



The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN exists to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of JESUS CHRIST
to our community *and* the world.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

—Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12 NRSV

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

{ **GATHERED WORSHIP:** The Triune God Renews His People }



 **FIRST HYMN**

“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION” ▪ Hymn 275

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.



DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES

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. These scripture readings are set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year. They are designed around a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently. We are currently in the “Year 2” cycle.

SUNDAY, THE LORD’S DAY • SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Morning	Psalms 66, 67	Genesis 29:20-35	Mark 10:23-31
Evening	Psalms 19, 46	1 Timothy 3:14-4:10	

MONDAY

Morning	Psalms 89:1-18	Genesis 30:1-24	John 9:1-17
Evening	Psalms 89:19-52	1 John 1:1-10	

TUESDAY

Monday	Psalms 97, 99, 100	Genesis 31:1-24	John 9:18-41
Evening	Psalms 94, 95	1 John 2:1-11	

WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalms 101, 109:1-30	Genesis 31:15-50	John 10:1-18
Evening	Psalms 119:121-144	1 John 2:12-17	

THURSDAY

Morning	Psalms 105:1-22	Genesis 32:3-21	John 10:19-30
Evening	Psalms 105:23-45	1 John 2:18-29	

FRIDAY

Morning	Psalms 102	Genesis 32:22-33:17	John 10:31-42
Evening	Psalms 107:1-32	1 John 3:1-10	

SATURDAY

Morning	Psalms 107:33-43, 108	Genesis 35:1-20	John 11:1-16
Evening	Psalms 33	1 John 3:11-18	

SUNDAY, THE LORD’S DAY • SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Morning	Psalms 148, 149, 150	Proverbs 26:1-23	Luke 9:18-27
Evening	Psalms 114, 115	2 Corinthians 3:7-8	

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with our whole heart;
we will tell of all of your wonderful deeds.

People: *We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

- from Psalm 9:1-2 NRSV

{ GATHERED WORSHIP: The Triune God Renews His People }

SECOND HYMN

"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.

My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.

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.

 Congregation stand, as able

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**SUNDAY, February 12**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship – 4 years through 3rd grade
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship – 4 years through 3rd grade
- 12:15 p.m. New Members Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Student Ministry–Jr High Small Groups
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent Prayer Time (E204)

MONDAY, February 13

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School (pre-registration required)

TUESDAY, February 14

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School (pre-registration required)
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Design
- 6:00 p.m. WIC Bible Study "James: Mercy Triumphs" (E201)

WEDNESDAY, February 15

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School (pre-registration required)
- 9:15-10:30 a.m. WIC Bible Study/Ephesians (E301)
- 10:30 a.m. Grands Bible Study (E202)
- 12:00 noon Pastor's Lunch Study (E201/203)
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Music Clubs
- Glad (S100)
 - Faith (S101)
 - Cherubs (S104)
 - Jubilate (S103)
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner Menu: Soup, salad and cookies (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Interactive (Fellowship Hall)
Kidz Club (Children's Bldg)
Student Ministries (Jr. High and Sr. High Facilities)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School (pre registration required)

FRIDAY, February 17

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School (pre-registration required)

SATURDAY, February 18

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Churchwide Hour of Prayer (Tower Room)

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:40-45

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.



CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins:

Pastor: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

from 1 John 1:8-9 NRSV

People: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

Psalm 51:1-5, 9-11

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: 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.

from Jeremiah 33:8 NRSV

 Congregation stand, as able

AREAS OF SERVICE AND MINISTRY *for MISSIONS 2012*

- **HOUSING.** Host a missionary or missionary family in your home during Missions 2012.
- **TRANSPORTATION.** Provide the loan of a vehicle for a guest missionary.
- **KICK-OFF PRAYER BREAKFAST.** Assist with our Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 25.
- **LUNCH FOR VOLUNTEERS ON SATURDAY.** Provide lunch for our Missions 2012 Volunteer Team on Saturday, February 25.
- **LUNCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26.** Host a missionary or missionary family for lunch following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
- **MEN'S LUNCH ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.** Host a missionary for lunch. (Ladies will attend the Ladies' Missions Luncheon.)
- **LADIES' LUNCHEON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.** Serve as a hostess for a guest missionary.
- **GIFT BAGS FOR MISSIONARY LADIES.** Donate items to be included in the gift bags for our guest missionary ladies.
- **DESSERT FELLOWSHIPS.** Assist with preparations for our Dessert Fellowships or volunteer to provide a dessert on Sunday and Monday evenings, February 26-27.
- **FOOD PREPARATION.** Assist Food Service Director, Ingram Link, with providing hospitality and food service during Missions 2012 (Options include Saturday evening dinner for Guest Missionaries, Pastoral Staff, Elders, Deacons and spouses; dinner on Sunday and Monday evenings; Breakfast for missionary guests and staff—Monday through Wednesday; and Dessert Fellowships—Sunday and Monday evenings).
- **CENTERPIECES FOR TABLES.** Assist with decorating tables for Saturday morning Prayer Breakfast or Saturday evening dinner.
- **COORDINATOR FOR MISSIONARY KIDS (MKs).** Plan special events for our guest missionary children during the Missions Festival.
- **KidMISSIONS 2012.** Assist our Children's Ministry on Sunday and Monday evenings with KidMISSIONS—special activities planned for children 4 years through 6th grade.
- **HOSPITALITY ROOM.** Provide an appetizer, snack or dessert for the Hospitality Room (available for guest missionaries, Saturday through Wednesday).
- **LCD PROJECTOR.** Provide the use of an LCD Projector when needed during Missions 2012.

