



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

“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. 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. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.”

—Psalm 25:1-9

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 OF PRAISE

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”, Hymn 262

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

(Words: Reginald Heber. Music: John B Dykes).

A Word Regarding Parking

The Covenant church family is reminded that auxiliary parking is available at the Lakeshore Center (across Old Montgomery Highway) on Sunday mornings. Students, single adults and married adults without children are urged to use this parking area so that close in parking will be readily available for guests, senior adults and those with special needs.

We are grateful for your cooperation and understanding.

*Celebrating 33 years of
faithful service and ministry*

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION
HONORING BILL AND CYNDIE HAY
AND THEIR FAMILY

▪
FOUNDING PASTOR
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1978 – 2011

Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

The Club • Grand Ballroom
1 Robert S. Smith Drive

Dinner is \$25 per person

For dinner reservations, call Rhonda Kimbrough
in the Pastor's Office at 871.7002, ext. 117, by noon tomorrow.

*So that all ministry staff may attend this celebration event,
no childcare is available at Covenant.*

Founding Members Commemorative Photograph

Founding members and their families are invited to join us
in the Grand Ballroom at The Club at 6:30 p.m. on September 29
for a special group photograph with Bill and Cyndie Hay.

We will gather just inside the Ballroom entrance at 6:30.

Please contact Victoria Williams at 871-7002, ext. 101, or vwilliams@covpres.com
if you plan to be a part of this commemorative photo.

You are a significant part of our church history and we encourage you
to be a part of this photograph commemorating an important event
in the life of our church—and a special gift for Dr. and Mrs. Hay.

☒ **CALL TO WORSHIP AND SALUTATION**

Pastor: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: *We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!*

Pastor: We will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to You among the nations.

People: *For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

Psalm 108:1-4, The Worship Sourcebook

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:13 NIV

ALL: *Amen!*

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☒ SECOND HYMN OF PRAISE

“O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE”, Hymn 269

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise Thee for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master Received the gift divine,
And still that Light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n drawn picture Of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon Above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass That over life's surging sea,
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

O make Thy Church, dear Savior, A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations Thy true light as of old.
O teach Thy wandering pilgrims By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see Thee face to face.

(Words: William W. How. Music: *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693,
arr. Felix Mendelssohn).

☒ 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 1” cycle.

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning	Psalm 66, 67	2 Kings 17:1-18	Luke 5:1-11
Evening	Psalm 19, 46	Acts 9:36-43	

MONDAY

Morning	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Kings 17:24-41	Matthew 6:25-34
Evening	Psalm 89:19-52	1 Corinthians 7:25-31	

TUESDAY

Monday	Psalm 97, 99	2 Chronicles 29:1-3	Matthew 7:1-12
Evening	Psalm 94	1 Corinthians 7:32-40	

WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalm 101, 109:1-4, 20-30	2 Kings 18:9-25	Matthew 7:13-21
Evening	Psalm 119:121-144	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	

THURSDAY

Morning	Psalm 105:1-22	2 Kings 18:28-37	Matthew 7:22-29
Evening	Psalm 105:23-45	1 Corinthians 9:1-15	

FRIDAY

Morning	Psalm 102	2 Kings 19:1-20	Matthew 8:1-17
Evening	Psalm 107:1-32	1 Corinthians 9:16-27	

SATURDAY

Morning	Psalm 107:33-43	2 Kings 19:21-36	Matthew 8:18-27
Evening	Psalm 33	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning	Psalm 118	2 Kings 20:1-21	Luke 7:11-17
Evening	Psalm 145	Acts 12:1-17	



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OLD TESTAMENT READING

EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?" Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God!

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:8-9

People: *ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;
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 we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
And restore those who are penitent;
According to Your promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of Your holy Name.
Amen.*

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1662

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION)

A WARM WELCOME

To Our Guests

We are glad you chose to worship with us at Covenant Presbyterian Church. As we planned the music and the message, we were praying that you would find it both meaningful and relevant to your life. You are our guest—and we are honored by your presence.

Let's Get Acquainted

Would you take just a moment to complete the information located in our Pew Pads? We want to hear from you! We also invite you to pick up a Guest Welcome Packet from the Sanctuary foyer. It contains valuable information regarding our church and the ministries that are available for you. For our members...please be sure to register your attendance by signing the Pew Pad and be certain to check "Covenant member."

Sunday School Communities

Our church is organized around smaller communities of people in similar stages of life, from babies to senior adults. We gather weekly for the purposes of Bible study, relationship building, and mobilizing for ministry. We would love for you to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. A brief description of our Sunday School classes is available in the Guest Welcome Packet located at the Welcome Center in the church foyer. If you need assistance in finding a class, just ask an Usher or Greeter for directions.

Listening Aids

Listening aids are available that will enhance the worship experience for those who are partially hearing impaired. Please see an Usher if you would benefit from such assistance. They will be happy to provide you with a listening aid.

Sermons Available

To request a copy of today's message, please complete the CD Request Envelope located in the church foyer. Recordings are duplicated each week and may be picked up the following Sunday at the table in the foyer. CDs are \$3.00 each. Sermons may also be downloaded at no charge from our website at www.covpres.com.

