

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The dreadful joy Thy Son has sent
Is heavier than any care;
We find, as Cain his punishment,
Our pardon more than we can bear.”
—G. K. Chesterton

What is required in the sixth commandment? WSC 68

The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

What are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment? WLC 136

The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves, or of others, except in case of public justice, lawful war, or necessary defense; the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life; sinful anger, hatred, envy, desire of revenge; all excessive passions, distracting cares; immoderate use of meat, drink, labor, and recreations; provoking words, oppression, quarreling, striking, wounding, and: Whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.

☒ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

8:15 Robby Holt

10:30 Josh Johnson

☒ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

“We Come, O Christ, to You”
to the tune of “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

We come, O Christ, to you,
True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist,
In whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move
And have our being in your love.

You are the way to God,
Your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge
And Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
Your love has met your law’s demand.

You are the living truth;
All wisdom dwells in you,
The source of every skill,
The one eternal True!
O great I AM! in you we rest,
Sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true life;
To know you is to live
The more abundant life
That earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in you:
In us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ,
Our Savior and our King;
To you our youth and strength
Adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts that all may view
Your life in us and turn to you!

Words: Edith Margaret Clarkson. Music: DARWALL.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES*Judson Smith*

1 Peter 5:6-10

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ HYMN OF MERCY

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

I need Thee ev’ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev’ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev’ry hour;
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow’r
When Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev’ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev’ry hour
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev’ry hour I need Thee.
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Words: Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918); Refrain: Robert Lowry (1826-1899).
Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O Gracious Father,
We confess that our hearts have often been far from You,
And we have strayed from Your Word.
In our sinful nature, we have given into sin and temptation,
And we have delighted in what displeases You.
Forgive our sinful thoughts, our harsh words, and our prideful deeds,
And restore unto us the joy of Your salvation
And renew a right spirit within us,
That we may live faithfully the life worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus,
In whose name we pray, Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.

—2 Thessalonians 3:3

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.

SECOND READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 11:1-4

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

 **HYMN OF HOPE***"In Christ Alone"*

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe;
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again;
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Words and Music: CCLI Song No. 3350395. © 2001 Thankyou Music (Admin. by
EMI Christian Music Publishing). Keith Getty / Stuart Townend. For use solely in
accordance with the SongSelect Advanced Terms of Agreement. All rights Reserved.
www.songtouch.com. CCLI License No. 2265122.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Galatians 2:20"

Congregational Hymn



I have been cru - ci - fied with__ Christ.



It is no long - er I who__ live,



but Christ who lives in me,



but Christ who lives in__ me.__



And the life I now live in the flesh



I live by faith in the Son of God,__



Who loved me and gave Him - self for me.

Words: Galatians 2:20. Music: Adam Wright.

☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 19 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance sheet provided with your worship guide and leave it in your pew or at your table.

Children's Worship. Children. 3 year olds (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarteners sitting in the Fellowship Hall are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children will walk with staff to C222, C223, or C224, and staff will then walk children back to the Fellowship Hall prior to the benediction to join their parents.

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

8:15 Mark Hogewood

10:30 Michael Latta

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 4:1-16

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear.¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

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

15

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.

SEASON OF PENTECOST | OCTOBER 25, 2020 | 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

 HYMN OF GLORY

"By Faith"



1. By faith we see the__ hand of God
2. By faith our fa - thers__roamed the earth
3. By faith the pro - phets__ saw the day
4. By faith the church was__ called to go
5. By faith this moun - tain__ shall be moved



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
 with the pow'r of His pro mise in their hearts,
 when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear
 in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost
 and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail,



in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
 of a ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand,
 with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and__ not by sight. (v. 2)
 a place where peace and__ jus - tice reign. (chorus)
 and rise tri - um phant from the grave. (v. 4)
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner__ of the earth. (chorus)
 for all who call up - on His name. (chorus)

Chorus:

We will stand as chil- dren of the pro - mise;



we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward.



