The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of the Trinity September 8, 2019

"The Christian's life in all its aspects—intellectual and ethical, devotional and relational, upsurging in worship and outgoing in witness—is supernatural; only the Spirit can initiate and sustain it. So apart from him, not only will there be no lively believers and no lively congregations, there will be no believers and no congregations at all."

—J. I. Packer

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you."

-Corrie Ten Boom

You might as well try to see without eyes, hear without ears, or breathe without lungs, as to try to live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit."

—D.L. Moody

"You must, you must, you must be born again."

—Charles H. Spurgeon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

SONG OF PRAISE

"Made Me Glad"



Words and Music: Miriam Webster, 2001. CCLI Song # 3290709.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Grace Harrelson

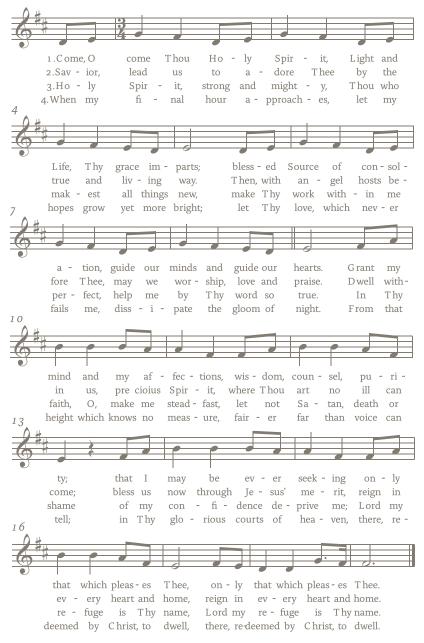
Ezekiel 36:22-28

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

SONG OF THE SPIRIT

"Come, O Come, Thou Holy Spirit"



Words: Anonymous ["Holy Source of Consolation" (Noel's Selection 1838)] and Joachim Neander tr. by Charles William Schaeffer ["Come, O Come Thou Quickening Spirit" 1866] and Julie Melucci. Music: Julie Melucci.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Galatians 5:16-25

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" *Chancel Choir*

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, With all Your quick'ning powers; Kindle a flame of sacred love, In these cold hearts of ours.

See how we trifle here below, Fond of our earthly toys; Our souls, how heavily the go To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs, In vain we strive to rise; Hosannas languish on our tongues, And our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, With all Your quick'ning powers; Kindle a flame of sacred love, In these cold hearts of ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Joe Cox and Jody Lindh.

The Sacrament of Baptism

William, James Yerger SON OF RACHEL AND RICHARD YERGER

PARENTAL VOWS

- 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 his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

M 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.

Children's Worship Information:

Children ages 3 to 4 may attend Children's Worship for the entire worship service, while kindergarteners through 2nd graders are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace. Following the worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K • C224/C225 (available for the entire worship hour)

4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten • C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*

1st & 2nd Grades • C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)*

*Children on the main level will dismiss through the door leading into the Fellowship

Hall, and children in the balcony will dismiss through the door closest to the elevator.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad with your full name and names of any family members attending with you. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 18.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Lee Sheppard

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 3:1-11

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

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

"THE GREAT NECESSITY"
Sandy Willson

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 communing but would like to participate, please come forward and 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.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Prayer of Confession

Marty Crawford

Gracious Holy Spirit,
Who comes to cleanse, renew, enlighten, empower, and sanctify,
we acknowledge with great sorrow
that we have many times quenched and grieved You
by walking not in the light, but rather in the ways of spiritual darkness.
We humbly repent and plead with You to forgive and cleanse us
that we might bring glory to the one, true, and living God,
Who loves us and graciously calls us into intimate fellowship,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M Assurance of Pardon

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

—1 Peter 1:3-5

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.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Mark 14:22-25

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on Him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.





Word and Music: Sandra McCracken.

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"



Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

© CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Benediction"



1.May the grace of Christ our Sav ior and the Fa ther's bound less love, 2.Thus may we a - bide in u-nion with each oth - er and_ the Lord,



with the Ho-ly Spir-it's fa-vor, rest up-on us from a-bove. and pos-sess, in sweet com-mu-nion, joys which earth can-not af-ford.

Words: John Newton, 1779. Music: EVENING PRAYER (STAINER), John Stainer, 1898.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: September 8 - 14, 2019

SUNDAY, September 8

8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages

(see page 19)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | Rising 3k through 2nd grades

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Jr. High & Sr. High Small Groups

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us

MONDAY, September 9

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's Office)

TUESDAY, September 10

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Women's Study: God for Us

WEDNESDAY, September 11

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant

5:30-7:15 KidConnection (3K-6th grades; 3rd floor)

5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Jr. High Activities (bring dinner to Youth Area)

6:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)

6:15 Bible Study Options:

Marriage Enrichment (NOTE: this program is full)

Small Group Discussions

1. Sermon on the Mount (E201)

2. The Basics of the Christian Life (Dining Room)

6:45 Sr. High Activities (Youth Rooms)7:45 Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please see our full calendar of Covenant events at covpres.com/calendar.

Wednesdays@**Covenant.** Our Wednesday evening activities have resumed, and there is something for everyone! Please see page 20 for details.

College Ministry. College students, this semester we will have some wonderful opportunities for students to engage with the life of Covenant. We will meet for Bible study and lunch on Sundays immediately following worship. Today we'll remain at Covenant for lunch. Stay tuned for information on our upcoming events!

