - December 4).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent & Christmas Journals. Our pastors and ministry staff have written an Advent & Christmas Journal for this season. Please pick up acopy in the Commons or Sanctuary foyer!

Nursery Bonus Fund. Please consider giving to our Nursery Bonus Fund. This fund goes to our wonderful nursery staff who create a nurturing environment for our youngest to participate in the life of the church. You may donate online at covpres.com/give or drop your donation by the Nursery Desk through Sunday, December 4.

Mark Your Calendars. Make plans to join us for our Advent at Covenant events:

- Lessons & Carols | December 11, 6:00 p.m. (Nursery childcare available for ages 3 and under; dessert fellowship following)
- Lovelady Dinner & Concert | December 13, 5:00 p.m. (see information below)
- Christmas Eve Services | December 24, 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. (nursery childcare available at 11:00 and 4:30)
- Christmas Gathered Worship | December 25, 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School, Children's Worship, or Nursery)

Lovelady Dinner & Concert. Join us Tuesday night, December 13 for our Lovelady Dinner & Concert. This is a great night at Covenant when we host the women and children of The Lovelady Center for dinner, a concert with Charles Billingsley, and a Christmas VBS for the kids. We need LOTS of volunteers to make this night special, so please sign up at covpres.com/lovelady. For information on The Lovelady Center, visit loveladycenter.org.

Financial Stewardship 2023. Please prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to Covenant for 2023, and place your commitment card in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you did not receive a commitment card, you may take one from the church office or Sanctuary Foyer.

Congregational Meeting, December 18. On Sunday, December 18, we will hold a congregational meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary to elect our slate of officers (class of 2025) and the members of our 2023 Nominating Committee. Please note, this is a date correction for this meeting.

Sacred Studio 2023. Ladies, save the date—February 3 - 4—for Sacred Studio 2023! Registration opens December 6 at 9:00 a.m. at sacredstudio.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

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

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2022	2023	2024
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David O'Dell	Charlie Logan	Jason Peevy
Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld	Charlie Regan
Kurt Senn	John Smith T	Charles White
	Steve Stigler	

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jim Bennett	Tripp Alexander	Samuel Bragg
William Edwards	Joseph Cascio	Paul Darden
Merrill Johnston	Richard Cox	Joe Fante
Randall Lancaster	Jay Evans	Steve Killgore
Mark Midyette	Bryan Flores	Robert Luttrell
Stephen Mince	Gary Gorham	Steve Pfitzer
Clyde Prather	Jeff Hayes	Brent Powell
John Shank	John Shults	Matt Searson
Matt Thomas	Joe Strickland	
Greg Tomlinson	Darrell Tucker	

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Nathan Collums, Family Ministry Chair	Robby Holt, Moderator of the Session
Marty Crawford, Pastoral Liaison (Missions)	Ingram Link, Ministry Liaison (Women)
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Gary Gorham, Chair of the Diaconate	John Smith T, Clerk of the Session
Heath Henderson, Shepherding Ministry Chair	

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 2022.

NOVEMBER READING PLAN

26/27	LAMENTATIONS	2 PETER
28	<input type="checkbox"/> 37-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
	<input type="checkbox"/> 41-42	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
29	<input type="checkbox"/> 43-44	1 JOHN
30	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2

DECEMBER READING PLAN

1	EZEKIEL	1 JOHN
	<input type="checkbox"/> 47-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
2	DANIEL	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
3/4	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-2 John
5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 John
6	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Jude
	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-12	REVELATION
7	HOSEA	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
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13	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-Joel 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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14	AMOS	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
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16	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
17/18	<input type="checkbox"/> Obadiah-Jonah 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 11
19	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Micah 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 12
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-7	<input type="checkbox"/> 13
20	NAHUM	<input type="checkbox"/> 14
21	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 15
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3	<input type="checkbox"/> 16
22	HABAKKUK	<input type="checkbox"/> 17
23	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 18
24/25	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Zephaniah 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 19
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Zechariah 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 20
26	ZECHARIAH	<input type="checkbox"/> 21
27	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 22-Matthew 1
28	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-9	
29	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-12	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-14	
30	MALACHI	
31	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Genesis 1	

SERMON RESOURCES

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

The Book of Isaiah and God's Kingdom, Andrew T. Abernathy

Isaiah, David W. Baker

Calvin's Commentaries Volume VIII: Isaiah 33-66, John Calvin

Isaiah Vol 2: A Mentor Commentary, Paul R. House

The Prophecy of Isaiah, J. Alec Motyer

The Epic of Eden: Isaiah, Sandra L. Richter

HYMN CREDITS

Find our gathered worship playlist at covpres.com/music-worship.

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830.

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Words: Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866). Music: Plainsong, 13th century.

"Trisagion"

Words: Unknown, medieval Gallican church. Music: CCLI Song #6513081.

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"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Words: Johannes Olearius, 1671; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551, arr. Rick Barnes.

"Come Light Our Hearts"

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