

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Season of Epiphany
January 20, 2019

Men will never worship God with a sincere heart, or be roused to fear and obey Him with sufficient zeal, until they properly understand how much they are indebted to His Mercy.

— John Calvin

Doth not all nature around me praise God? If I were silent, I should be an exception to the universe. Doth not the thunder praise Him as it rolls like drums in the march of the God of armies? Do not the mountains praise Him when the woods upon their summits wave in adoration? Doth not the lightning write His name in letters of fire? Hath not the whole earth a voice? And shall I, can I, silent be?

—Charles H. Spurgeon

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee;
Young and old Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore Thee,
We would bow before Thy throne:
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

—Edward Osler, 1836

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

David Driskill

Psalm 95:1-7a

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

*The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.*

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

*For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice,
Praise is his gracious choice;
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end,
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore:
"Alleluia! Amen!"

Words: Christian H. Bateman, 1843. Music: Traditional Spanish melody;
arr. by David Evans, 1927.

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us
and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

—*Book of Common Prayer*

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Grace Harrelson

John 6:35-40

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

"How Vast the Benefits Divine"



1. How vast the ben - e - fits di - vine which we in
2. The glo - ry Lord from first to last, is due to
6 3. This is Thy will, that in Thy love we ev - er



Christ po - sess! We are re - deemed from
Thee a - lone; aught to our - selves we
11 should a - bide; that earth and hell should



guilt and shame, and called to ho - li - ness.
dare not take or rob Thee of Thy crown.
not pre - vail to turn Thy word a - side.



But not for works which we have done, or shall here -
Our glo - rious Sure - ty un - der - took to sat - is -
22 Not one of all the cho - sen race but shall to



af - ter do, hath God de - creed on
fy for man, and grace was giv - en
27 heav'n at - tain, par - take on earth the



sin - ful men sal - va - tion to be - stow.
us in Him be - fore the world be - gan.
pur - posed grace and then with Je - sus reign.

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1774; alt. 1961. Music: Rick Barnes, 2011.

READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"
Congregational Hymn

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mt. Sinai's flame.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:

*He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.*

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bring us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more:

*He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood, Has secured our way to God.*

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:

*He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood, He will bring us home to God.*

He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood. (x4)

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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad.
You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 19.

Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 19 for details).

REPORT FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Will Brooke, Committee Chair

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Rick Flynn

☒ READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 4:7-16

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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.

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. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

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

Prayer of Confession

Dan Edwards

*Almighty God,
Who has loved us and gifted us that we might serve and edify others,
we confess with sorrow
that we have often been obsessed and consumed with our own selfish interests,
rather than the needs and concerns of our neighbor.
We have not faithfully walked in the steps of Jesus.
Please forgive us,
and renew our spirits
that we may evermore seek Your pleasure
and the advancement of Your Kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our faithful Savior,
in Whose precious Name we pray. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

—Joel 2:12-13a

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.

☒ 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 Ghost,
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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

☒ Congregational Response



Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,

5



laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and_ ev-er One,

9



One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing ag-es run.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 it 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.*

*If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down,
and the server will provide it accordingly.*

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

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


“Trinity Song”



Ho - ly___ Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,



Ho - ly com - mun - ion, Three in One. *(repeat)*



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion,



bind us to - geth - er in ho - ly___ love. *1 - return to beginning*
2 - tag

TAG:



Ho - ly___ Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,



Ho - ly___ Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,



Ho - ly___ Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it,



Three in One, Three in One, Three in One.

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh for grace to trust Him more!*

Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
’Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.
(Refrain)

Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882. Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Ho - ly Spir - it, Three_ we name You,



while in es - sence on - ly One;



un - di - vid - ed God, we claim You,



and, a - dor - ing, bend the knee



while we sing_ this mys - ter - y

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: January 20-26, 2019

SUNDAY, January 20 *Youth Winter Retreat (Camp ToKnowHim)*
8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages (see page 20)
10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship | 3K through 2nd grade

MONDAY, January 21 *Youth Winter Retreat (Camp ToKnowHim)*
Church Offices closed

TUESDAY, January 22
10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)
11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Letters of John (E201)

WEDNESDAY, January 23
5:30-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays@Covenant
5:30-7:15 | Nursery Care (Nursery Floor)
 kidConnection* (3rd floor; dinner included)
5:30-6:15 | Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 Menu: Mexican fiesta
6:00-7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S103)
6:15-7:15 | Youth Activities (Youth Rooms)
 Adult Bible Study | *Worship: What do the
 elements and order of our worship mean?*
 (E201)

*register for kidConnection at covpres.com

FRIDAY - SUNDAY New Members' Class
January 25 - 27

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, January 21-27.)

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K & 4K - C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten - C221 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

1st - 2nd Grade - C316 (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

New Members' Class. Covenant's next New Members' class is this weekend, January 25-27. Please contact Victoria Williams at vwilliams@covpres.com for the schedule and to register. Childcare is available for each session.

College Sunday School Community. Our College Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 27 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Lunch is provided during class.

Congregational Prayer Time. Covenant is committed to dedicating time to pray for our church body, our staff, our leadership, and our community. Our next congregational prayer time is Sunday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome!

Youth Small Groups. Our junior high and senior high small groups resume Sunday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m. If your 6th through 12th grader is not currently in a small group and is interested in joining one, please contact Sara Litten at slitten@covpres.com

Wednesdays@Covenant. Join us midweek for dinner at 5:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at 6:00, and youth activities and adult Bible study at 6:15. Choir rehearsal and Bible study end at 7:15. KidConnection, our children's meal and activities, is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. on the third floor, and you can register at covpres.com/weekly-activities.

2019 Missions Festival. Covenant's annual Missions Festival is February 9-13! Mark your calendar, and check out our sign up at covpres.com/missions-festival to find out about how you can help.

Sacred Studio. Ladies, you can still sign up for Sacred Studio (Created for a Purpose for women!) at sacredstudio.org. February 22-23 will be filled with worship, music, and creativity...you don't want to miss it!

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COLLEGE DINING ROOM*	<i>College students</i>
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
CORNERSTONE S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
CROSSPOINTE S100	<i>20s and 30s</i>
FOUNDATIONS E304	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E301	<i>30s and 40s</i>
LIVING STONES E303	<i>40s and 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>50s and 60s</i>
OPEN DOORS S105	<i>70s and above</i>
UPPER ROOM S101	<i>60s and 70s</i>
THRESHOLD DINING ROOM	<i>Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i>

**The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.*

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RULING ELDERS

2019

Ty Dedmon
Jeff Dyess
Rick Flynn
Heath Henderson
Tom McKnight
John Smith T
Richard Thompson

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

DEACONS

2018

Brandon Bishop
Nathan Collums
John Harrelson
Randall Lancaster
Matt Searson
Patrick Strong
Darrell Tucker

2019

Jim Bennett
Gary Gorham
Keith Harrelson
Jeff Hayes
Steve Killgore
Steve Pfitzer
Brent Powell
John Shank
Todd Sitton
William Slappey
Billy Tapscott

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

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.

JANUARY READING PLAN

	GENESIS	MATTHEW
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18	<input type="checkbox"/> 42-43	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:33-58
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26/27	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:21-19:15
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