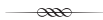


The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"What was hinted at in Galilee—the kingdom is present, but is advancing in an unexpected way—is now affirmed and clarified by Jesus: the 'way' of the kingdom's coming is by means of the suffering of the Son of Man."

—Jeremy Treat

"...in seeking to benefit one's neighbor...unless you give up all thought of self and, so to speak, get out of yourself, you will accomplish nothing here. For how can you...unless you renounce yourself...? ...we see how many good things, interwoven, spring from the cross...the cross strikes at our perilous confidence in the flesh. It teaches us, thus humbled, to rest upon God alone, with the result that we do not faint or yield...how much we need the practice of bearing the cross."

—John Calvin

"Your love is teaching me to kneel."

—U2

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

8:00 service | Rev. Marty Crawford

10:30 service | Rev. Josh Johnson

☒ RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

All: *Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

All: *Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!*

Leader: Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

All: *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

❧ HYMN OF ADORATION

"We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.
(Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.
(Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(Refrain)

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies.
(Refrain)

READING FROM THE WRITINGS

Daniel 7:1-14

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. ²Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. ⁵And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' ⁶After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

⁹"As I looked,

thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹¹"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³"I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
¹⁴And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Most Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Grant us a holy grief that honors you.
Move us to genuine repentance for your Name's sake.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.*

Leader: Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and
I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.
—Jeremiah 33:8

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.

 **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.*

 **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

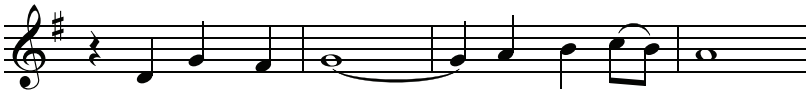
GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"

Congregational Hymn



1.As Mo - ses raised_____ the ser-pent up,
2.For God so loved_____ the world He made,
3.God did not send_____ Christ to the world



so must God's Son_____ be lift - ed_ high;
He gave His own_____ be - lov - ed_ Son;
that He might then_____ con-demn us_ all,



that who-so - ev - er_ will be - lieve
all who be - lieve_____ in_ Him will live -
but that the world_____ by_Christ's own death



in Him may live_____ e - ter - nal - ly.
not die, but live_____ for ev - er - more.
might then be ran - somed from the_ fall.

Presentation of New Members

10:30 SERVICE

Wales Averyt

Ford Birchall

Will Carter

Madelyn and Clayton Cheshire

Dana and Paul Compton

Millie Henry

Liam Richardson

Meredith and Phillip Rodgers

Dean and George

Maria and Jake Sivils

Elliott Jean

Alyssa and Baxley Stokes

Graham Welden

Oliver Wood

Lia and Don Wooten

Joshua and Murfee

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

—Book of Church Order

The Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 SERVICE

Elliott Anne Farley

DAUGHTER OF LIZ AND SCOTT FARLEY

William Jay Farley

SON OF LIZ AND SCOTT FARLEY

John Crawford Franco

SON OF MICHELLE AND STUART FRANCO

Margaret Oliver Thompson

DAUGHTER OF SALLY AND STEVEN THOMPSON

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now without reservation dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the truth and mystery of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means which God has graciously given us, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

"JESUS LOVES ME"

 **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.

The “passing of the peace” precedes the Lord’s Supper as a liturgical reminder of our unity as members of Christ’s 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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 8:22-9:1

And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" ²⁴And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." ²⁵Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 Luke 22:14-23; 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.

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love;
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
 All to leave and follow Thee;
 Destitute, despised, forsaken,
 Thou from hence my all shalt be.
 Perish every fond ambition,
 All I've sought or hoped or known;
 Yet how rich is my condition,
 God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
 They have left my savior too;
 Human hearts and looks deceive me;
 Thou art not like them untrue;
 Oh, while Thou dost smile upon me,
 God of wisdom, love and might,
 Foes may hate and friends disown me;
 Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,
 Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
 Life with trials hard may press me,
 Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
 Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
 While Thy love is left to me;
 Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
 Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then, earthly fame and treasure;
 Come disaster, scorn and pain;
 In Thy service pain is pleasure;
 With Thy favor loss is gain.
 I have called Thee Abba Father,
 I have stayed my heart on Thee;
 Storms may howl and clouds may gather,
 All must work for good to me.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 8 - 14, 2023

