

# The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Modern Christians are living their lives in pieces—and the pieces are dying."

—Kaemingk and Willson

"All that exists is God's gift to [us] and it all exists to make God known to [us], to make [our] life communion with God. It is divine love made food, made life for [us]."

—Alexander Schememann

"With great desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you..."

—Jesus, on the night he was betrayed.

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 96:1-2

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.*

 **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 Congregation stand as able.

## ☒ HYMN OF ADORATION

"A Mighty Fortress"

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, For lo! His doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also,  
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still;  
His Kingdom is forever.

Words: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; based on Psalm 46.  
Music: Martin Luther, 1529.

**READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

Colossians 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

<sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

<sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

<sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God:

*ALL: 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
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.

 **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

"I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins."

—Isaiah 43:25

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.

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Not in Me"



2.No hum - ble dress, no fer - vent prayer, no lift - ed



hands, no tear - ful song, no rec - i - ta - tion of the



truth, can jus - ti - fy a sin - gle wrong.



My right - eous - ness is Je - sus' life; my debt was



paid by Je - sus' death. My wear - y load was borne by



Him and He a - lone can give me rest.

Words and Music: Eric Schumacher, David L. Ward.

**GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS**

"Come Ye Disconsolate"

*Liz Richardson, soloist*

Come, you disconsolate,  
Where'er you languish;  
Come to the mercy seat,  
Fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts,  
Here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrows  
That heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate,  
Light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent,  
Fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the Comforter,  
Tenderly saying,  
"Earth has no sorrows  
That heaven cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life;  
See waters flowing  
Forth from the throne of God,  
Pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love;  
Come, ever knowing  
Earth has no sorrows  
That heaven cannot heal.

Words: Samuel Webbe. Music: Sarah Hart.



# *The Sacrament of Baptism*

10:30 AM

*Joy Ellis Barlow*

DAUGHTER OF LESLIE AND BRETT BARLOW

*John William Russell III,*

SON OF MARY KATHERINE AND RUSS RUSSELL

## 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 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 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 truth and mystery of our holy faith, 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?

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 this child?

“JESUS LOVES ME”

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

## ☒ 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 PENTATEUCH**

Genesis 21:1-7

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." <sup>7</sup>And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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. 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*.

### **Words of Institution**

*from* Matthew 26:26-29; 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.*

*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.*

**"Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding"**

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding!  
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;  
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding;  
Who its breadth or length can tell?  
On its glories,  
Let my soul forever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever,  
Bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him forever;  
Thus the eternal covenant stands.  
None shall take Thee  
From the Strength of Israel's hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus,  
Long ere time its race begun;  
To His name eternal praises;  
O what wonders love has done!  
One with Jesus,  
By eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder,  
Love so great, so rich, so free;  
Say, while lost in holy wonder,  
Why, O Lord, such love to me?  
Hallelujah!  
Grace shall reign

Hallelujah!  
Grace shall reign  
Hallelujah!  
Grace shall reign eternally.

Words: John Kent. Music: Sandra McCracken. ©2001 Same Old Dress Music (ASCAP).



"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)

Words: Sandra McCracken, 2014. Music: Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2014.

 **BENEDICTION**

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: March 14 - 20, 2021****SUNDAY, March 14**

8:15 a.m.	Gathered Worship
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
4:00 p.m.	6th Grade Small Groups
5:00 p.m.	9th-12 Grade Small Groups

**MONDAY, March 15**

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
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**TUESDAY, March 16**

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Esther, The Hidden Hand of God (Sanctuary)

**WEDNESDAY, March 17**

6:00-7:30 p.m.	7th-8th Grade Small Groups
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*Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, March 15-21).*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scripture Memory.** During the season of Lent, we invite our whole congregation to memorize Colossians 3:3-5. Lent is a season when we slow down and take a hard look at our sin. Colossians 3:3-5 reminds us that, while we have already died with Christ, we still have indwelling sin to battle. This passage will help us live out the grace of repentance together.

