

Preparing Your Heart for Worship
March 30, 2025

“You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin
that made it necessary.”

– Jonathan Edwards

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!

Congregation: The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!

Pastor: O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!

Congregation: Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!

Pastor: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.

Together: We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven’s mercy seat (Repeat)

Chorus:

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev’rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King (Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marv’lous mystery, yeah (Chorus 2x)

“Jesus Paid It All”

And I hear the savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

‘Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone

‘Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

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O praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
(Repeat 3x)

Jesus paid it all
And all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because Jesus Christ 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.

OFFERTORY

Prayer cards are located in the pews. If you'd like our prayer team to pray for you, please fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign (Chorus)

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(Repeat 3x)

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill..)

(Chorus 2x)

SERMON TEXT

John 14:1-11

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority,

but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
I believe me that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me, or else believe on account of
the works themselves.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Life and Truth”

John 14:1-11

Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt

THE LORD'S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again,
according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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

“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

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour 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

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He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast

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
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

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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.

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. Amen. Amen.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, March 30

Catechism Club, 10:20-10:50 a.m. (Youth Room)
Youth Group, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1

Biscuits & Bibles (Boys), 6:30 a.m.
Crichton Table, 11:00-12:30

Wednesday, April 2

Biscuits & Bibles (Girls), 6:30 a.m.
Community Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
CovBoys Bible Club, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Youth Membership Class, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 3

Alec's Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 4

Lanier's Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Ladies' Luncheon, 11:15-1:00 p.m.
(Mobile Botanical Gardens)

ELDERS

Bubba O’Gwynn, Chris Estis, Wes Pipes, Bobby Crow, David Wilhelm, Forrest Crabtree, Joe Currier, & Mark Spivey

DEACONS

Kenneth Taylor, Linda Turnipseed, Foster Veazey, Kim Padgett, Chad Cross, Dana Renta, Brenda Gross, Sue Buffkin, & Mac Outlaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings – AA meetings are held every Thursday in the Critchon Table room at 6:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. Contact Chad Cross with questions (251.525.1414).

Created for a Purpose – CFAP is a week-long creative arts program that teaches 3rd-8th grade girls that they are a unique masterpiece created by God. Camp will be held July 14-18. Registration is OPEN for girls in rising third-eighth grade. Contact whitneybarnett@covenantpresmobile.org with questions.

Mark Your Calendars for VBS! Vacation Bible School at Covenant is June 16-19. Registration opens late April. If you’d like to help this summer, please email Sarah@covenantpresmobile.org. Leaders interest meeting is Sunday, April 27th at 10:20 & 12:20.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Pads – Please sign and pass them and get to know those in your row!

Palm Sunday – Join us Sunday, April 13th at 10:00 for one worship service outside. There will be an egg hunt at 9:30, gathering at 9:45 for the donkey parade, and picnic lunch afterward. Dress is casual. Come celebrate King Jesus!

John 13 Maundy Thursday Service – Join us Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. for a Maundy Thursday service.

Easter Sunday – The Sunrise service is at 6:00 a.m. at Springhill Graveyard (351 Dilston Rd). Bring a blanket or a chair. We will worship in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Come and worship the Risen King!

Men's Breakfast – Men, join us Saturday, April 12th from 7:00-8:30 for breakfast in Fellowship Hall. More details to come.

All Church Work Morning – We will have a church work morning on Saturday, April 12th from 8:30 to noon to get the church ready for Palm Sunday. Come and serve the church in this tangible way! Call Brad with any questions (228.588.2696)