

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Pain and death came into the world with the fall of man. But after man had chosen suffering in preference to the joys of union with God, the Lord turned suffering itself into a way by which man could come to the perfect knowledge of God.

—Thomas Merton

Human beings are physical...spiritual...rational...and social. All of these dimensions are combined in the integrated human person. They are not different parts that can be separated but different dimensions of the whole person.

—Chris Wright

First, there is the good news of creation, but now we have the bad news of the fall. It introduces fundamental conflict into the biblical drama, which must be resolved before God's story ends. It shows, contrary to other worldviews, that evil is not rooted in creation itself, but in the moral rebellion of the human race against the divine authority of the holy God.

—David Naugle

CALL TO WORSHIP

8:15 David Driskill 10:30 John Fountain

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

“Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love”



1. Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - ve - lous, match - less__ love;
 2. Cre - a - tion is brim - ming with thank - ful - ness,
 3. What grace, that You en - tered our bro - ken - ness;



too vast and a - stound - ing to tell._____
 the moun - tains, ex - ul - tant they stand;_____
 You came in the full - ness of time._____



For - ev - er ex - ist - ing in worlds a - bove,
 the sea - sons re - joice in Your faith - ful - ness,
 How far we had fall - en from right - eous - ness,



now of - fered and gi - ven to all._____
 all life is su - stained by Your hand._____
 but not from the mer - cies of Christ._____



Oh foun - tain of beau - ty e - ter - nal;
 You crown ev - ery mea - dow with co - lor;
 Your cross is our door to re - demp - tion;



the Fa - ther, the Spi - rit, the Son._____
 You paint ev - ery shade in the sky;_____
 Your death is our full - ness of life._____

☒ Congregation stand as able.



Suf - fi - cient and end - less - ly gen - er - ous:____
 each day the dawn wakes as an en - core_ of____
 That day, how for - give-ness flowed as a____ flood:____



mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - ve - lous, match - less love.

Chorus:



How great, how sure;____ His love en -



dures____ for - ev - er - more:____



Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - ve lous, match - less love.

Bridge:



U - nit-ed in Your re-sur-rec-tion, You lift us to in-fi-nite heights.



Could an - y-thing sev - er or take us____ from____



mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - ve - lous, match - less love.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS*8:15 Margaret Ann Pyburn**10:30 Ginny Johnston*

Zechariah 3:1-10

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ²And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" ³Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." ⁵And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.

⁶And the angel of the LORD solemnly assured Joshua, ⁷"Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. ⁸Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. ⁹For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. ¹⁰In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR MERCY

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“Lord, Have Mercy”



1. For what we have done, and left un - done,
2. For what You have done, Your life of love



we fall on Your count - less mer - cies.
You per - fect - ly lived, we praise You.



For sins that are known, and those un - known,
Though tempt - ed and tried, You fixed Your eyes,



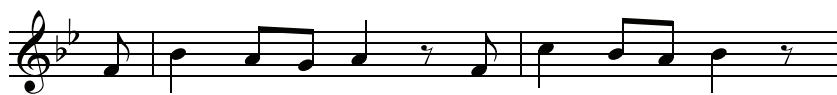
we call on Your name so ho - ly;
You fin - ished the work God gave You



for en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes,
And there on the tree - a King a - mong thieves -



for scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor.
You bled for a world's be - tray - al



In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King;
You loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful Friend;



how deep - ly we need a Sav - ior.
how pure and for - ev - er faith - ful.

SEASON OF PENTECOST | OCTOBER 18, 2020 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

Refrain:**Bridge:**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Father of mercy,
Your Word is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow,
and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
And no creature is hidden from your sight,
but all are naked and exposed before you,
to whom we must give account.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

—Hebrews 4:14-16

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 GRACE**

“Rock of Ages”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815. Music: *TOPLADY*;
Thomas Hastings, 1830.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Virtual Choir

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born to save, born to heal, Come, O Savior, come.
While we wait, while we pray, Come, Savior, come.
Hope of all heaven and earth, Come, Jesus, come.
O Jesus, come.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Born to save, born to heal, Come, O Savior, come.
While we wait, while we pray, Come, Savior, come.
Hope of all heaven and earth, Come, Jesus, come,
O Jesus, come.

Hope of all heaven and earth, Come, Jesus, come,
O Jesus, come, O Jesus, come.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: Mark A. Miller.

☒ 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 *Will Brooke*

10:30 *Sandy Stradtman*

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 3:14-24

The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
 but he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
 and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
 in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
 for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

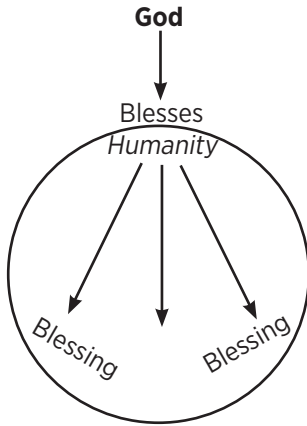
All flesh is like grass,

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.

