

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“When your church family gathers together as a group of needy people and shares food with Jesus at the center and with Jesus as the provider, you glimpse God’s coming world right here, right now.”

—Tim Chester

And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

—Deuteronomy 8:2-3

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 57:5

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!"

☒ RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 96:1-6

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All: *Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

All: *Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMNS OF ADORATION

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"



1. Give to our God im - mor - tal__ praise;
2. He built the earth, He__ spread the__ sky,
3. He fills the sun with__ morn - ing__ light;
4. He sent His Son with__ pow'r to__ save



mer - cy and truth are all His ways;
and fixed the star - ry lights on high;
He bids the moon di - rect the night;
from guilt and dark - ness and the grave;



won - ders of grace to__ God__ be - long;
won - ders of grace to__ God__ be - long;
His mer - cies ev - er__ shall__ en - dure,
won - ders of grace to__ God__ be - long;



re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
when suns and moons shall shine no more.
re - peat His mer - cies in your song.

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: DUKE STREET; John Hatton.

☒ "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"
to the tune of "Doxology"

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve Him with joy, His praises tell,
Come now before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
He formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock He comes to feed,
The sheep who by His hand were made.

O enter then His gates with joy,
Within His courts His praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ,
O bless and magnify His name.

Because the Lord, our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host,
Be praise and glory evermore.

Be praise and glory evermore.

Words: William Kethe, 1561. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH.

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

2 Kings 4:38-44

And Elisha came again to Gilgal when there was a famine in the land. And as the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, he said to his servant, "Set on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets." ³⁹One of them went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine and gathered from it his lap full of wild gourds, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew, not knowing what they were. ⁴⁰And they poured out some for the men to eat. But while they were eating of the stew, they cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it. ⁴¹He said, "Then bring flour." And he threw it into the pot and said, "Pour some out for the men, that they may eat." And there was no harm in the pot.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*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.*

"Trisagion"

Ho - - ly God,

Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

Ho - - ly im - mor - tal One, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

A - men, a - men, a - - men.

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❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, 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 himself for me.

—from Galatians 1:3-4; 2:20

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.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Merciful God"

Congregational Hymn

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful to all who draw near You;
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart,
Showing the cross they may cling to;
Helpless I come broken in sin,
Found at the feet of Your mercy;
Father forgive,
May my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful through times we have failed You;
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed,
Foolish in word and ungrateful;
Spirit of God conquer our hearts
With love that flows from forgiveness;
Cause us to yield,
And return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful to keep us from falling;
Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart,
Growing our faith with each testing;
God speed the day struggles will end,
Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory;
Then we will stand,
Overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

10:30 a.m.

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

—Mark 10:45

Deacons

Samuel Bragg
Paul Darden
Joe Fante*
Steve Killgore
Robert Luttrell
Steve Pfitzer
Brent Powell
Matt Searson

Elders

Dave Gray*
Heath Henderson
Paul Loyless
Tyler O'Connor*
Jason Peevy
Charlie Regan
Charles White

**These men will be both ordained and installed.*

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

from the *Book of Church Order*

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as Deacons or Elders, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which the office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitles them?

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE OFFICERS AND THE CONGREGATION

**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 ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2020) through Kindergarten 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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 9:10-17

On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. ¹²Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." ¹³But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." ¹⁵And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

from Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Confession of Faith: The 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 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.*

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.

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son.
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart.
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all!
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all!

Words: ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905;
versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 19129. Music: traditional Irish melody.

"We Will Feast"

Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
We will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up.
(Refrain)

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.
(Refrain)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.
(Refrain)

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 **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 23 - 29, 2022

SUNDAY, January 23

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (see page 20)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	6th Grade Small Groups
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Women's Study: Remember Your Joy

MONDAY, January 24

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
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TUESDAY, January 25

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Hope and Help for Moms (305)
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Remember Your Joy (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, January 26

10:00 a.m.	Church-wide Prayer Time (101)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Wednesdays@Covenant
	5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:15 KidConnection (3K-5th grades; 3rd floor)
	6:15 Youth Activities (Youth Area)
	6:15 Bible Studies
	Church-wide Studies:
	You Are Not Your Own: Redefining Identity (201)
	<i>Topic: Work</i>
	God, His People, and Poverty Alleviation (Fellowship Hall)
	Women's Studies:
	Remember Your Joy (303)
	The Book of Isaiah (305)
	Remember Your Joy (Dining Room; 7:15 p.m.)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, January 24 - 30).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesdays@Covenant. Wednesday night studies and activities are in full swing, and there is something for everyone! Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with studies, choir rehearsal, and youth and children's activities all beginning at 6:15. See the full schedule on page 18 and on our website at covpres.com/schedule.