Adopt-a-Student Initiative. One of the ways Covenant ministers to college students is through our Adopt-a-Student Initiative. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know a student and encourage them in this formative time! Please email Josh Johnson (jjohnson@covpres.com) if you are interested in this ministry.

Discover Covenant Class. If you would like to consider joining Covenant, our Discover Covenant Class is a great way to learn about our church. Our next class is scheduled for September 20-22. Nursery childcare will be provided. Please email Victoria Williams to register for the class (vwilliams@covpres.com).

Women's Prayer. Ladies, our women's prayer time resumes tomorrow morning at 8:15 a.m. in Ingram Link's office. Join us as we pray for our church and church family.

Congregational Prayer Time. Our next time of congregational prayer is Monday, September 16 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner available at 5:30, and we will pray at 6:00 before the joint session meeting at 6:30.

An Evening with Mary Willson. Ladies, join us for dinner and our congregational prayer time on Monday, September 16 at 5:30 and stay to hear Mary Willson, daughter of Sandy and director of women in ministry at Second Presbyterian in Memphis, TN. Mary will be sharing from Ruth 1, "Coming Home."

Gospel Manhood. Men, our Gospel Manhood lunches kick off Tuesday, September 17 with guest speaker Mary Willson! Mary, daughter of Sandy, serves at Second Presbyterian in Memphis, TN, as the director of women in ministry. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (There is a \$10 suggested donation for lunch.)

Grief Support Group. Covenant's Grief Support Group begins Tuesday, September 17 and will meet from 6:00-8:30 p.m. There will be a pastor and a licensed counselor present at each session. Please email Phyllis Hamm at phamm@covpres.com for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE | COMMONS College students*

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 Young families; 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 3os and 4os

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | S101 6os and 7os

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

^{*}College students gather in Commons Area at 12:00 for class and lunch.

WEDNESDAYS@COVENANT

Fall Session: September 4 - November 20

Join your Covenant family each week for a time of food, fellowship, and study. Like any family, we need to spend time together, check in with each other, and break bread together. As we study God's word and pray with each other, this midweek time plays an important role in our growth as a church family. We have something for everyone! See covpres.com/schedule for all the details.

SCHEDULE

5:30-6:15 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

serving lines remain open until 6:00; \$6/adult, \$4/child with a \$25 family max

5:30-7:15 p.m. Nursery Activities

infants through 2 year olds; Nursery Level

KidConnection*

3 year olds through 6th graders; 3rd Floor

6:00-7:15 p.m. **Chancel Choir** (S103)

6:15-7:15 p.m. Youth Activities (7th-12th grades; Youth Rooms)

Adult Options:

Marriage Enrichment | NOTE: This program is full for the fall semester, but we will be offering it again in the future. Please contact David Driskill with any questions.

Small Group Discussions | Two options, each with a 20-25 minute video from Dr. Sinclair Ferguson followed by 20-30 minutes of group

discussion.

1. Sermon on the Mount (E201)

2. The Basics of the Christian Life (Dining Room)

^{*}Dinner included, please register at covpres.com.

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RULING ELDERS

2019 2020 2021 Ty Dedmon Bill Bennett Eric Getty Russell Martin Jeff Dyess Will Brooke Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray Warren Norville Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Sandy Stradtman Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Clay Wheeler John Smith T Bob Schaffeld

Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

DEACONS

John Shank

2019

Nick Baggett Tripp Alexander Jim Bennett Ward Bailey Paul Darden Gary Gorham Samuel Bragg Jay Evans Keith Harrelson Bryan Flores Trey Clegg Jeff Hayes Will Graham Steve Killgore John Gant Jeff Hicks Steve Pfitzer John David Gray Jim Jenkins Brent Powell Marty Martin Alan Spooner **Bud Miller** Matt Searson

Tvler O'Connor

2020

2021

Patrick Strong

Todd Sitton John Shults
William Slappey Danny Smith
Billy Tapscott Robert Stephens
Darrell Tucker Clark Worrell

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 2019.

SEPTEMBER READING PLAN

	DC A L MG	
	PSALMS	1 CORINTHIANS
1	□ 145-150	□ 11
	PROVERBS	
2	□ 1-2	□ 12
3	□ 3-4	□ 13
4	□ 5-6	□ 14:1-19
5	□ 7-8	□ 14:20-40
6	□ 9-10	□ 15:1-24
7/8	□ 11-14	□ 15:25-16:24
		2 CORINTHIANS
9	□ 15-16	□ 1
10	□ 17-18	□ 2
11	□ 19-20	□ 3
12	□ 21-22	□ 4
13	□ 23-24	□ 5
14/15	□ 25-29	□ 6-7
16	□ 30-31	□ 8
	ECCLESIASTES	
17	□ 1-3	□ 9
18	□ 4-6	□ 10
19	□ 7-9	□ 11:1-15
20	□ 10-12	□ 11:16-33
	SONG OF SOLOMON	
21/22	□ 1-5	□ 12-13
		GALATIANS
23	□ 6-8	□1
	ISAIAH	
24	□ 1-3	□ 2
25	□ 4-6	□ 3
26	□ 7-9	□ 4
27	□ 10-12	□ 5
28/29	□ 13-18	□ 6-Ephesians 1
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30	□ 19-21	□ 2