SUNDAY, January 8

8:00 a.m. Gathered Worship
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Communities (see page 24)
 10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship

MONDAY, January 9

8:150 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)

TUESDAY, January 10

6:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (100)
 11:00 a.m. Women's Study: Revelation (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, January 11

10:00 a.m. Church-wide Prayer Time (104)
 5:15 - 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant
 5:15 p.m. Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15 p.m. *Adult Options:*
 - Choir (Sanctuary)
 - Growing in the Grace of Prayer (201)
 - Women's Study: Revelation (303, 304, 305)
KidConnection (3k - 5th grades, 3rd floor)
Youth Activities (6th - 12th grades; Youth Rooms)

FRIDAY, January 13 - MONDAY, January 16

Youth Winter Retreat (Camp ToKnowHim)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (David Driskill, January 9 - 15).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesdays@Covenant. Our Wednesday night dinner and activities resume this week, January 11! Dinner begins at 5:15 with adult studies, choir, and children's and youth activities begin at 6:15. In our all-adult study, "Growing in the Grace of Prayer," we will spend our time learning from the Scriptures, enjoying discussion in table groups, and praying together as we learn the rhythms of prayer in God's presence.

Men's Breakfast. Our first 2023 men's breakfast is this Tuesday, January 10 at 6:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Men, invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to this time of fellowship!

Women's Bible Studies. Ladies, both of our women's studies resume this Tuesday, January 10:

- Divine Design Discipleship "Learning to Lean" | 10:00 a.m. (100; please note that this is a date change)
- Revelation | 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship. Come worship with our young church members in Children's Worship, and get to know them! We need volunteers to love and serve our 3K-Kindergarten children as we worship together in Children's Worship. Contact Laura Tucker at ltucker@covpres.com for more information.

Save the Date: Missions Festival 2023. Our annual Missions Festival is February 26 - 28! We will welcome missions partners from around the world, and hear from guest speaker Chris Wright, well-known missiologist and International Ministries Director of Langham Partnership International.

Scripture Memory. Our church-wide scripture memory verse for the Season of Epiphany (January 6 - February 21) is Hebrews 4:14-16:

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. For 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. Let 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.

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	<i>30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
CROSSPOINTE 100	<i>mid 30s to mid 40s</i>
CORNERSTONE 104	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)
LIGHTHOUSE 305	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
FOUNDATIONS DINING ROOM	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i>
LIVING STONES 303	<i>late 40s to late 50s</i> (Pastor: Henry Morris)
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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2023 SCRIPTURE MEMORY

As a church body, we are memorizing scripture together throughout the year beginning during Christmastide and ending during Advent.

Advent & Christmas Season (November 27, 2022 - January 5, 2023)

“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

(Matthew 1:20b-21)

Season of Epiphany (January 6 - February 21, 2023)

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. For 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. Let 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.

(Hebrew 4:14-16)

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.

JANUARY READING PLAN

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31	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 21

SERMON RESOURCES

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

A Theology of Mark, Hans F. Bayer

Let's Study Mark, Sinclair B. Ferguson

The Gospel of Mark, R. T. France

The NIV Application Commentary: Mark, David E. Garland

Handbook on the Gospels, Benjamin Gladd

Mark (A Biblical-Theological Guide to the New Testament - The Gospel Realized),
Benjamin Gladd

Loosing the Lion, Leroy A. Huizenga

King's Cross, Timothy Keller

The Gospel of Mark, William L. Lane

Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: Mark, Eckhard J. Schnabel

Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: Mark, Mark L. Strauss

HYMN CREDITS

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

"We Three Kings"

Words and Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857.

"Doxology"

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, attr. to Louis Bourgeois (1551).

"As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"

Words: John 3:14-17, Numbers 21:6-9, versified by Marie J. Post. Music: O WALY WALY, English folk melody.

"Jesus Loves Me"

Words: Anna Bartlett Warner (1859). Music: William B. Bradbury.

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Words: Henry Lyte. Music: Bill Moore.