Need Assistance?

If you need assistance for any reason during your visit with us today, our Ushers and Greeters will be more than happy to help you or answer any questions. Ushers and Greeters are located in the foyer of the Sanctuary and are ready to provide assistance.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • September 25

8:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Celebration (Sanctuary) Children's Worship • 4 Years through 3rd Grade
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for Every Age
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Celebration (Sanctuary) Children's Worship • 4 Years through 3rd Grade
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Parenting Seminar with Dr. Gordon Bals (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m.	Junior High Small Groups
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Parent Prayer Time (E204)

MONDAY • September 26

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School
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TUESDAY • September 27

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Covenant Day School
10:00 a.m.	Divine Design (C316)
6:00 p.m.	WIC Study: <i>Fruit of the Spirit</i> (E201)

WEDNESDAY • September 28

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School
10:30 a.m.	The Grands Bible Study and Fellowship (E202)
9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	WIC Study: Ephesians (E301)
12:00 noon	Wednesday Book/Lunch Study: <i>Surprised by Grace</i> (E206)
5:00 p.m.	Music Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherubs • 4K-5K (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: <i>Jambalaya, Cornbread, Garden Salad and Fudge Dessert</i> Children: <i>Chicken Tenders, Rice and Peas</i>
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship (Fellowship Hall) Kidz Club • 3 years-6th Grade Student Bible Studies • 7th-12th Grades Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY • September 29

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Covenant Day School
6:30 p.m.	An Evening of Celebration Honoring Bill and Cyndie Hay (The Club)

FRIDAY • September 30

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

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

Pastor: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Amen.*

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 **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“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 power 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 through His power.

May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything,
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: A. Cyril Barham-Gould).

MIDWEEK WORSHIP


The Ten Commandments
A FENCE IS NOT ENOUGH

THIS WEEK AT WED WORSHIP

The Fifth Commandment • Exodus 20:12

“Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long in the land that
the LORD your God is giving you.”

Message by T. J. Wolters • Pastor of Community

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 | Fellowship Hall

Dinner served at 5:30



MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

TONIGHT—Parenting Seminar with Dr. Gordon Bals

Dr. Gordon Bals, founder of Daymark Counseling, is leading a 3-week seminar for parents offering helpful and Biblical counsel regarding how to raise children in a gospel, grace-based home. Seminar meets Sunday evenings—beginning tonight and continuing October 2 and October 9—from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided (\$5 per person) and childcare is available for children age 5 and under.

Covenant Celebrates 33rd Birthday on October 2

Join us for a day of worship and celebration next Sunday, October 2, as we celebrate Covenant's 33rd birthday with a service in honor of our founding pastor, Dr. William G. Hay. The Chancel Choir has commissioned a special musical composition to be presented during our morning services, and we will share in the recognition of Bill and Cyndie Hay and their family for 33 years of faithful leadership. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, everyone is invited to enjoy birthday cake, refreshments and great fellowship.

Founding Members of Covenant

If you have been a part of our church family since its founding days in 1978, please see Page 22 of your worship guide for information regarding a commemorative photograph to be made on September 29.

New Young Adult Ministry

If you are interested in learning more about a new Young Adult ministry that will be launching soon, please contact Lucy Anderson at landerson@covpres.com or 616-7652.

First Monday Lunch Bunch—A New Season of Ministry

First Monday Lunch Bunch is a relaxed and informal time of fun and fellowship for women of all ages, and is a wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted as we grow, learn and share together. First Monday launches a new season of ministry on Monday, October 3, at 11:45 a.m. in E206 when we will welcome new senior pastor, Bill Boyd, as our special guest. Lunch is \$6, reservations are not necessary. Childcare (age 5 and under) is available by request to ltucker@covpres.com or 871-7004.

Relationships • For Senior High Parents and Students

Renee Williams from S.A.f.E. (Sex And Family Education) will be the guest of our Student Ministry on Sunday, October 16. Senior high parents and students are invited to enjoy dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall followed by the opportunity to hear Renee share more about understanding high school relationships and beyond. There will also be time for discussion and questions. Mark your calendars and plan to be present.

OFFERTORY: Gift of "First Fruits"

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"
The Chancel Choir

Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord;
Make your lives for Him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness,
Each His sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye,
They are gifts from God above;
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim His wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior,
Tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work, with Him find favor,
And with joy His praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration,
All who in Christ's name believe;
Worship Him with consecration,
Grace and love will you receive.
For His grace give Him the glory,
For the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story
Until all His name have heard.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Come all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.

(Words: Eva B. Lloyd. Music: Traditional American Meldoy; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Lloyd Larsen)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

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

Parents may release children or escort them 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

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: *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

CLOSING HYMN

"O CHURCH, ARISE"

O church, arise and put your armor on, Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, We'll stand against the devil's lies,
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war: to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor,
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side, We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken,
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride, Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

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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."

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MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

Keep, we urgently ask you, O Lord, your church with your perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of man without you, cannot but fall: Keep us ever by your help, and lead us to all things, profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(from The Collects of Thomas Cranmer, compiled by C. Frederick Barbee and Paul F. M. Zahl, 1999).

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 by 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.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 21:28-32

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God!