The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 7, 2019

"The sublimity of wisdom is to do those things living which are to be desired when dying."

—Jeremy Taylor

"Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty, acknowledging our own littleness, distrusting our own thoughts, and willing to have our minds turned upside down, can divine wisdom become ours."

—J.I. Packer

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

—King Solomon

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

—the Apostle Paul

EXECUTE CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

M HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

I sing the Almighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at His command And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed Where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below But makes your glories known; And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from your throne; While all that borrows life from You Is ever in Your care, And everywhere than man can be You, God, are present there.

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Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: traditional English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

EXECUTE: READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Taylor Brown

1 Kings 3:5-15

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days. ¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible Hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, The Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

M PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 7:24-29

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." ²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

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SONG OF TRUST

"'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.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Be Thou My Vision"

Chancel Choir

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, Nought 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, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor men'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'ns Sun, Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Be my Vision, Lord.

Words: traditional Irish, translated by Mary E. Byrne. Music: traditional Irish, arranged by Dan Forrest.

Reception of New Members

Katherine and Frank Cade

Susan and Sean Doyle

Morgan and Will Lankford

Hannah and Cole Pearson (Samuel)

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?

The Sacrament of Baptism

James Haughton Fitts
SON OF LEAH AND LUCAS FITTS

Richard Montague Yerger, Jr.
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 their 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 unreservedly 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 doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them 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.

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).

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Lee Sheppard

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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 WISE ONE"	
Sandy Willson	
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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

"God Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me, On Thy grace I rest my plea; Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now; Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just, Let my contrite heart rejoice And in gladness hear Thy voice; From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true; Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me And return, O God, to Thee; Savior, all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love; Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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Words: Richard Redhead. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997.

M Assurance of Pardon

Josh Johnson

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

—Isaiah 57:15

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

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.

"Come, Thou Fount"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: *NETTLETON*; Asahel Nettleton, 1825; arr. by Chris Rice, 2001.

"Rock of Ages"

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long, From this labor and this heartache, I have come, The skies will wear out, but you remain the same, Rock of Ages, I praise your name.

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near, You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears, To make this stone heart come alive again, Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

Chorus:

Rock of Ages, Rock of Ages, Bind your children until the kingdom comes. Rock of Ages, your will be done.

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest, My desperate need for such a Savior, I confess, Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace, Rock of Ages, I need your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken, scorned for me, Who am I that you would die to make me free? To give me glory, you took the death and pain, Rock of Ages, my Offering. (*Chorus*)

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried. The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied, Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands, Rock of Ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure, Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul, Bind your children with cords of love and grace, Rock of Ages, we give you praise. (Chorus)

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 7 - 13, 2019

SUNDAY, April 7

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

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

(see page 20 for details)

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

Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade

12:00 p.m. College Sunday School (Dining Room; lunch provided)12:00 p.m. New England Mission Trip Interest Meeting (E305)

5:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups

TUESDAY, April 8

6:30 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)

11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Letters of John (E201)

6:30 p.m. Missionary Sharing (Dlning Room)

Clay Quarteman, Dr. Van Alten, and Ivan Bespalov (Ukraine)

WEDNESDAY, April 9

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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)

Come to the Table. Ladies, you are invited to our second annual Spring event, Come to the Table, on April 16! This evening of fellowship take groups of eight women into members' homes to enjoy food and fun and get to know new friends. The dinners begin at 6:30, and the cost is \$10. You can register at covpres.com/womens-ministry by April 10 or at one of our information tables today. Nursery childcare is available by reservation until 8:00 p.m.; please send an email to nursery@covpres.com.

Missionary Sharing. Clay Quarterman, our missions partner in Ukraine, will be at Covenant on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. (dining room). Come hear about events in Ukraine and the future of the seminary. Dr. Van Alten, president of the seminary, and Ivan Bespalov, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Kiev, will also be sharing. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Holy Week at Covenant. Holy Week begins with our regular Sunday School and worship service schedule on Palm Sunday, April 14. We will have a Thursday evening meal and service (6:00 and 7:00 p.m. respectively) on Maundy Thursday, April 18, and our Good Friday service at 12:00 noon on April 19. Then join us Easter morning, April 21, for our Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. at Vulcan Park, a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00, and our two services at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (We will not have Sunday School on Easter morning.)

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, April 16, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Claude McRoberts, Senior Minister at Trinity Presbyterian Church (Montgomery, AL). Invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers, small group members! Lunch is provided, and there is a \$10 suggested donation to cover the cost of the meal.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in honor of Susan Fitts, mother of Lucas Fitts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

College students

 COMMUNITY | E305
 All ages and life stages

 CORNERSTONE | S104
 30s and 40s

 CROSSPOINTE | S100
 20s and 30s

 FOUNDATIONS | E304
 30s and 40s

 LIGHTHOUSE | E301
 30s and 40s

 LIVING STONES | E303
 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

COLLEGE | DINING ROOM*

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | S101 60s and 70s

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

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

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2019 2020 2021

Ty Dedmon Bill Bennett Eric Getty

Jeff Dyess Will Brooke Russell Martin

Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray

Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Warren Norville

Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Sandy Stradtman

John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Clay Wheeler Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Steve Stigler

Mark Taylor

John Wood

DEACONS

John Shank

2019 2020 2021

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

Tyler O'Connor

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.

APRIL READING PLAN

1	□ 6-7	□ 8:1-21
2	□ 8-9	□ 8:22-56
3	□ 10-11	□ 9:1-36
4	□ 12-14	□ 9:37-62
5	□ 15-17	□ 10:1-24
6/7	□ 18-21	□ 10:25-11:28
8	□Ruth	□ 11:29-54
	1 SAMUEL	
9	□ 1-3	□ 12:1-34
10	□ 4-6	□ 12:35-59
11	□ 7-9	□ 13:1-21
12	□ 10-12	□ 13:22-35
13/14	□ 13-16	□ 14
15	□ 17-19	□ 15:1-10
16	□ 20-22	□ 15:11-32
17	□ 23-25	□ 16:1-18
18	□ 26-28	□ 16:19-31
19	□ 29-31	□ 17:1-19
	2 SAMUEL	
20/21	□ 1-5	□ 17:20-18:17
22	□ 6-7	□ 18:18-43
23	□ 8-9	□ 19:1-27
24	□ 10-12	□ 19:28-48
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29	□ 21-22	□ 22:1-30
30	□ 23-24	□ 22:31-53