'Til the race is fin- ished and the work is done,



we'll walk by faith and_ not by sight.

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend. CCLI 5469291.


BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 25 - 31, 2020**SUNDAY, October 25**

- 8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing (central parking areas)

MONDAY, October 26

- 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

TUESDAY, October 27

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Women's Study: Ephesians (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, October 28

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays With the Holts (Fellowship Hall)
Kingdom Builders and Living Stones
- 8:30 p.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

THURSDAY, October 29

- 11:00 a.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

FRIDAY, October 30

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CDS Fall Festival
- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Family Movie Night (3rd level parking area)

- SATURDAY, October 31** Daylight Savings Time ends (2:00 a.m. November 1)
Remember to set your clocks back one hour!

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, October 26-November 1).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn Sing. Our Hymn Sing is tonight! In order to accommodate everyone who would like to come, we are having it outside in the central Covenant parking lots. There will be a few spots designated for cars to park and tailgate. If you would like a tailgate spot, please park your car in a designated spot by 4:30 p.m. today. We will have seating set up, parking blocked off, and individually boxed pizzas available after the Hymn Sing. We will also be providing everyone with a copy of our very own Covenant Family Hymnal & Worship Guide. You do not want to miss this fun night of worship and fellowship!

Evening Worship, November 15. We will have a special church-wide evening worship service on November 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Alton Hardy (Senior Pastor) and Michael Bowen (Director of Operations) of Urban Hope Community Church will be with us that evening to share UHCC's vision and tangible ways that we can partner with them in ministry. This service will be in lieu of the final two evening Sunday School sessions scheduled for November 15 and 22, and Robby will walk us through the last lesson in Jonah during the first part of the service. We also will be collecting a love offering for UHCC. Everyone is invited to this special evening of worship!

Feast Not Famine. Ladies, Feast Not Famine is November 17 with Sandra McCracken in concert at 6:30! We will also have a holiday market featuring the gifts and talents of our Covenant ladies plus yummy treats, all while remaining safe and socially distanced. Reservations are required for this event and are limited to Covenant members and regular attenders age 18 and over. Make your reservation at covpres.com/feast-not-famine. The nursery will be available from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for children age 5 and under; to make a reservation, please email nursery@covpres.com.

Wednesdays With the Holts. We have one more gathering with the Holts this Wednesday, October 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m., for the Kingdom Builders and Living Stones classes. We hope you will come and get to know Chrissy and Robby better!

Daylight Savings Time Ends. Remember to set your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night, October 31! Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 1.

Covenant Name Tags. Please wear your name tag while on campus and return them to the boxes provided at the exits. If you do not find your name tag or would like to request one, please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Sunday Evenings | Fall 2020

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Teaching (Sanctuary)

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Prayer and Fellowship (Classrooms)

(Nursery available; Children's Sunday School and Youth Small Groups also meet at this time)

GROUP A

November 1

COMMUNITY	All ages and life stages
CROSSPOINTE	Young families; 30s
LIGHTHOUSE	30s and 40s
LIVING STONES	40s and 50s
OPEN DOORS	70s and above
UPPER ROOM	60s and 70s

GROUP B

November 8

COLLEGE	College students
CORNERSTONE	30s and 40s
FOUNDATIONS	30s and 40s
KINGDOM BUILDERS	50s and 60s
THRESHOLD	Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s

Teaching Elders by Sunday School Community:

Community, Open Doors, Upper Room | Marty Crawford

Cornerstone, Foundations, Lighthouse | David Driskill

Living Stones, Kingdom Builders | Dan Edwards

College, Crosspointe, Threshold | Josh Johnson

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Robby Holt, Senior Pastor	rholt@covpres.com
Marty Crawford, Assistant Pastor (Church Administrator, Senior Adults, Missions)	mcrawford@covpres.com
David Driskill, Assistant Pastor (Shepherding, Middle Adults)	ddriskill@covpres.com
John Fountain, Assistant Pastor (Students and Families)	jfountain@covpres.com
Ingram Link, Director of Women's Ministries	ilink@covpres.com

