



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

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

—Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14 NRSV

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

—based on Psalm 19:14, *The Worship Sourcebook*.

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



FIRST HYMN

“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”, Hymn 92

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, Into ev’ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

(Words: Charles Wesley. Music: BEECHER, John Zundel).

 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 reading 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 • SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Morning	Psalm 148, 149, 150	Genesis 7:1-10, 17-23	Mark 3:7-19
Evening	Psalm 114, 115	Ephesians 4:1-16	

MONDAY

Morning	Psalm 25	Genesis 8:6-22	John 2:23-3:15
Evening	Psalm 9, 15	Hebrews 4:14-5:6	

TUESDAY

Monday	Psalm 26, 28	Genesis 9:1-17	John 3:16-21
Evening	Psalm 36, 39	Hebrews 5:7-14	

WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalm 38	Genesis 9:18-29	John 3:22-36
Evening	Psalm 119:25-48	Hebrews 6:1-12	

THURSDAY

Morning	Psalm 37:1-18	Genesis 11:1-9	John 4:1-15
Evening	Psalm 37:19-42	Hebrews 6:13-20	

FRIDAY

Morning	Psalm 31	Genesis 11:27-12:8	John 4:16-26
Evening	Psalm 35	Hebrews 7:1-17	

SATURDAY

Morning	Psalm 30, 32	Genesis 12:9-13:1	John 4:27-42
Evening	Psalm 42, 43	Hebrews 7:18-28	

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

Morning	Psalm 63:1-11	Genesis 13:2-18	Mark 7:31-37
Evening	Psalm 103	Galatians 2:1-10	



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: There is none like you, O Lord,
 nor are there any works like yours.

People: *All the nations you have made shall come and
 worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.*

from Psalm 86:8-10

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

 **SECOND HYMN**

“HERE I AM, LORD”

*“And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob.
And he said, Here am I.” —Genesis 46:2*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

(Words and Music: Dan Schutte).

 Congregation stand, as able



“The Christian Life” led by Bill Boyd

New Series on Wednesday night begins

Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

You don’t want to miss this—come join us!



Fellowship Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

No reservations necessary

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • January 15

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship • 3 Years through 3rd Grade
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship • 3 Years through 3rd Grade
- No Student Ministry events tonight**

MONDAY • January 16

School Holiday
Covenant Day School and Mother's Day Out Closed

TUESDAY • January 17

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

WEDNESDAY • January 18

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School and Mother's Day Out
- 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. WIC Bible Study • Ephesians (E301)
- 10:30 a.m. The Grands Bible Study and Fellowship (E202)
- 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Music Clubs
- Cherubs—4 & 5 Years (S104)
 - Glad—1st-3rd Grades (S100)
 - Faith—4th-6th Grades (S101)
- Jubilate—7th-12th Grades (S103)
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
- Menu: Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Salad, Rolls
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship (Fellowship Hall)
Kidz Club (Children's Building)
Junior High Bible Study (1st Floor/Education Building)
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY • January 19

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

FRIDAY • January 20

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School and Mother's Day Out
- 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Movie Night for 4th-6th Grades (C316)

SATURDAY • January 21

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I SAMUEL 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins:

Pastor: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24 NRSV

People: *Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which ought to have done; and we have
done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the
world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and
humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: *Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like a
mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

Isaiah 44:21-22 NRSV

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MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Midweek at Covenant—Our full Wednesday evening schedule of events resumes this Wednesday, January 18, and provides a great opportunity for fellowship and building community. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall followed by Wednesday Worship (youth-adults), Kidz Club (3 years-6th grade) and Chancel Choir rehearsal. Children's Music Clubs meet at 5:00 p.m.

New Members Class—If you've been visiting Covenant and would like to make this your church home, we invite you to a New Members Class on Friday/Saturday, February 3-4. Our sessions begin with dinner on Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. Saturday's session meets from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon (full breakfast served). Reservations are requested by calling Victoria Williams at 871-7002. Nursery childcare (age 5 and under) available by request.

Luncheon in Honor of Bill and Cyndie Hay—Fixed Point Foundation will host a luncheon in honor of Bill and Cyndie Hay (Pastor Emeritus) next Sunday, January 22, at Latimer House (Mountain Brook Village) immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Fixed Point Executive Director, Larry Taunton, will interview Dr. Hay on his 33 years of ministry in Birmingham. Seating is limited and reservations are requested. Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations, please contact Rebekah Page at 960-5257 or rpage@fixed-point.org.

Short Term Missions—We have several opportunities in 2012 to carry God's light and love around the world. If you are interested in participating in a short term missions trip, please contact the Missions Office (871-7002, ext. 130) for more information. Opportunities include: Spring Break Trip to **Honduras** (March 17-23); **Turkey** (April 9-16); **Odessa, Ukraine** (May); **Ivory Coast** (July); **Maine/New Hampshire** (July—a great family trip); **Zambia** (late July/early August—another great family trip); and **Sydney, Australia** (September/October).

Missions 2012 • February 27-29—Plans and preparations are underway for our annual global missions celebration. Our Missions Ministry invites you to be a part of this exciting event as we prepare to welcome missionaries from around the world. Pick up a Missions 2012 Be Involved sign-up sheet in adult Sunday School classes; then choose an area where you would like to serve and minister this year. If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Phyllis Hamm in the Missions Office at 871-7002, ext. 130 or phamm@covpres.com.

Crown Financial Class—A special opportunity to study handling money God's way will be available in late January. Covenant will offer a Crown Financial life group on Sunday evenings led by Denny Ragland. Watch for more details.

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 GIVING OF “FIRST FRUITS”

“WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT”

Chancel Choir

Anna Lu Hemphill, *pianist*

Donald Given, *organist*

HENRY ALFORD, 1810–71, alt.

Dunlap's Creek

SAMUEL MCFARLAND, fl. 1816

Setting by KEVIN J. SADOWSKI



Solo: We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 Choir: We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 Choir: Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 All: That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Our Children's Ministry provides Children's Worship for children, three years through 3rd Grade, during both morning worship services.

Children will be escorted from the Sanctuary to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace.

Three Years Old	Meet in Room C222 (<i>available for the entire worship hour</i>)
Four and Five Years Old	Meet in Room C221 (<i>available for the entire worship hour</i>)
First through Third Grades	Dismissed during the service • Meet in Room C316

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of God • *from* Isaiah 9

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.

"BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever live and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can id me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless, Righteousness
The Great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft. Music: Vikki Cook).

“ROCK OF AGES”, Hymn 204

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee;
 Let the water and the blood,
 From Thy riven side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure,
 Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands
 Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
 Could my zeal no respite know,
 Could my tears forever flow,
 All for sin could not atone;
 Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
 Simply to Thy cross I cling;
 Naked, come to Thee for dress,
 Helpless look to Thee for grace;
 Foul, I to the fountain fly,
 Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
 When my eyes shall close in death,
 When I soar to worlds unknown,
 See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee.

(Words: Augustus M. Toplady. Music: Thomas Hastings).

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God!

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

Our True Father, we ask for the Spirit of grace upon your family, the Church. Cast out whatever evil we have incurred by the treachery of the devil or by our own fleshly corruption; that being cleansed within and without, we may ever return unto you a pure life of worship, that we may readily obtain what we fitly and reasonably ask; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“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.

(Words: John Newton. Music: ST. PETER. Alexander R. Reinagle).

Celebrant: 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, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

Amen.

—The Book of Common Prayer

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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