**Sunday School Podcast.** This week's Sunday School podcast focuses on Matthew 16. You can find this podcast on iTunes by searching for "Covenant Presbyterian Church" and at [covpres.com/see-hear/audio](http://covpres.com/see-hear/audio).

**Holy Week at Covenant.** Holy Week begins with our two worship services on Palm Sunday, March 28. We also will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. on April 1 and a Good Friday service at 12:00 p.m. on April 2. Easter morning we will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:15 p.m. at Vulcan, and then we will have three worship services at Covenant: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. We will require RSVPs for the three services at Covenant. Reservations open March 17 at 9:00 am at [covpres.com/lent](http://covpres.com/lent).



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS:  
THE GLORY & GRACE OF KING JESUS

THE CONCLUSION OF OUR LENTEN STUDY OF MATTHEW

*We invite you to join us in worship during Holy Week as we reflect on the  
Passion of our Lord and celebrate his Resurrection. All are welcome!*

| PALM SUNDAY |

March 28

Gathered Worship | 8:15 & 10:30 am

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| MAUNDY THURSDAY |

April 1

Gathered Worship | 7:00 pm

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| GOOD FRIDAY |

April 2

Gathered Worship | 12:00 noon

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| EASTER SUNDAY |

April 4

Sunrise Service at Vulcan Park | 6:15 am

Gathered Worship | 8:00 am\*

Gathered Worship | 9:30 am\*

Gathered Worship | 11:00 am\*

*\*RSVPs will be required; reservations open March 17 at 9:00 am  
at [covpres.com/lent](http://covpres.com/lent).*

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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<b>COLLEGE</b>   COMMONS	<i>College students</i>
<b>CROSSPOINTE</b>   S100	<i>Young families; 30s</i>
<b>THRESHOLD</b>   E304	<i>Singles and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
<b>COMMUNITY</b>   E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
<b>OPEN DOORS</b>   S105	<i>70s and above</i>
<b>UPPER ROOM</b>   S101	<i>60s and 70s</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
<b>CORNERSTONE</b>   S104	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>   DINING ROOM	<i>30s and 40s</i>
<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b>   E301	<i>30s and 40s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
<b>LIVING STONES</b>   E303	<i>40s and 50s</i>
<b>KINGDOM BUILDERS</b>   E201	<i>50s and 60s</i> (Pastor: Dan Edwards)
<b>YOUTH</b>   YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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Clay Wheeler	David O'Dell	Charlie Logan
	Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld
	Kurt Senn	John Smith T
		Steve Stigler

## DEACONS

2021	2022	2023
Nick Baggett	Jim Bennett	Tripp Alexander
Ward Bailey	William Edwards	Joseph Cascio
Samuel Bragg	Merrill Johnston	Richard Cox
Trey Clegg	Randall Lancaster	Jay Evans
Will Graham	Mark Midyette	Bryan Flores
Jeff Hicks	Stephen Mince	Gary Gorham
Jim Jenkins	Clyde Prather	Jeff Hayes
Alan Spooner	John Shank	John Shults
Patrick Strong	Matt Thomas	Joe Strickland
	Greg Tomlinson	Darrell Tucker

## STEERING COMMITTEE

Will Brooke, Member At-large	Ingram Link, Ministry Liaison (Women)
Nathan Collums, Family Ministry Chair	Stephen Mince, Chair of the Diaconate
Marty Crawford, Pastoral Liaison (Missions)	John Shank, Finance Committee Chair
Ty Dedmon, Shepherding Ministry Chair	Lee Sheppard, Personnel Committee Chair
David Driskill, Pastoral Liaison (Shepherding)	John Smith T, Assistant Clerk of the Session
John Fountain, Pastoral Liaison (Family)	Steve Stigler, Missions Ministry Chair
Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session	

# 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 2021.

## MARCH READING PLAN

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		<b>LUKE</b>
16	<input type="checkbox"/> 32-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-38
17	<input type="checkbox"/> 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:39-56
	<b>JOSHUA</b>	
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22	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:21-38
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27/28	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:27:7:35
	<b>JUDGES</b>	
29	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:36-8:3
30	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:4-39
31	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:40-56