MINISTRY STAFF

Rick Barnes, Director of Music	rbarnes@covpres.com
Jami Bennett, Director of MDO and Nursery Ministries	jbennett@covpres.com
Rachel Davis, Assistant Director of Girls' Ministries	shields.rachel.c@gmail.com
Dan Edwards, Assistant Pastor (Middle Adults)	dedwards@covpres.com
Katie Flores, Assistant Director of Children's Ministries, Director of Enfold Disability Ministry	kflores@covpres.com
Bill Hay, Pastor Emeritus	bhay@covpres.com
Josh Johnson, Assistant Pastor (Young Adults, Adult Discipleship)	jjohnson@covpres.com
Sara Litten, Director of Girls' Ministries	slitten@covpres.com
Daniel Sluis, Director of Guys' Ministries	dsluis@covpres.com
Brooke Stewart, Director of Covenant Day School	bstewart@covpres.com
Laura Tucker, Director of Children's Ministries	ltucker@covpres.com

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Katie Caldwell, Director of Design and Production	kcaldwell@covpres.com
Meg Cotney, Director of Finance	mcotney@covpres.com
Tyler Cuidon, Director of Technical Services	tyler.cuidon@gmail.com
Phyllis Hamm, Ministry Assistant (Missions, Member Care)	phamm@covpres.com
Jeff Herbert, Director of Facilities	jherbert@covpres.com
Stacey Loyless, Director of Communications and Media	sloyless@covpres.com
Casey O'Dell, Ministry Assistant (Children's Choir, Worship)	caseys.odell@gmail.com
Kim Oliver, Assistant to the Senior Pastor	koliver@covpres.com
Traci Parker, Director of Food Services	tparker@covpres.com
Justin Richardson, Assistant to the Church Administrator	jrichardson@covpres.com
Karan Stuart, Receptionist	kstuart@covpres.com
Victoria Williams, Ministry Assistant (Women, Shepherding)	vwilliams@covpres.com

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

STEERING COMMITTEE

2020

Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session
Stephen Mince, Chair of the Diaconate
Lee Sheppard, Personnel Committee Chair
John Shank, Finance Committee Chair

Will Brooke, Member At-large
Daniel Murray, Family Ministry Chair
Steve Stigler, Missions Ministry Chair
Ty Dedmon, Shepherding Ministry Chair

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.

OCTOBER READING PLAN

ISAIAH
1 □ 21-23

2 □ 24-26

3/4 □ 27-30

5 □ 31-32

6 □ 33-34

7 □ 35-37

8 □ 38-40

9 □ 41-42

10/11 □ 43-48

12 □ 49-50

13 □ 51-53

14 □ 54-55

15 □ 56-58

16 □ 59-61

17/18 □ 62-66

JEREMIAH

19 □ 1-3

20 □ 4-5

21 □ 6-7

22 □ 8-9

23 □ 10-11

24/25 □ 12-15

26 □ 16-17

27 □ 18-20

28 □ 21-23

29 □ 24-26

30 □ 27-28

31/Nov. 1 □ 29-34

EPHESIANS

□ 5

□ 6

PHILIPPIANS

□ 1-2

□ 3

□ 4

COLOSSIANS

□ 1:1-2:5

□ 2:6-3:17

□ 3:18-4:18

1 THESSALONIANS

□ 1:1-2:12

□ 2:13-3:5

□ 3:6-13

□ 4

□ 5

2 THESSALONIANS

□ 1

□ 2-3

1 TIMOTHY

□ 1

□ 2

□ 3

□ 4

□ 5:1-6:2a

□ 6:2b-2 Timothy 1:18

2 TIMOTHY

□ 2

□ 3

□ 4

TITUS

□ 1

□ 2

□ 3-Philemon

