The Lord's Day in Worship

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"It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission—God's mission."

- —Chris Wright
- "...the church's mission is inseparable from continual repentance and constant heeding of God's call to God-given holiness, faithfulness and discernment."
- —Richard Bauckham

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

—Proverbs 21:3

2 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

8:00 service | Rev. John Fountain 10:30 service | Rev. David Driskill

RESPONSIVE READING

Revelation 15:3-4

Leader: Great and amazing are your deeds,

O Lord God the Almighty!

All: Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations!

Leader: Who will not fear, O Lord,

and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.

All: All nations will come

and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.

EXECUTE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

from "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"Jesus Shall Reign"



OUR HONORED GUESTS

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Hear the word that Yahweh speaks to you, O house of Israel. ²Thus says Yahweh:

"Learn not the way of the nations,
nor be dismayed at the signs of the heavens
because the nations are dismayed at them,

3 for the customs of the peoples are vanity.

A tree from the forest is cut down
and worked with an axe by the hands of a craftsman.

⁴They decorate it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so that it cannot move.

⁵Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk.

Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good."

⁶There is none like you, O Yahweh; you are great, and your name is great in might. ⁷Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.

8They are both stupid and foolish; the instruction of idols is but wood!
9Beaten silver is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz.

They are the work of the craftsman and of the hands of the goldsmith; their clothing is violet and purple; they are all the work of skilled men.

¹⁰But Yahweh is the true God;he is the living God and the everlasting King.At his wrath the earth quakes,and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

"Thus shall you say to them: "The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens."

¹⁶Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; Yahweh of hosts is his name.

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

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.

Amen.

MASSURANCE OF PARDON

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

-Psalm 130:3-5

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.

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.
Amen

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Arise My Soul Arise" 8:00 service | Congregational Hymn

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears: Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

Chorus

Arise, arise, arise my soul arise! Arise, arise, arise my soul arise— Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.
(Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"
(Chorus)

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear; With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. (Chorus, twice)

"Blessed is the Nation (Psalm 33)"
10:30 service | Chancel Choir

Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful;
Praise the Lord! Sing a new song with shout of joy,
For the word of the Lord is right,
And all His work is done in truth.

Let all the earth fear the Lord,
Let the world stand in awe of Him;
The Lord looks down from heaven,
He considers all their work;
The eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His mercy.

Praise the Lord! Sing a new song with shout of joy, For the word of the Lord is right,
And all His work is done in truth.

The Lord makes the counsel of the nations to nothing,
The plans of no effect;
The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
The plans of His heart to all generations;
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

MISSIONARY REPORT

8:00 a.m. Rigo Banegas

serving in Honduras with Forgotten Children Ministries

10:30 a.m.
Bob Burnham
serving in Ukraine with Mission to the World

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" plays a significant role in our liturgy. It precedes our coming to the Lord's Table because this sacrament manifests and celebrates our unity in Christ as one body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us not to 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 23 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

Genesis 18:16-21

Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom.

And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. ¹⁷YHWH said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of YHWH by doing righteousness and justice, so that YHWH may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰Then YHWH said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

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

"Chosen to Be the Channel of God's Blessing to All Nations"				
Rev. Dr. Chris Wright, Global Ambassador, Langham Partnership (London)				

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are italicized.

Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-29; 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.

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, Live in me from day to day, By His love and pow'r controlling, All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph, Only through His pow'r.

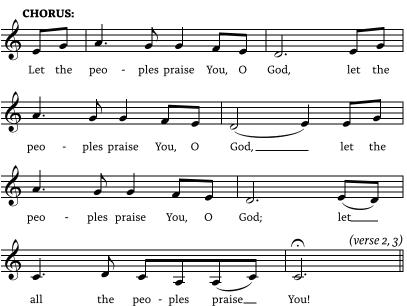
May the peace of God, my Father, Rule my life in everything, That I may be calm to comfort, Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.

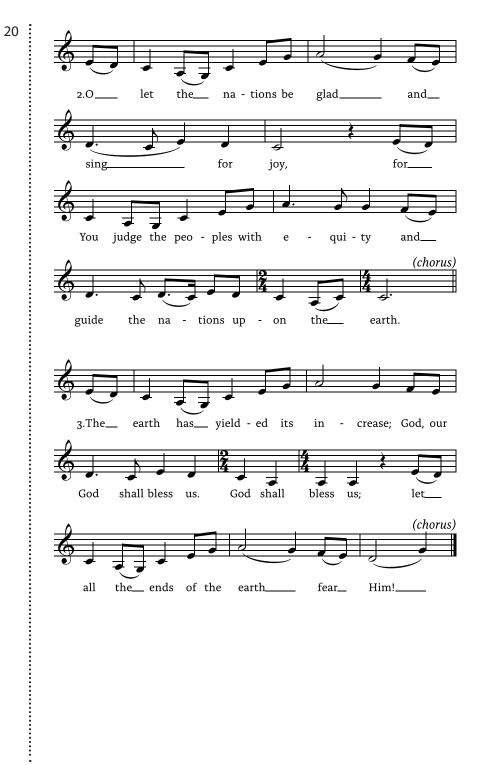
May His beauty rest upon me, As I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.

