



# 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

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

—Psalm 111 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**

“I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD”, Hymn 59

I sing the mighty power 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, who filled the earth with food,  
Who formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy 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 flower below, but makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art present there. Amen.

(Words: Isaac Watts. Music: ELLACOMBE, William H. Monk).



## 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 • FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Morning	Psalm 24, 29	Genesis 18:16-33	Mark 8:22-30
Evening	Psalm 8, 84	Galatians 5:13-25	

### MONDAY

Morning	Psalm 56, 57	Genesis 19:1-23	John 6:27-40
Evening	Psalm 64, 65	Hebrews 11:1-12	

### TUESDAY

Monday	Psalm 61, 62	Genesis 21:1-21	John 6:41-51
Evening	Psalm 68:1-36	Hebrews 11:13-22	

### WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalm 72	Genesis 22:1-18	John 6:52-59
Evening	Psalm 119:73-96	Hebrews 11:23-31	

### THURSDAY

Morning	Psalm 71	Genesis 23:1-20	John 6:60-71
Evening	Psalm 74	Hebrews 11:32-12:2	

### FRIDAY

Morning	Psalm 69:1-38	Genesis 24:1-27	John 7:1-13
Evening	Psalm 73	Hebrews 12:3-11	

### SATURDAY

Morning	Psalm 75, 76	Genesis 24:28-38, 49-51	John 7:14-36
Evening	Psalm 23, 27	Hebrews 12:12-29	

### SUNDAY, THE LORD’S DAY • FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Morning	Psalm 93, 96	Genesis 24:50-67	Mark 10:13-22
Evening	Psalm 34	2 Timothy 2:14-21	

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God Almighty!

**People:** *Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!*

**Pastor:** Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

**People:** *For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.*

*from Revelation 13:3-4 ESV*

## SECOND HYMN

“WE COME, O CHRIST TO YOU”, Hymn 117

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:  
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;  
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,  
The Source of every skill, the One Eternal TRUE!  
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live  
The more abundant life that earth can never give:  
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,  
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:  
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

(Words: E. Margaret Clarkson. Music: DARWALL, James Mountain).

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY • January 29

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Parent Prayer Time (E204)

### MONDAY • January 30

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

### TUESDAY • January 31

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Design
- 6:00 p.m. WIC Bible Study • *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* (E201)

### WEDNESDAY • February 1

- 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)
- 12:00 noon Wednesday Lunch/Book Study (E201/203)
- 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 (Fellowship Hall)
- Menu:** Mexican Fiesta • Key Lime Pie
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)  
 Kidz Club (Children's Building)  
 Junior High Bible Study (1st Floor/Education Building)  
 Chancel Choir (Choir Room/S103)

### THURSDAY • February 2

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

### FRIDAY • February 3

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School and Mother's Day Out
- 5:30 p.m. New Members Class (Senior High Room/1st Floor Education Building)
- 6:00 p.m. Boys Lock-In (C316)

### SATURDAY • February 4

- 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Churchwide Hour of Prayer (Tower Room)
- 8:00 a.m. Boys Lock-In concludes
- 8:30 a.m. New Members Class (Senior High Room/1st Floor Education Building)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*Thanks be to God!*

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins:

Pastor: The light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

*from John 3:19*

Let us confess our sin to God.

**People:** *Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,  
and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!  
Good and up right 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.  
Relieve the troubles of my heart, and forgive all my sins.*

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

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:9, 12

 Congregation stand, as able

## AREAS OF SERVICE AND MINISTRY FOR MISSIONS 2012—ANNUAL MISSIONS FESTIVAL

- **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.
- **GIFTS 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: 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.
- **NICE 'n NEW SHOP.** Assist with the clothes closet for guest missionaries. Options include: help set up the shop; serve as a hostess at the shop during the week; clean up the shop following Missions 2012.
- **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 over 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 be involved

Sign up sheets are located in Adult Sunday School Classes  
or 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**

## THE GIVING OF “FIRST FRUITS”

### “AWAKE MY HEART”

The Chancel Choir  
Anna Lu Hemphill, *pianist*  
Donald Given, *organist*

Awake, my heart, and render  
To God thy sure defender,  
Thy maker, thy preserver,  
A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me.  
My day, with thee beside me,  
Beginning, middle, ending,  
Will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling,  
With joy and gladness swelling;  
Thy word is my nurture,  
Given to bring me on toward heaven.

Awake, my heart, and render  
To God thy sure defender,  
Thy maker, thy preserver,  
A song of love and fervor.

(Words and Music by Jane M. Marshall).

## 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.



Midweek Worship • Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday Night Interactive

This Week's Topic

"Father, Son and Holy Spirit—

Living Within the Walls of the Godhead"

Led by Bill Boyd



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

No reservations necessary

## MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**New Members Class**—Our New Members Class will meet this weekend (February 3-4) for those interested in making Covenant your church home. Sessions begin with dinner and fellowship on Friday night at 5:30. It's not too late to make a reservation! If you would like to attend, please contact Victoria Williams at 871-7002 by noon on Wednesday. Nursery childcare (age 5 and under) available by request.

**Midweek at Covenant**—Join us on Wednesday nights as we worship, enjoy fellowship and build community. There is something for everyone! Dinner is served 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 (5K through 6th Grade) meet at 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Lunch/Book Study**—The Israelites' liberation from Egypt and journey to the promised land is one of the Bible's most compelling stories. But the Exodus story 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. Join us on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon in E201/203 (beginning February 1) as we enjoy lunch and fellowship and discuss Chuck DeGroat's book, *Leaving Egypt: Finding God in the Wilderness Places*. Books are \$11 and available in the church office. Study led by Danny Giffen, Pastor of Discipleship.

**Annual Missions Festival • February 24-29**—Plans and preparations are underway for Missions 2012—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. See Pages 18-19 of your worship guide for more details and a list of opportunities and ways that you can be involved.

**Crown Financial Life Group**—Learn practical principles for handling money and possessions God's way in this 10-week Bible study led by Denny Ragland. Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6:15 p.m. in E202, and is open to couples and singles.

**PCA Denominational Relief Fund**—Thank you to all who participated in the denominational Christmas Relief Offering which provides financial assistance to widows of PCA pastors and to elderly retired PCA pastors in times of need. This year Covenant collected \$9,423—and we thank you for your sensitivity and generosity.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### I CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*Thanks be to God!*

## MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:**

*O God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; 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.*

## "JESUS AT YOUR HOLY TABLE"

Jesus at Your holy table  
 May our hearts united be  
 Bind us with Your grace and presence  
 That redeem and set us free  
 Crucify our pride and hatred  
 Light the path on which we walk  
 Teach us how to love each other  
 In the way that You have taught.

Christ remind us of Your passion  
 Of Your precious life outpoured  
 Of the love which none can fathom  
 And our victory evermore  
 Bread of heaven, wine of promise  
 Feed us with Your holy Word  
 Nourish us with Your strong presence  
 Risen Savior, only Lord.

Lift your hearts and raise your voices  
 Celebrate this wondrous love  
 Join the chorus with all Christians  
 And with saints who live above  
 Silent lips now sing with gladness  
 Blinded eyes are filled with sight  
 Jesus' love has pierced our darkness  
 Brought us home to peace and light.

(Words: Tom Allen. Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, 1884).

## 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."



## HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE”, Hymn 364

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory, and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

(Words: William R. Featherston. Music: GORDON, Adoniram J. Gordon).  
William Featherston was only 16 years old when he wrote the words to this hymn.

## THE GOSPEL READING

MARK 1:21-28

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

*Thanks be to God!*



