

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



APRIL 14, 2024 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

The importance of joy and gladness for the well-being of life should not be underestimated.

—Gisela Kreglinger

...true service for Christ does not consist in what we and our busyness can give Jesus but in receiving in what he delights to give us...

—Dale Ralph Davis

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

—Jesus, Revelation 3:20

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30 | *Rev. Josh Johnson*

11:00 | *Rev. John Fountain*

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

—Psalm 34:3

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

from "How Firm a Foundation"

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,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

All: *Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

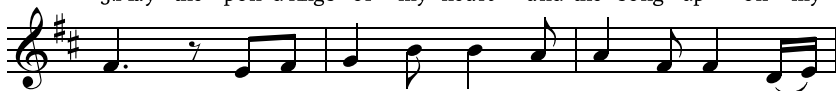
All: *For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*


HYMN OF ADORATION

"Rejoice in All Your Works (Psalm 104)"



1. Ev - 'ry mouth that cries for food, ev - 'ry lung that yearns for
 2. Ev - 'ry tree that thirsts for rain, ev - 'ry bird that seeks its
 3. May the pon-d'rings of my heart and the song up - on my



breath, ev - 'ry eye that search - es through the dark for_
 nest, ev - 'ry heart that waits in hope to be made
 lips with the chor - us of cre - a - tion join in_



light, all cre - a - tion looks to
 glad, all cre - a - tion looks to
 praise to the God who made all

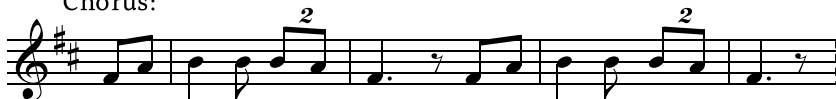


You for its breath and for its food; from the
 You for its breath and for its food; from the
 things, to the Spir - it who sus - tains, to the



good - ness of Your hand we're sa - tis - fied.
 good - ness of Your hand we're sa - tis - fied.
 Son who o - ver all cre - a - tion_ reigns.

Chorus:



Oh re - joice in all Your works, King of heav - en, King of earth!



Ev - 'ry crea - ture You have made de - clares Your praise.



We re - joice in all You've made, God of all - sus-tain-ing



grace; with the moun-tain, sky, and sea we sing Your praise.

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Exodus 29:38-46

“Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day regularly. ³⁹One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. ⁴⁰And with the first lamb a tenth measure of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering. ⁴¹The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it a grain offering and its drink offering, as in the morning, for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to Yahweh. ⁴²It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before Yahweh, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. ⁴³There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. ⁴⁴I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. ⁴⁵I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. ⁴⁶And they shall know that I am Yahweh their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am Yahweh their God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God:

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 hearts.

We have rebelled 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;*

Therefore we lack integrity.

*By your saving mercies, forgive our sins
and grant us the gift of genuine repentance.*

*By your sustaining graces, train us to live
godly, righteous, and sober lives in the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness
of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and
the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

☒ CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.*

☒ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"
Congregational Hymn

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye;
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land;
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling wind or poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more.
(Chorus)

When shall I see that happy place,
And be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in his bosom rest?
(Chorus)

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS*11:00 service*

Sophie Claire Allen	Lankford Catherine Gurner
Ella Kathryn Bishop	Jackson Douglas Kittinger
Sullivan Hill Blake	Ethan Palmer Lambert
Lauren Elizabeth Brown	William Fred Martin V
Michael A. Chavar	Elizabeth Grace Nailen
Cannon Gregory Cherry	Emma Grier Sheffer
Wiley Burton Cooper	Lee Loftin Sheppard Jr.
Kate Darden Cotton	Henry Martin Smith
Benjamin Vaughan Evans	Evelyn Grace Squires
Caleb Barnard Flores	Anne Hampton Walker
Hannah Elizabeth Gidley	Andrew Charles Wilson

☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, indeed!

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

The "passing of the peace" plays a significant role in our liturgy. It precedes our coming to the Lord's Table because this sacrament manifests and celebrates our unity in Christ as one body. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us not to let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us in reconciling grace and mutual love.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See page 20 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance pad in your pew and pass it down.

Children's Worship. Children in 3K (3 years old before 9/1/23) through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children leave from the foyer of the Sanctuary and walk to C221 with staff and volunteers. Children will rejoin their families for Communion, so please help your child find you by watching for him or her.

Enfold Disability Ministry. Our church seeks to embrace and enfold people affected by disability. Please let an usher know how we can support and accommodate your needs during worship.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

All flesh is like grass,

And all its glory is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Humble Access

*We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King,
to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, in this breaking of bread,
a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you and you with us.
Amen.*

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

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 and united in ministry with your people in every place.

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Invitation to the Table

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not partaking of these elements, you may stay in your seat or come forward with your fellow worshipers and cross your hands in front of your chest. The one serving communion will pray a brief prayer for you or pronounce a blessing over you.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please join in singing the hymns during Communion.

