The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity August 4, 2019

You may be unknown by the world, you may be insignificant, or you may feel that you are forgotten, that no one knows anything about you; and that may be true. But if you are "in Christ," if you are a Christian, you belong to God, you are in his family, and your Father has his eye upon you. Nothing can happen to you apart from him and without his permission. You are as much his child as the greatest saint, the mightiest apostle, that has ever lived.

—D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

EXECUTE CALL TO WORSHIP

David Driskill

from Isaiah 44

Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it.

For the Lord has redeemed Jacob and will be glorified in Israel.

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer; who formed you from the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretches out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

Let us worship our Creator and Redeemer.

MATHEMATICAL PROPERTY OF PRAISE

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice,
Praise is his gracious choice;
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end,
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore:
"Alleluia! Amen!"

Words: Christian H. Bateman, 1843. Music: traditional Spanish melody; arr. by David Evans, 1927.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Grace Harrelson

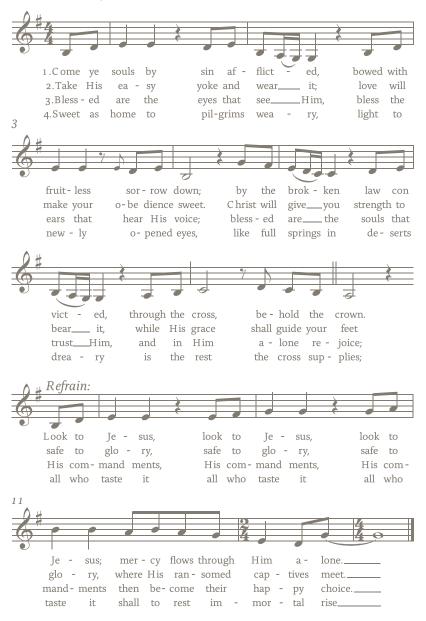
Jeremiah 32:36-41

"Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence': ³⁷Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. ³⁸And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. ³⁹I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. ⁴⁰I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. ⁴¹I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

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

M HYMN OF INVITATION

"Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted"



Words: Joseph Swain (alt. Twit). Music: Kevin Twit 2013.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of steadfast love, light of the blind and liberator of the oppressed, we see your holy purpose in the tender compassion of Jesus, who calls us into new and living friendship with you. May we, who take shelter in the shadow of your wings, be filled with the grace of his tender caring; may we, who stumble in selfish darkness, see your glory in the light of his self-giving. We ask this through him whose suffering is victorious, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks he to God

M HYMN OF HOPE

"O Great God"



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GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"The Wise and Foolish Builder" Rachel Barlotta, Soloist

Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them,
He will be like the wise man.
Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them,
He will be like the wise man,
Who builds his house on the rock, Who builds his house on the rock.

And the rain fell down, And the floods came high, And the wind blew all around, And the house stood tall built up on solid ground.

Everyone who hears my words and does not do them,
He will be like a foolish man.
Everyone who hears my words and does not do them,
He will be like the foolish man,
Who builds his house on the sand, Who builds his house on the sand.

And the rain fell down, And the floods came high, And the wind blew all around, And the house fell down that was built on sinking sand.

Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them,
He will be like the wise man.
Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them,
He will be like the wise man,
Who built his house on the rock, Who built his house on the rock.

And the rain fell down, And the floods came high, And the wind blew all around,
But the house stood tall built up on solid ground,
And won't stand built up on sinking sand;
Oh, the house stood tall built up on solid ground.

Words and Music: Flo Paris.

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:

Summer Children's Worship is available for rising 4K through 3rd grades. Please read the details below regarding dismissal from the sanctuary and classroom assignments. If you are a guest and have not checked your child into our system, please visit the nursery welcome desk (1st floors) to receive a name tag and pickup details.

- Rising 4K & Kindergarten | C221; available for the entire worship hour
- Rising 1st through 3rd | 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

GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Robert Smith, Jr. holds the Charles T. Carter Baptist Chair of Divinity at Beeson Divinity School where he teaches Christian Preaching. Previously Dr. Smith served as the Carl E. Bates Associate Professor of Christian Preaching at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and served as pastor of the New Mission Missionary Baptist Church in Cincinnati, OH, for twenty years. He is a contributing editor for a study of Christian ministry in the African American church, *Preparing for Christian Ministry*, and co-editor of *A Mighty Long Journey*. He and his wife, Dr. Wanda Taylor-Smith, Ph.D., are the parents of four adult children (one in heaven).

M READING FROM THE PSALMS

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.

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 GOD OF OUR HELP AND OUR HOPE" Dr. Robert Smith

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

John Fountain

Almighty and most merciful Father;

We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

And there is no health in us.

 $But you, O \ Lord, have \ mercy \ upon \ us, \ miserable \ of fenders.$

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

According to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

 ${\it To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.}$

Book of Common Prayer

M Assurance of Pardon

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

—1 Timothy 1:15

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.

■ 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.

◯ 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 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 the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Hide Away in the Love of Jesus"



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"Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain; Free to all—a healing stream Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me; There the Bright and Morning Star Shed its beams around me. (Refrain)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me. (Refrain)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever, Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river. (*Refrain*)

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869. Music: William H. Doane, 1869.

M PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

EXECUTE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore:
"Alleluia! Amen!"

