



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

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:15-23, ESV

*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.*

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



OPENING HYMN

“YE SERVANTS OF GOD” ▪ Hymn 17

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him His right—
All glory and pow’r, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love. Amen.

(Words: Charles Wesley. Music: HANOVER)

 Congregation stand, as able

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 • TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Morning	Psalms 25	Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12	John 18:15-18,
Evening	Psalms 9, 15	Philippians 2:1-13	25-27

TUESDAY

Morning	Psalms 26, 28	Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33	John 18:28-38
Evening	Psalms 36, 39	Philippians 3:1-11	

WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalms 95, 32, 143	Amos 5:6-15	Luke 18:9-14
Evening	Psalms 102, 130	Hebrews 12:1-14	

THURSDAY

Morning	Psalms 37:1-18	Habbakuk 3:1-18	John 17:1-8
Evening	Psalms 37:19-42	Philippians 3:12-21	

FRIDAY

Morning	Psalms 95, 31	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	John 17:9-19
Evening	Psalms 35	Philippians 4:1-9	

SATURDAY

Morning	Psalms 30, 32	Ezekiel 39:21-29	John 17:20-26
Evening	Psalms 42, 43	Philippians 4:10-20	

SUNDAY, THE LORD’S DAY • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Morning	Psalms 63, 98	Daniel 9:3-10	John 12:44-50
Evening	Psalms 103	Hebrews 2:10-18	



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**SUNDAY, February 19**

- 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
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Junior and Senior High Activities
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent Prayer Time (E204)

MONDAY, February 20

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. President's Day: Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School closed

TUESDAY, February 21

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School*
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Design
- 6:00 p.m. WIC Bible Study "James: Mercy Triumphs" (E201)
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary, childcare provided)

WEDNESDAY, February 22

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School*
- 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. Dinner (Fellowship Hall) ■ Menu: Meatloaf, smashed potatoes, green peas and roasted carrots with cheese pie
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Fellowship Hall)
 Kidz Club (Children's Building)
 Junior High Activities (Student Ministry Facilities)
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, February 23

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School*

FRIDAY, February 24

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School*
- 6:00 p.m. Missions 2012: 24 Hours of Prayer (Tower Room)

SATURDAY, February 25

- 8:30 a.m. Missions 2012: Prayer Breakfast

*pre-registration required

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Psalm 95:1-2 ESV



SECOND HYMN

“ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS” ▪ Hymn 233

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;
 Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;
 "Jesus, out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! He is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how:
 Though the clouds from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, You on earth our food, our stay!
 Alleluia! here the sinful Flee to You from day to day;
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

(Words: William C. Dix. Music: HYFRYDOL)

 Congregation stand, as able

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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' LUNCHEON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.** Serve as a hostess for a guest missionary, greet guests at the event, or prepare food for the luncheon.
- **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 as needed during Missions 2012.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 110

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins:

Pastor: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹ John 1:9, ESV

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

People: *Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.*

Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, ESV

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION)

Be Involved! Share Hospitality

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

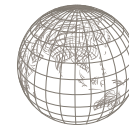
Will you help as we make plans and preparations for this global missions celebration?

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
871.7002 (ext. 130) or phamm@covpres.com



MISSIONS 2012

**Annual Missions Festival
February 24 - 29**





MISSIONS 2012 • SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00 p.m. 24-Hours of Prayer begins (Tower Room)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 a.m. Kick-Off Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 Guest Speakers: Missionaries from the Middle East

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service with Keynote Speaker Ed Hartman
 9:40 a.m. Guest Missionaries' share time (Adult Sunday School classes)
 12:30 p.m. Host a missionary for lunch
 5:20 p.m. Churchwide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship with Keynote Speaker Ed Hartman (Fellowship Hall)
 KIDMissions—ages 4 years-6th grade (Children's Building)
 7:45 p.m. Dessert Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:00 a.m. Ladies' Luncheon at the home of Maggie (Mrs. Will) Brooke
 with Guest Speaker Emily Hartman
(Childcare is available by reservation in the Children's Building.)
 11:30 a.m. Men—take a missionary to lunch
 5:20 p.m. Churchwide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship with Keynote Speaker Ed Hartman (Fellowship Hall)
 KIDMissions—ages 4 years-6th grade (Children's Building)
 7:45 p.m. Dessert Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 p.m. Dessert Fellowships hosted by members of the Adult Sunday School classes

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

5:20 p.m. Wednesday Evening Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 p.m. Sharing Night with our Guest Missionaries (Sanctuary)
 7:30 p.m. Missions 2012 Closing Service (Sanctuary)

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news of the gospel:

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7 ESV

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THE GIVING OF "FIRST FRUITS"

"BE THOU MY VISION"

The Chancel Choir

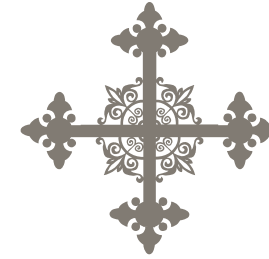
Arranged by Dan Forest, 2005

Anna Lu Hemphill, *pianist*

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

Riches I heed not, nor man'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 Heaven's sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
 Be my Vision, Lord.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

6:30 PM *in the* FELLOWSHIP HALL



FELLOWSHIP DINNER AT 5:30 PM

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Congregational Meeting. There will be a congregational meeting this Tuesday evening, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss matters of worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and childcare will be provided.

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship 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: Ash Wednesday Service. Join us each 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. Following dinner this week is our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Kidz Club (3 years-6th grade) will still meet in the Children's Building. 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 19-20 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.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers. Grab your boomboxes and neon socks as we will be "Kickin' It Old School" at Vacation Bible School this Summer! For your backstage pass as one of our 46 teachers, call or email Jocelyn Martin, Concert Promoter (VBS Director) at 968-7366 or jmartin@covpres.com.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children ages three years through 3rd grade will be led from the Sanctuary to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Room assignments can be found in the Ministries and Special Events section of the Worship Guide.

THE RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the LORD be always with you.

People: *And also with you!*

Greet one another with a sign of friendship such as: "The peace of Christ be with you" and "And also with you."

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to fill out the attendance notepad located in the pew racks.

 Congregation stand, as able

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

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.”

 CLOSING HYMN

"MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR" ▪ Hymn 390

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only thru His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him.

(Words: Kate B. Wilkinson. Music: ST. LEONARDS)

 Congregation stand, as able

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:19-20 ESV

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

OUR GUEST PASTOR

We welcome Reverend Dr. Gerrit Dawson, the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is married to Rhonda, and they have four children, ages 17 to 26. Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Dr. Dawson was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, North Carolina, for 13 years before coming to Baton Rouge. He received his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2002 from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte. Dr. Dawson carries on an active writing ministry, focusing on Christian spiritual growth and the person and work of Christ.

MORNING MESSAGE

DR. GERRIT DAWSON

Lined area for the morning message content.