"His Mercy is More"

Chorus:

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore:
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.
(Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.
(Chorus)

"Come Ye Sinners"



1. Come ye ___ sin - ners poor and ___ wretch - ed, ___
 2. Come ye ___ need - y, come and ___ wel - come, ___
 3. Come ye ___ wear - y hea - vy ___ la - den, ___
 4. Let not ___ con - science make you ___ ling - er, ___
 5. Lo! The 'in - car - nate God as - cend - ed, ___



weak and wound - ed sick and sore; ___
 God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy; ___
 bruised and bro - ken by the fall; ___
 nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream; ___
 pleads the mer - it of His blood. ___



Je - sus rea - dy stands ___ to save ___ you, ___
 True be - lief and true ___ re - pent - ance, ___
 If you tar - ry til ___ you're bet - ter, ___
 All the fit - ness He ___ re - quir - eth ___
 Ven - ture on Him, ven - ture whol - ly, ___



full of pi - ty, joined with power. ___
 ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh. ___
 you will nev - er come at all. ___
 is to feel your need of Him. ___
 let no oth - er trust in - trude. ___



He ___ is a - ble, ___ He ___ is a - ble; ___
 Wit - out mon - ey, ___ with - out mon - ey; ___
 Not ___ the right - eous, ___ Not ___ the right - eous; ___
 This ___ He gives ___ you, ___ this ___ He gives ___ you, ___
 None ___ but Je - sus, ___ none ___ but Je - sus ___



He ___ is will - ing doubt no more. ___
 come ___ to Je - sus Christ and buy. ___
 sin - ners Je - sus came to call. ___
 'Tis ___ the Spir - it's ris - ing beam. ___
 can ___ do help - less sin - ners good. ___

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

 **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 14 - 20, 2024

SUNDAY, April 14

8:30 am Gathered Worship
9:45 am Sunday School (see page 21 for adult communities)
11:00 am Gathered Worship

MONDAY, April 15

8:15 am Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
6:00 pm Women's Beatitude Living: A Christ-Centered
12-Step Group (Tower Room)

TUESDAY, April 16

12:00 - 1:00 pm Women's Study: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly of Work
Reimagined & Redeemed (Fellowship Hall)
lunch available beginning at 11:30

WEDNESDAY, April 17

5:30 - 7:30 pm The Marriage Course (Fellowship Hall)
pre-registration required

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministry: Kristen Hatton. Please join us for lunch as we hear from author Kristen Hatton on May 1, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm (Dining Room). Kristen has written several books and has spoken at Covenant before. Her latest book, "Parenting Ahead," helps parents with younger children build a foundation for their family based on Biblical principles for the teen years to come. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers. The cost is \$12. Registration opens today at 9:00 am at covpres.com/events.

Social Skills Lunch & Learn. Join us for lunch on April 24 at 11:30 am (Dining Room) and hear from Dr. Heather Lebensburger, SLP.D, CCC-SLP, from the Behavioral Pediatric Institute of Alabama. She will be sharing practical, hands-on strategies and solutions to build social skills with our kids at home and around the dinner table. This lunch is aimed towards kids ages 5-12 (early elementary-early middle school), but anyone is welcome! Lunch is \$10. Please register at covpres.com/enfold.

Children's Summer Fun. Registrations are now open for Vacation Bible School, Bonus Days, Built for a Purpose, and Game On! Visit covpres.com/childrens-summer-activities for details and to register.

Hymn Sing. Mark your calendars for our annual spring Hymn Sing on April 28 at 5:00 pm! We will enjoy worship in The Pit with a BBQ dinner immediately following. Dinner is free; please sign up at covpres.com to help set up/clean up and bring a dessert to share.

Worship Guide Alternatives. We have two alternative worship guides available for those who might benefit: a lyrics-only worship guide (no music notes) and a large-print worship guide. Please ask an usher for a copy!

Scripture Memory. Our church-wide scripture memory for the Easter Season (March 31 - May 18) is Romans 6:22-23:

*But now that you have been set free from sin
and have become slaves of God,
the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.
For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:45 a.m.

*Directional signs are located throughout the church.
Today we will hear from RUF Ministers and Staff in our
Sunday School Communities.*

COLLEGE, THRESHOLD, KING'S TABLE FELLOWSHIP HALL	Latasha Allston <i>Howard University</i>
CROSSPOINTE 100	Brad Owens <i>University of Alabama Birmingham</i>
CORNERSTONE 104	Joy Chamberlain <i>Samford University</i>
LIGHTHOUSE 305	Maggie Aldin <i>Samford University</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS 301	Ben Griffith <i>Samford University</i>
FOUNDATIONS, LIVING STONES 201	Daniel Tortorici <i>University of Alabama</i>
COMMUNITY, UPPER ROOM 101	Amy Hudson Kessler <i>University of Alabama Birmingham</i>
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	Tanner Crum <i>Auburn University</i>

RULING ELDERS

2024	2025	2026
Dave Gray	Bill Bennett	Logan Casey
Heath Henderson	Mark Hogewood	Nathan Collums
Paul Loyless	Cy Huffman	Eric Getty
Tyler O'Connor	Daniel Murray	Mark Midyette
Jason Peevy	David O'Dell	Lee Sheppard
Charlie Regan	Kurt Senn	John Smith T
Charles White	Clay Wheeler	Darrell Tucker

DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Samuel Bragg	Will Bennett	Richard Cox
Paul Darden	William Edwards	Caleb Faulkner
Joe Fante	Will Graham	Gary Gorham
Steve Killgore	John David Gray	Keith Harrelson
Robert Luttrell	John Harrelson	Jeff Hayes
Steve Pfitzer	Merrill Johnston Jr.	Randall Lancaster
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		Will Slappey
		Daniel Taylor

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HYMN CREDITS

Find our gathered worship playlist at covpres.com/music-worship.

"How Firm a Foundation"

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832, arr. Fernando Ortega.

"Rejoice in All Your Works (Psalm 104)"

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"Doxology"

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Old 100th; Genevan Psalter, 1551 Edition; attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561.

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

Words: attr. to R. Keene. Music: traditional American melody.

"His Mercy is More"

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"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

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