

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him.

—Hebrews 3:1-2

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

—Hebrews 7:26

These prayers Jesus offers for his followers—and they are all bathed in the theme of love, not least the Trinitarian love of God. They are painted on a canvas of incalculable sweep.

—D. A. Carson

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

John Fountain

 **HYMN OF ADORATION**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High priest Whose name is “Love,”
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

 *Congregation stand as able.*

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft. Music: Vikki Cook, 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship
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☒ PROFESSION OF FAITH

How does Christ execute the office of a Priest? (WSC 25)

Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

 **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Ashley Senn

Psalm 110

The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

²The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

⁴The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.

⁷He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Wonderful, Merciful Father in heaven,
We come before you with broken and contrite hearts,
trusting that you do not despise or forsake such repentance.
We confess to you that we have been slow to mortify our sinful nature,
And we have often delighted in our sin against you and against our neighbor.
Please forgive us, and wash us white as wool from the crimson stain of sin,
That we may joyfully tell of your salvation and grace,
We pray in the name of our Savior and eternal mediator,
The Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

—Hebrews 10:12-13

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.

 **HYMN OF JOY**

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. John Rippon, 1787. Music: Oliver Holden, 1793.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-10

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

^{5:7}In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek, all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ HYMN OF INTERCESSION

"Great High Priest"

Jesus, my great High Priest,
Offered His blood and died, Offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks,
No sacrifice beside, No sacrifice beside.
(Repeat)

His pow'rful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne;
His pow'rful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand
Will I commit my cause, Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills
His Father's broken laws, His Father's broken laws.

Behold my soul at freedom set,
My Surety paid the dreadful debt;
Behold my soul at freedom set,
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears
For my defense on high, For my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears,
And lays His thunder by, And lays His thunder by.
(Repeat)

Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn His heart, His love away;
Not all that hell or sin can say,
Shall turn His heart, His love away.
(Repeat)

Words: Isaac Watts, 1709. Music: Rick Barnes, 2010.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

Marty Crawford

"We Draw Near"

Rachel Barlotta and Paul Litten

Year by year in the temple, Blood was shed by the priest
To atone for the people, But it could not make them clean.

'Til He came, spotless Lamb, Offered Himself, put away sin
Once and for all, once and for all It is finished.

Chorus:

So, we draw near, We boldly come,
Jesus, our righteousness Washed by His blood;
We draw near To Your throne of grace;
Jesus, our confidence Seeking Your face.

Our High Priest, Word made flesh, Worthy of the Holy Place;
Curtain torn at His death, Christ the new and living way.

Rising up, He entered in, He sat down at Your right hand,
And He is alive, His is alive, Interceding!

(Chorus)

Let our praises rise up as an incense Filled with reverence and awe;
Let our lives be poured out for Your glory, Pleasing to You, God;
Let our praises rise up as an incense Filled with reverence and awe;
Let our lives be poured out for Your glory, Pleasing to You, God.

(Chorus)

We're seeking Your face.

We're seeking Your face.

Words and Music: Caroline Cobb .

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 16 for our Ministry Announcements.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Clay Wheeler

John 17:1-5

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

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.*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

☒ HYMN OF GLORY

“Jesus is Better”

There is no other, so sure and steady,
 My hope is held in Your hand;
 When castles crumble, and breath is fleeting,
 Upon this rock I will stand, Upon this rock I will stand.

Chorus:

Glory, glory, we have no other king,
 But Jesus, Lord of all,
 We raise the anthem,
 Our loudest praises ring,
 We crown Him Lord of all.

Your kindly rule has shattered and broken
 The curse of sin’s tyranny;
 My life is hidden ‘neath Heaven’s shadow;
 Your crimson flood covers me, Your crimson flood covers me.
 (Chorus)

In all my sorrows,
 Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
 In every vict’ry
 Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
 Than any comfort
 Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
 More than all riches
 Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
 Our souls declaring:
 Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
 Our song eternal:
 Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
 (Chorus)

Words and Music: Aaron Ivey and Brett Land. CCLI 7006188.

☒ BENEDICTION

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Summer Fellowship. All college students (including rising freshmen) are invited to Summer College Fellowship on Tuesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet through August 4 at the Johnsons' home (1437 Linda Vista Lane, 35226).

Sunday, August 9. On Sunday, August 9, Sandy Willson will lead a 30-minute session on transitioning to a new senior pastor as we look forward to welcoming Robby and Chrissy Holt to Covenant. The session will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be in person and livestreamed before the service begins at 10:30.

Women's Fall Bible Studies. Beginning in September, we will offer a fall Bible study on the book of Ephesians. We will be studying what it means to be vitally connected to Christ and His Church through Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus. We will have a Tuesday morning large group teaching time in the Sanctuary led by different women. We plan to have childcare and small groups. Divine Design Discipleship will be meeting on Tuesday mornings for large group and discipleship groups as well. Kathy Girardeau will explore Expectations—how powerfully they impact our life experience and how to bring them into agreement with Biblical truth. Please visit covpres.com/fall-study for more information.

Fall Sunday School Plans. In light of the limitations of gathering due to COVID-19, and with consideration for all of the practical, logistical, and sanitary measures necessary for us to gather, we are dividing our Sunday School communities into two groups for fall and winter that will meet every other Sunday evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning September 13. We will have 30 minutes of teaching time in the Sanctuary followed by 30 minutes of fellowship and prayer in assigned classrooms. Please see the group and date assignments below:

Group A | Community, Crosspointe, Lighthouse, Living Stones, Open Doors, and Upper Room will meet September 13, 27; October 11; and November 1, 15.

Group B | College, Cornerstone, Foundations, Kingdom Builders, and Threshold will meet September 20; October 4, 25; and November 8, 22.

For children our full nursery will be available, and Children's Sunday School will also take place during this time for the children whose parents' Sunday School communities are scheduled to meet. Our Children's Ministry team will be recruiting teachers and volunteers for these classes. Youth small groups will also meet during this time. We will be sending out specific RSVP links in September. If you have any questions, please contact David Driskill (ddriskill@covpres.com) or Laura Tucker (ltucker@covpres.com).

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RULING ELDERS

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

2022

Ty Dedmon
John Hamilton
Mark Hogewood
John James
David O'Dell
Norman Pless
Kurt Senn

DEACONS

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

2022

Jim Bennett
William Edwards
Merrill Johnston
Randall Lancaster
Mark Midyette
Stephen Mince
Clyde Prather
John Shank
Matt Thomas
Greg Tomlinson

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 2020.

JULY READING PLAN

	PSALMS
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AUGUST READING PLAN

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- 12:1-11