GOD'S CREATION ORDER

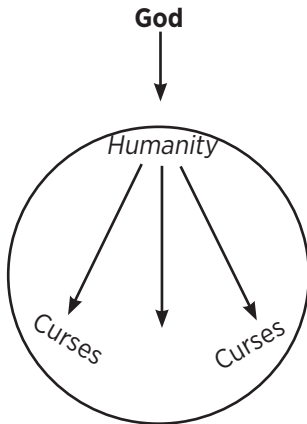


The one true God made all things...

and set *humanity* over his good creation...

to spread his blessing to the whole earth.

GOD'S CREATION ORDER



Due to God's structure...

human rebellion misdirects the project.

Curses flow instead of blessings.

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

"Grace Unmeasured"



1. Grace un-meas - ured, vast and free, that knew me from e -
2. Grace a- bound - ing, strong and true, that makes me long to



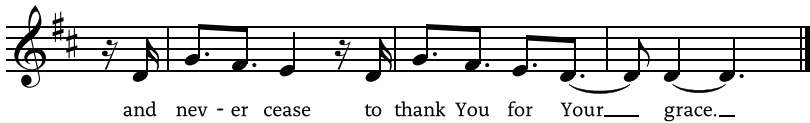
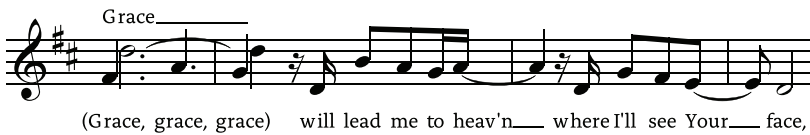
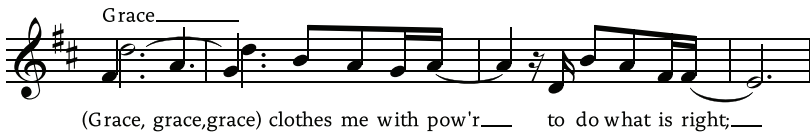
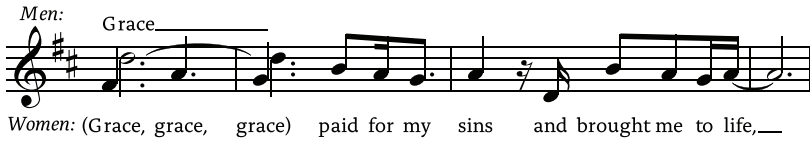
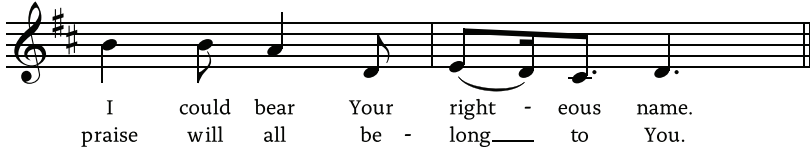
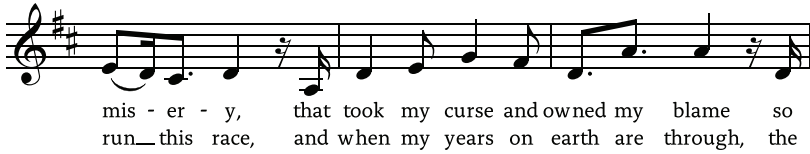
ter - ni - ty, that called me out be - fore my birth to
be___ like You, that turns me from my self - ish pride to



bring You glo - ry on___ this earth.
love the cross on which___ You died.



Grace a - maz - ing, pure and deep, that saw me in my
Grace un-end - ing all my days; You'll give me strength to



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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 18 - 24, 2020**SUNDAY, October 18**

- 8:15 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday School (Group B; see page 19)
Children's Sunday School (Group B)
Youth Small Groups (All groups)

MONDAY, October 19

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

TUESDAY, October 20

- 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 21

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 8:30 p.m. Enfold Disability Ministry Book Discussion

THURSDAY, October 22

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

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, October 19-25).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn Sing. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25 (5:00 - 6:00 p.m.) for our annual Hymn Sing...2020 style! In order to accommodate everyone who would like to come, we will be 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 on October 25. We will have seating set up and parking blocked off, and there will be 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 how we can get involved in their 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 will be collecting a love offering for UHCC during the service, and Michael will share tangible ways that we can partner with UHCC during the last portion of the service. Everyone is invited to this special evening of worship!

Created for a Purpose Christmas Workshop. Created for a Purpose is excited to announce our plans for Christmas Workshop 2020! Because of COVID-19 we are encouraging you to host Christmas Workshop in your home. You can find all the details here. We recommend this at-home workshop for six girls, no matter the age! We will provide you with a Bible study (with video and discussion guide) and with project supplies for four projects, along with videos and written instructions for each project. You will also receive CFAP t-shirts and bags for each participant. Registration is open at [createdforapurpose.org/schedule-and-registration!](https://createdforapurpose.org/schedule-and-registration)

Wednesdays With the Holts. We have one more gathering with the Holts on 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!

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

October 18; 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

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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

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2 □ 24-26

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JEREMIAH

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23 □ 10-11

24/25 □ 12-15

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27 □ 18-20

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30 □ 27-28

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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

