

## **Preparing Your Heart for Worship**

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“God is not the god of the dead but of the living and therefore nothing short of the resurrection to the full enjoyment of God can constitute the glory to which the living God will lead his redeemed.”

—John Murray,

*Redemption Accomplished and Applied*

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

*From Psalm 145*

Minister: I will extol you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day we will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Minister: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be  
praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**People: The LORD is gracious and  
merciful, slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love.**

Minister: The Lord is good to all, and his  
mercy is over all that he has made.

**Together: All your works shall give  
thanks to you O LORD,  
And all your saints shall bless you!**

† *Please stand if able*

**† HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“In Christ Alone”*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Because Christ Jesus died in your place,  
for your sins, you are forgiven.

**People: Hallelujah! Praise God!**

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Children ages 3 through 4th grade dismiss with their  
teachers for Sunday school. They will return at the end  
of the service.*

**† HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

*“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

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To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
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## SERMON TEXT

### **Romans 8:1-11**

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: “Who is This One They Call The Spirit of Christ?”**

*Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt*

*Romans 8:1-11*



## **THE TABLE**

*The Lord's Supper*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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### **Prayer of Humble Access**

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live with him and he in me. Amen.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*“Living Hope”*

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The king of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful savior, I’m yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There’s salvation in your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

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Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
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Jesus, yours is the victory

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You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Jesus Christ, my living hope  
Oh God, you are my living hope

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***The Lord's Prayer*

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.

**+ CLOSING HYMN***"It Is Well"*

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
 When sorrows like sea billows roll  
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
 It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)  
 With my soul (with my soul)  
 It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And has shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul!

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

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With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

**+ BENEDICTION**

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

**Tuesday, January 12th –**

Crichton Table, box lunches handed out at 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 13th –**

Community Bible Study (virtual)

**Thursday, January 14th –**

Men’s Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Day One – Colossians 3:1-17

Day Two – Psalm 103

Day Three – Colossians 3:18-4:1

Day Four – Colossians 4:2-18

Day Five – Joel 1

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offering** – Please mail your check to 2651 Springhill Ave. Mobile, Alabama 36607 or visit [www.covenantpresmobile.org](http://www.covenantpresmobile.org) to give your offering.

**Men’s Bible Study** – Men’s Bible study meets every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come on!

**Weekly Emails** – If you would like more information on the latest news and events here at Covenant, please email [bradee@covenantpresmobile.org](mailto:bradee@covenantpresmobile.org) or call the church office at 251-307-5475 to be added to our weekly email distribution list.

**Communion** – We will take communion in worship this morning.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.**

**Congregational meeting** – There will be a congregational meeting January 10th at 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of the election of ruling elder.

**Youth Membership Meeting this morning** – Immediately following the congregational meeting, there will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall for youth 6th-9th grade who have not yet joined Covenant, in order to share about our plans for our Youth Membership class this Spring.

**Crichton Table** – Crichton Table will serve box lunches in the church parking lot each Tuesday beginning January 12th at 11:30. To make this ministry work and serve our neighbors we need additional volunteers. Please contact [marty@covenantpresmobile.org](mailto:marty@covenantpresmobile.org) if you can help.

**Women's Bible Study** – We will resume meeting on January 14th. Be ready to discuss Lesson 10.

**Registration is now open for RYM** – If you're a high schooler or middle schooler and interested in going to Reformed Youth Ministry camp this summer, please contact Rob at [rob@covenantpresmobile.org](mailto:rob@covenantpresmobile.org). Registration will close February 1st.