Missions Festival 2022. Mark your calendars for our annual Missions Festival February 27 - March 1. Our speaker will be Brian Habig, pastor of Downtown Presbyterian Church (Greenville, SC). More details coming soon, but you can go ahead and sign up to be involved at covpres.com/missions-festival.

Sacred Studio 2022. Ladies, save the date! Sacred Studio is scheduled for March 11 - 12, 2022. Sacred Studio is the grown-up version of Created for a Purpose with times for worship, fellowship, and creating! Registration opens January 24 at sacredstudio.org.

Discover Covenant Class. Our next Discover Covenant Class is March 18 - 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.

Sandra McCracken Concert. Save the date—Sandra McCracken will be in concert at Covenant on Sunday evening, March 20! More information coming soon.

Church-wide Memory Passage. Our new memory passage for the Season of Epiphany (January 6 - March 1) is 1 Chronicles 16:31:

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

THRESHOLD 304	<i>Singles, college students, and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
KING'S TABLE 301	30s (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
CROSSPOINTE 100	<i>mid 30s to mid 40s</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)
CORNERSTONE 104	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE 305	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i>
FOUNDATIONS DINING ROOM	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
LIVING STONES 303	<i>late 40s to late 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS 201	<i>late 40s to late 60s</i> (Pastor: Dan Edwards)
COMMUNITY 300	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM 101	<i>late 60s and above</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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John Hamilton	Nathan Collums	Heath Henderson
Mark Hogewood	Jeff Dyess	Paul Loyless
John James	Michael Latta	Tyler O'Connor
David O'Dell	Charlie Logan	Jason Peevy
Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld	Charlie Regan
Kurt Senn	John Smith T	Charles White
	Steve Stigler	

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jim Bennett	Tripp Alexander	Samuel Bragg
William Edwards	Joseph Cascio	Paul Darden
Merrill Johnston	Richard Cox	Joe Fante
Randall Lancaster	Jay Evans	Steve Killgore
Mark Midyette	Bryan Flores	Robert Luttrell
Stephen Mince	Gary Gorham	Steve Pfitzer
Clyde Prather	Jeff Hayes	Brent Powell
John Shank	John Shults	Matt Searson
Matt Thomas	Joe Strickland	
Greg Tomlinson	Darrell Tucker	

STEERING COMMITTEE

Will Brooke, Member At-large	Mark Hogewood, Personnel Committee Chair
Nathan Collums, Family Ministry Chair	Robby Holt, Moderator of the Session
Marty Crawford, Pastoral Liaison (Missions)	Ingram Link, Ministry Liaison (Women)
David Driskill, Pastoral Liaison (Shepherding)	Bob Schaffeld, Missions Ministry Chair
John Fountain, Pastoral Liaison (Family)	John Shank, Finance Committee Chair
Gary Gorham, Chair of the Diaconate	John Smith T, Clerk of the Session
Heath Henderson, Shepherding Ministry Chair	

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 2022.

JANUARY READING PLAN

	GENESIS	MATTHEW
1/2	□ 1-4	□ 1-2
3	□ 5-8	□ 3
4	□ 9-11	□ 4
5	□ 12-14	□ 5
6	□ 15-17	□ 6
7	□ 18-20	□ 7
8/9	□ 21-25	□ 8
10	□ 26-28	□ 9
11	□ 29-30	□ 10
12	□ 31-32	□ 11:1-19
13	□ 33-34	□ 11:20-30
14	□ 35-36	□ 12:1-21
15/16	□ 37-42	□ 12:22-13:23
17	□ 43-44	□ 13:24-58
18	□ 45-46	□ 14:1-21
19	□ 47	□ 14:22-36
20	□ 48-49	□ 15:1-20
21	□ 50-Exodus 1	□ 15:21-39
	EXODUS	
22/23	□ 2-5	□ 16
24	□ 6-7	□ 17:1-13
25	□ 8-9	□ 17:14-27
26	□ 10-11	□ 18:1-20
27	□ 12-13	□ 18:21-35
28	□ 14-16	□ 19:1-15
29/30	□ 17-20	□ 19:16-20:34
31	□ 21-22	□ 21:1-32

SERMON RESOURCES

Our pastors are using the following resources as they study and prepare for their sermons.

A Meal With Jesus, Tim Chester

Luke, Chapters 1-13, Dale Ralph Davis

Luke, R. T. France

Luke, Mark L. Strauss

Luke, Exegetical/Commentary of the New Testament, David E. Garland

The Gospel of Luke, Joel B. Green

The Gospel of Luke, I. Howard Marshall