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: August 4 - 10, 2019

SUNDAY, August 4

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 4k through 3rd grades

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Throw & Grow

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Women's Study: Even Better Than Eden (Dining Room)

MONDAY, August 5

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Women's Study: From Garden to Glory

(dinner \$6; Dining Room)

WEDNESDAY, August 7

6:00 p.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, August 10

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal for Hymn Slng

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Praise & Prayer Hymn Sing. Everyone is invited to Praise & Prayer, our second annual Hymn Sing on Sunday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a church-wide dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15 p.m. and move to the Sanctuary for the Hymn Sing. This will be an evening of song and prayer, food and fellowship for all ages!

Creatif Artists Reception. Creatif, Covenant's Art Guild, will host an artists' reception on Sunday, August 11 in the dining room for a family of artists: Mary Mellen, Katherine Trammell, and Rushton Waltchack. The reception will be comeand-go during our church-wide dinner that evening (5:15-6:00 p.m.) Please plan to walk through, meet our latest featured artists, and enjoy their work!

Wednesdays Covenant. Our Wednesday evening activities kick off September 4! We will have dinner at 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall, Chancel Choir rehearsal at 6:00, and Jr. High and adult activities at 6:15. Children's dinner and activities begin at 5:15 on the third floor with dinner included. All activities end at 7:15. Please see page 22 for details.

Women's Fall Bible Study. Ladies, join us this fall as we study "God for Us" by Abby Hutto. We will dive into the book of John and "discover the heart of the Father through the life of the Son." We have two options for this study: Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in E201 (September 10 - December 4, lunch \$6, nursery childcare provided); and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. (September 8 - November 17). Please visit covpres.com/fall-study for details and to register.

Marriage Encouragement Seminar. Friday and Saturday, September 6-7, Scotty Smith (Founding Pastor, Christ Community Church, Franklin, TN) will lead a Marriage Encouragement Seminar at Covenant. This seminar is open to everyone (cost: \$35/couple)! We will meet Friday evening from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session topics include "What Story is Your Marriage Telling?," "Loving Your Spouse by Growing in Grace," and "Learning to Conflict Redemptively and Forgive Progressively." Visit covpres.com/marriage-seminar for details and to register.

Discover Covenant Class. If you would like to consider joining Covenant, our Discover Covenant Class is a great way to learn about our church and what it means to become a member. Our next class is scheduled for September 20-22. We will meet Friday 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. We will conclude with lunch on Sunday from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Nursery childcare will be provided for each session. Please email Victoria Williams to register for the class (vwilliams@covpres.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | SENIOR College students
PASTOR'S OFFICE

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 3os and 4os

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 5os and 6os

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | S101 *60s and 70s*

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

WEDNESDAYS@COVENANT

Fall Session: September 4 - November 20

Join your Covenant family each week for a time of food, fellowship, and study, Like any family, we need to spend time together, check in with each other, and break bread together. As we study God's word and pray with each other, this midweek time plays an important role in our growth as a church family. We have something for everyone! See covpres.com/schedule for all the details.

SCHEDULE

5:30-6:15 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

> serving lines remain open until 6:00; \$6/adult, \$4/child with a \$25 family max

5:30-7:15 p.m. **Nursery Activities**

(infants through 2 year olds; Nursery Level)

kidConnection*

(3 year olds through 6th grade; 3rd Floor)

6:00-7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (\$103)

6:15-7:15 p.m. **Youth Activities** (7th-8th grades; Youth Rooms)

Adult Options:

Marriage Enrichment** | This 11-week program includes a Marriage Encouragement Seminar with Scotty Smith, Marriage Enrichment groups, and a mentoring ministry pairing older couples with young couples in our church.

Small Group Discussions | Two options, each with a 20-25 minute video from Dr. Sinclair Ferguson followed by 20-30 minutes of group discussion.

- 1. Sermon on the Mount (E201)
- 2. The Basics of the Christian Life (Dining Room)

*Dinner included, please register at covpres.com

^{**}If you would like to be mentored, please contact Josh Johnson (jjohnson@covpres.com)

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Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

DEACONS

John Shank

2019

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

Tvler O'Connor

2020

2021

Patrick Strong

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.

AUGUST READING PLAN

	PSALMS	ROMANS
1	□ 65-67	□ 2
2	□ 68-69	□ 3
3/4	□ 70-74	□ 4-5
5	□ 75-77	□ 6
6	□ 78	□ 7
7	□ 79-81	□ 8:1-17
8	□ 82-84	□ 8:18-39
9	□ 85-87	□ 9
10/11	□ 88-92	□ 10:1-11:16
12	□ 93-95	□ 11:17-36
13	□ 96-98	□ 12
14	□ 99-102	□ 13
15	□ 103-104	□ 14
16	□ 105-106	□ 15:1-21
17/18	□ 107-11	□ 15;22-16:27
		1 CORINTHIANS
19	□ 112-115	□ 1
20	□ 116-118	□ 2
21	□ 119:1-48	□ 3
22	□ 119:49-104	□ 4
23	□ 119:105-176	□ 5
24/25	□ 120-127	□ 6:1-7:24
26	□ 128-131	□ 7:25-40
27	□ 132-135	□ 8
28	□ 136-138	□ 9
29	□ 139-141	□ 10:1-13
30	□ 142-144	□ 10:14-33
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