

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

April 11, 2021

“All through this age we will be living and working among unbelieving people: people who do not know the Lord; people who do not love him; people who believe very differently from us; people who do not walk in obedience to his laws. However, it is precisely this world to which the Lord sends us; it is such people whom the Lord calls us to live among; and he calls us to reach out to them—whether we want to hear such a calling or not. Even the most surface reading of the New Testament makes it clear that this is the church’s task all through the present age.”

– Jerram Barrs,

Learning Evangelism from Jesus

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever.

Congregation: With our mouths we will make known His faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens He will establish his faithfulness.

Congregation: Let the heavens praise your wonders O LORD, your faithfulness in the Church of your holy ones!

Pastor: Blessed are we who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD in the light of your face!

Together: Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and amen.

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood

† *Please stand if able*

Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate;
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth is His name,
from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life’s fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Refrain

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Refrain

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***“Holy Spirit”*

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

SERMON TEXT

Romans 15:14-21

14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. 15 But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17 In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. 18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, 19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; 20 and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation, 21 but as it is written,

“Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand.”

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON: “Be a Minister”*Rev. Lanier Wood**Romans 15:14-21*

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

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

+ **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Tuesday, April 13 –

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

Wednesday, April 14 –

Community Bible Study (virtual)
CovGirls Bible Club 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 15 –

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 – Genesis 24

Day Two – Psalm 130

Day Three – Genesis 25-26:1-5

Day Four – Genesis 27

Day Five – Genesis 28

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THE SESSION

2021: John Bell, Bobby Crow, Robbie Turnipseed

2022: Bubba O’Gwynn, Brad Hoffman, Stephen Fitts,
Jimmy Dawood

2023: Lance Covan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering – Please mail your check to 2651 Springhill Ave. Mobile, Alabama 36607 or visit www.covenantpresmobile.org to give your offering.

Covenant Girls Bible Club – All girls 1st through 4th grade are invited! We will meet Wednesday, April 14th in the Education Building from 3:00 until 4:30. We will have a snack, some fellowship and Bible time. Please email marty@covenantpresmobile.org if you're coming!

CovBoys Bible Club – All boys 1st through 4th grade are invited! We will meet today in the Education Building from 12:15 – 1:30. Bring your Bible. Email marty@covenantpresmobile.org if you're coming!

VBS at Covenant– THE KING is COMING June 21-24 from 9:00-12:00 for all kids ages 3 through rising 5th grade. Please email marty@covenantpresmobile.org if you would like to volunteer. Kids registration will open in April.

Community Bible Study – CBS for Women will be returning to Covenant on Wednesdays for a new class year beginning in late August. We will be studying Daniel and Revelation. We will also be offering a children's program. Please contact Mary Usher celiajuno@aol.com or Amy Pipes swp5@bellsouth.net for information.