Be Involved! Share Hospitality

Our Annual Missions Festival is February 24-29,
with more than 40 missionary guests from around the world.

Will you help as we make plans and preparations
for this global missions celebration?

Pray about your involvement—then choose an area to join!

Sign-up sheets are located in Adult Sunday School Classes
and at the Welcome Center in the church foyer.

Questions?

Contact Phyllis Hamm in the Missions Office
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MISSIONS 2012

Annual Missions Festival

February 24 - 29

THE GIVING OF "FIRST FRUITS"

"CREATION SINGS"

The Chancel Choir
Anna Lu Hemphill, *pianist*

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; Commands the newborn baby's cry.

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: the glories of our God and King!

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.
Let all creation stand and sing "Hallelujah!"

(Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)

The Sacrament of Baptism

8:30 AM SERVICE

Johnson Pryor Stone

SON OF JOHN & MOLLY STONE

Samuel Harris Adair

SON OF JEFF & JODI ADAIR

Ella Rene Crabtree

DAUGHTER OF DAVID & STEPHANIE CRABTREE



11:00 AM SERVICE

Reid Simmons Purvis

SON OF FLYNT & NANCY PURVIS

Stephen Clayton Collums

SON OF NATHAN & KRISTEN COLLUMS

Emily Ann Bias

DAUGHTER OF BRANDON & MEGAN BIAS

Claire Overton Adams

DAUGHTER OF PRESTON & CAROLINE ADAMS

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Three Year Olds - Room C222 (available for the entire worship hour)

Four and Five Year Olds - Room C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

First through Third Grades - Room C316 (dismissed during the worship hour)

Wednesday Night Interactive. Join us this Wednesday night for worship, fellowship and community building. There is something for everyone! Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by Wednesday Worship (youth-adults), Kidz Club (3 years-6th grade) and Chancel Choir rehearsal. Children's Music Clubs (5K-6th grade) meet at 5:00 p.m.

Be Involved: Missions 2012 Volunteer Team. Plans and preparations are underway for Missions 2012, February 24-29. Our Missions Ministry invites you to be a part of this exciting event as we prepare to welcome missionaries from around the world. See Pages 18-19 of your worship guide for more details along with a list of opportunities and ways that you can be personally involved in this global missions celebration.

Pastor's Lunch Study. Join us on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon in E201/203 for lunch and fellowship as we read and discuss Chuck DeGroat's new book, *Leaving Egypt: Finding God in the Wilderness Places*. The Israelites' liberation from Egypt and journey to the promised land is one of the Bible's most compelling stories. But the Exodus narrative isn't just a long-ago Bible story. It's the overarching theme of every person's life as we find ourselves enslaved to work, to destructive relationships, to food, to spending...yet beyond our personal Egypt lies God's promised land. Books are \$11 and available in the church office. Study led by Danny Giffen, Pastor of Discipleship.

 **CLOSING HYMN**

“HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS” ▪ Hymn 94

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasure, filled
With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,
My prophet, priest and king,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Prayer of Blessing

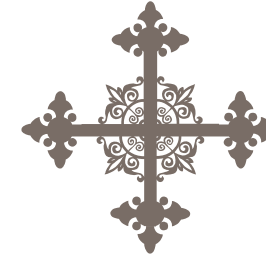


OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 KINGS 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.



W E D N E S D A Y

◆ *night* ◆

I N T E R A C T I V E

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This Week's Topic

"Acts 17"

Led by Bill Boyd



Fellowship Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech you, that as by your special grace preventing us, you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

INTERCESSOR:

(HERE THE INTERCESSOR WILL PRAY FOR THE CHURCH LOCAL, UNIVERSAL, AND FOR THE WORLD.)

And so, Lord, we pray as Christ taught:

ALL:

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.