The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent March 17, 2019

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

—King David

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

—C.S. Lewis

"Without forgiveness, there's no future."

—Desmond Tutu

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that."

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we rarely view:

How small the debt men owe to us, how great our debt to You.

—Rosamond E. Herklots

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Chorus:

Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun, His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free; To take away transgression, And rule in equity. (*Chorus*)

He comes with comfort speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong. (Chorus)

To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turned to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth. Love, joy, and hope, like flowers Spring in His path to birth. (*Chorus*)

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove. His name shall stand forever; That name to us is Love. (*Chorus*)

Words: James Montgomery (alt. Sandra McCracken). Music: Sandra McCracken.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Tracy Stephens

Psalm 145:1-11

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

- ²Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
- ³Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!
 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom.
- "They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power

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

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O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

SONG OF SUPPLICATION

"From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)"

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee The voice of lamentation; Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, And hear my supplication.

If Thou iniquities dost mark Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy),
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy).

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit; On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit; His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort, and my sweet support; I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience), I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience).

What though I wait the live-long night, And 'til the dawn appeareth; My heart still trusteth in His might, It doubteth not nor feareth; Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed, And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth), And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth).

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth; Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow), From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow), From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow), From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow).

Words: Martin Luther. Music: Christopher Miner / arr. Zac Hicks, 2013. ©1997 Christopher Miner Music.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Out of the Depths" *Chancel Choir*

Out of the depths have I cried unto you. Lord, hear my voice, Lord, hear my voice. Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry; Lord, hear my cry for mercy. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sin, Who, then, could stand? But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness. Therefore, you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, And in his word do I hope.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sin, Lord, who, then, could stand? But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness. Therefore, we will not fear. I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, And in his word do I hope.

Words: based on Psalm 130:1-5. Music: Richard Frost.

Recognition of Third Graders

Marshall Acken

Read Bennett

Cooper Cherry

Madeline Edmonds

Ava Fleming

John Getty

Laurie Glover

Elodie Graham

Ivan Hand

John Burke Henderson

Charlie Hicks

Luke Lancaster

Addie Loyless

Miller McClure

Alice McKnight

Ella Kate Miller

Wheeler Moss

Charlie O'Dell

Billy O'Neal

Emma Pounds

Mary Harter Pounds

Margaret Ratliff

Henry Siegel

Chloe Starr

Pryor Stone

Miller Teague

Elizabeth Ann Tucker

Henry Waltchack

MASSING 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

Charlie Logan

® READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

"THE GREAT CHALLENGE"
Sandy Willson

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, our Heavenly Father,
Who has freely and fully forgiven all our sins,
and Who has commanded us to love and forgive one another,
we acknowledge and confess with great sorrow
that we have failed to obey Your command:
we have sometimes held grudges,
we have often spoken unkindly to others,
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Please forgive us,
and grant us renewal of heart and mind and will
that we may imitate Your grace in our conduct toward others.
This we pray in the blessed Name of Jesus Christ,
Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Massurance of Pardon

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

-Ephesians 1:7

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

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 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.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"



Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: Greg Thompson, 2000.

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe!
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow!

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone. (*Refrain*)

For nothing good have I, Whereby Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white, In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (Refrain)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete; "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. (Refrain)

Words: Elvina M. Hall (1820-1889). Music: John T. Grape (1835-1915).

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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1.May the grace of Christ our Sav ior and the Fa ther's bound less love, 2.Thus may we a - bide in u-nion with each oth - er and_ the Lord,



with the Ho-ly Spir-it's fa-vor, rest up-on us from a-bove. and pos-sess, in sweet com-mu-nion, joys which earth can-not af-ford.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: March 17 - 23, 2019

SUNDAY, March 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. Congregational Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, March 18

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's office)

TUESDAY, March 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, March 20

12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Prayer Time

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: sliders

6:00-7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15-7:15 | Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

Adult Bible Study | Prayer in Practice: Utilizing

Scripture as the Prayers of our Hearts (E201)

7:30 | Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

*register for kidConnection at covpres.com

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)

Congregational Prayer Time. Our next time of congregational prayer is Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited as we come together to pray for our congregation, our staff, our leadership, our ministries, and our community.

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is this Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Scott Sauls, Senior Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, will be our guest speaker. Please make plans to join us!

Officer Recommendations. Today is the final day to turn in recommendations for church officers for the class of 2022. Please complete the recommendation form in the back of your worship guide and place it in the baskets provided in the sanctuary foyer or in the church office.

Wednesdays@**Covenant.** This Wednesday, March 20, is the final week for our Wednesday night activities until the fall. Please join us for 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.

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!

Covenant Chronicles. If you do not receive our weekly email, Covenant Chronicles, please send your email address to chronicles@covpres.com. This newsletter is the best way to stay up to date with everything happening at Covenant!

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

College students

COLLEGE | DINING ROOM*

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 30s and 40s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

LIVING STONES | E303

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | S101 60s and 70s

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

40s and 50s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

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

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RULING ELDERS

2019 2020 2021 Bill Bennett

Eric Getty Ty Dedmon Jeff Dyess Will Brooke Russell Martin Rick Flynn Daniel Murray Michael Latta Warren Norville Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Sandy Stradtman

John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Clay Wheeler Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

> Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

DEACONS

2021 2019 2020

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

John Shults

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

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.

MARCH READING PLAN				
1	□ 26-27	□ 8:22-38		
2/3	□ 28-31	□ 9		
4	□ 32-33	□ 10:1-31		
5	□ 34-36	□ 10:32-52		
	DEUTERONOMY			
6	□ 1-2	□ 11:1-19		
7	□ 3-4	□ 11:20-33		
8	□ 5-7	□ 12:1-27		
9/10	□ 8-13	□ 12:28-13:13		
11	□ 14-16	□ 13:14-37		
12	□ 17-19	□ 14:1-25		
13	□ 20-22	□ 14:26-50		
14	□ 23-25	□ 14:51-72		
15	□ 26-27	□ 15:1-32		
16/17	□ 28-30	□ 15:33-16:20		
		LUKE		
18	□ 31-32	□ 1:1-23		
19	□ 33-34	□ 1:24-38		
	JOSHUA			
20	□ 1-3	□ 1:39-80		
21	□ 4-6	□ 2:1-21		
22	□ 7-8	□ 2:22-52		
23/24	□ 9-13	□ 3:1-4:30		
25	□ 14-15	□ 4:31-44		
26	□ 16-18	□ 5:1-16		
27	□ 19-20	□ 5:17-39		
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	JUDGES			
30/31	□ 1-5	□ 7		

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

Elected officers serve a three-year term.

Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, March 17. You may place this form in the baskets provided in the sanctuary foyer or the church office.

•	Recommendations for the Office of ELDER :
	1
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•	Recommendations for the Office of DEACON :
	1
	2
	3
	4
•	Recommendations for the Office of TRUSTEE:
	1
	2