"Psalm 67"





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"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease, 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread thro' all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

He speaks and list'ning to His voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

BENEDICTION

SUNDAY, February 26

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Communities (see page 24)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
12:00 p.m.	Church families host missionaries for lunch
5:30 p.m.	Church-wide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	KidMission (3rd floor)
6:30 p.m.	Global Missions Festival Service (Sanctuary)
7:45 p.m.	Dessert Fellowship (Commons)

MONDAY, February 27

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
5:30 p.m.	Church-wide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	KidMission (3rd floor)
6:30 p.m.	Global Missions Festival Service (Sanctuary)
7:45 p.m.	Dessert Fellowship (Commons)

TUESDAY, February 28

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10:30 a.m.	Women's Missions Festival Brunch		
	(2980 Mountain Brook Parkway)		
11:30 a.m.	Men's Missions Festival Lunch (Fellowship Hall)		
5:30 p.m.	Church-wide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)		
6:15 p.m.	KidMission (3rd floor)		
6:15 p.m.	Missionary Panel Discussions (Fellowship Hall & 201)		
7:45 p.m.	Closing & Prayer (Fellowship Hall)		

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global Missions Festival 2023. Our annual Global Missions Festival is here! You can find the schedule on page 22 and online at copvres.com/missions-festival. We encourage you to participate in as many events as your schedule allows and ask that you get to know and pray for our missionary partners!

Men's Missions Festival Lunch. All men are invited to join us for lunch on Tuesday, February 28, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Aaron Halbert, who serves with MTW in Honduras, will be sharing. Note: You will have an opportunity at lunch to donate to the relief efforts in Turkey through our ministry partners.

Women's Missions Festival Brunch. All women are invited to our Women's Brunch on Tuesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at 2980 Mountain Brook Parkway. We will hear from Cristi Mansfield with Thirdmill. Note: You will have an opportunity at the brunch to donate to the relief efforts in Turkey through our ministry partners.

Lenten Devotionals. Our pastors, ministers, and several church members have written daily devotions for the Season of Lent. Please take one of the "Songs of the Savior" Lenten Devotionals from the foyer or commons!

Discover Covenant Class. Our next Discover Covenant Class is March 17 - 19. This class is a great way to learn about our church and what it means to become a member of Covenant. The class meets on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and during Sunday School on Sunday morning. Please visit covpres.com/new-members to sign up.

Scripture Memory. Our church-wide scripture memory for the Season of Lent (February 22 - April 8) is Philippians 2:3-8:

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Our missionary partners will be sharing with the following Sunday School Communities.

THRESHOLD | 304 Justin Lonas, Rob Porter

20s and 30s The Chalmers Center

KING'S TABLE | 301 Brian Fikkert

30s The Chalmers Center

CROSSPOINTE | 100 Sunny Jaj, Jeremy Martin

mid 30s to mid 40s SERGE, London

CORNERSTONE | 104 Taylor Dix

late 30s to late 40s MTW, Bulgaria

LIGHTHOUSE | 305 Bob Burnham

late 30s to early 50s MTW, Ukraine

FOUNDATIONS | DINING ROOM Esaie Etienne

early 40s to early 50s MTW, Haiti/Dominican Republic

LIVING STONES | 303 Greg and Darlene Perry,

late 40s to early 60s Cristie Mansfield
Thirdmill, Global

KINGDOM BUILDERS | 201 Kelly and Michael Alsup

late 50s to early 70s RUF International, Auburn

COMMUNITY, Jamie and Brad Newport

OPEN DOORS, & UPPER ROOM | 101 TEAM, Greece

All ages and life stages; late 60s
and above

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Rigo Banegas, Ashley Senn

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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 2023.

FEBRUARY READING PLAN						
	NUMBERS	MARK				
25/26	□ 16-20	□ 7:1-13				
27	□ 21-22	□ 7:14-37				
28	□ 23-25	□ 8:1-21				
MARCH READING PLAN						
1	□ 26-27	□ 8:22-9:1				
2	□ 28-29	□ 9:2-29				
3	□ 30-31	□ 9:30-50				
4/5	□ 32-35	□ 10				
6	□ 36-Deuteronomy 1	□ 11:1-14				
	DEUTERONOMY					
7	□ 2-4	□ 11:15-33				
8	□ 5-7	□ 12:1-27				
9	□ 8-10	□ 12:28-44				
10	□ 11-13	□ 13:1-13				
11/12	□ 14-19	□ 13:14-14:31				
13	□ 20-22	□ 14:31-52				
14	□ 23-25	□ 14:53-72				
15	□ 26-27	□ 15:1-20				
16	□ 28	□ 15:21-47				
17	□ 29-30	□ 16				
		LUKE				
18/19	□ 31-Joshua 2	□ 1:1-56				
	JOSHUA					
20	□ 3-4	□ 1:57-80				
21	□ 5-6	□ 2:1-21				
22	□ 7-8	□ 2:22-52				
23	□ 9-10	□ 3				
24	□ 11-13	□ 4:1-30				
25/26	□ 14-17	□ 4:31-5:26				
27	□ 18-19	□ 5:27-39				
28	□ 20-22	□ 6:1-26				
29	□ 23-24	□ 6:27-49				
	JUDGES					
30	□ 1-2	□ 7:1-35				
31	□ 3-5	□ 7:36-50				

HYMN CREDITS

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

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Words: based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: John Hatton, 1793.

"Arise My Soul Arise"

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"Blessed is the Nation (Psalm 33)"

Words: Psalm 33. Music: Joshua Hummel.

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Words: Kate Wilkinson. Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould.

"Psalm 67"

Words: Psalm 67. Music: Adam Wright 2018 (Corner Room Music).

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Glazer, 1828; arr. Jeff Koonce, 2012.