



Lord's Day, May 3, 2020

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Acts 17:1–9 (ESV)

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# Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship: *Psalm 2*

Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

**“Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”**

He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.

**Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,**

**“As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”**

I will tell of the decree:  
The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

**Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

**Serve the Lord with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.**

Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

### \*Invocation

#### \*Song: *Isaiah 43 I Am the Lord Your God*

When you pass through the waters I will be with you  
And the waves will not overcome you, Do not fear  
For I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name, you are mine

*Chorus:*

For I am the Lord your God (I am Lord your God)  
I am the Lord your God... (I...Am)  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior (Repeat) I am the Lord  
(Do not fear) (4x)

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned  
And the flames will not consume you, Do not fear  
For I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name you are mine

*Chorus*

### \*Psalm 3 (*Trinity Psalter*)

O Lord, how are my foes increased!  
Against me many rise.  
How many say, “In vain for help He on his God relies.”

You are my shield and glory, LORD;  
You lifted up my head.  
I cried out, “LORD!” and from His Hill to me His  
answer sped.

I lay down, slept, and woke again  
The LORD is keeping me.  
I will not fear ten thousand men entrenched  
surrounding me.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God!  
You punish all my foes.  
You smite the face of wicked men, their teeth break with  
your blows.

Deliverance is from the LORD,  
Salvation His alone!  
O let Your blessing evermore be on Your people shown!

### We Confess Our Sins: Prayer of Confession

**Congregation: Our gracious and loving heavenly Father. We confess before you this day, that we have sinned against you in our thinking, our speaking, our doing, and even in our failing to do those things that we ought to have done. In particular this blessed Sabbath Day, which You have made, we confess through the leading of Your Holy Spirit, and we repent, by Your grace, of our fearfulness in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. We confess before Your throne of eternal grace today that we have been afraid of rejection, ridicule, hostility, and the possibility of persecution if we speak the Words of truth and of life to others. As we confess this area of sin and struggle for us, we ask for Your forgiveness in the shed blood of Christ, for the continuing work of Your Holy Spirit in our growth and sanctification, and for Your grace and empowering that we may have more boldness and courage to share the Good News of Jesus and the call to repent and to believe with others whom**

**You place before us. We ask this in the blessed name of our Great High Priest, Your glorious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Next shall follow a personal, private confession of sin.)*

**Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18–19**

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

**Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–2; 9–16**

**Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XIV:1**

**Congregation: The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word: by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened**

**\*Hymn: #95 *Though Troubles Assail Us***

1 Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,  
though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,  
yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,  
the promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;  
from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.  
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied  
so long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,  
and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.  
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,  
this heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;  
yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,  
in this our strong tower for safety we hide:  
the Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

**Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Sermon: *Sharers of Salvation, Partners in Persecution***

Acts 17:1–9

Rev. Martin Hawley

**\*Closing Hymn: #30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past***

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
with all their lives and cares,  
are carried downward by your flood,  
and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology**

**Congregation:**  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**  
**Amen**

**\*Three-fold Amen**

*\*Denotes times when those members of the congregation who are able shall stand.*

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## Directions for Worship and Considerations Concerning the Corona Virus:

1. Please situate your couple or family group as efficiently as possible as the chairs and rows have been arranged (i.e. individuals and couples, as well as couples with one child ought to use the center row of 3 chairs until all of those locations are filled)
2. Please refrain from shaking hands, embracing, or otherwise physically contacted persons not in your family.
3. Please maintain the 6 foot social distancing guidelines and the spacing established in our sanctuary's rows of chairs.
4. You may wear masks or not wear masks as you and your family prefer.
5. Hand sanitizer is located in our entrance area and on the bulletin table.
6. We request that one person at a time use the bathroom areas.
7. You may place your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary.
8. At the end of the service, we will dismiss by rows so as to limit crowding.

## Announcements

### Postponed Events

Adult Sunday School

Men's Bible Study First & Third Tuesdays

Sunday Evening Bible Study

### Virtual Event

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study, weekly

Studying Contentment by Melissa Kruger.

### FATSAT Men's Study on First and Third Saturdays

Our First and Third Saturdays men's group meets on Saturday mornings at the Chick-fil-A Dwarf House on Hwy. 92 between Canton Road and I-575 at 8:00 a.m.

## Our Welcome Guests for May and June



Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

(Psalm 133)

We take great joy in sharing our worship space and our Lord's Day services of worship in May and June with our daughter congregation, Christ Covenant Presbyterian of Woodstock, Georgia.

Christ Covenant began meeting on Sunday evenings in June 2009, then on Sunday mornings in February 2010 as a mission or church plant of Hope. After growing sufficiently, in July 2013 they were formally organized as a church by the Northwest Georgia Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

The church's founding pastor was our own Rev. Ted Lester, who had previously founded Cherokee Presbyterian Church, and who also served for several years as an assistant pastor at Hope. Brother Ted recently took honorable retirement through the Northwest Georgia Presbytery.

Christ Covenant Presbyterian is now pastored by the Rev. Job Dalomba. Job was raised in North Mississippi, and recently relocated to Woodstock. He is a graduate of Ole Miss in 2006 with a B.A. in Liberal Arts. He then graduated Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in 2009. Before coming to Christ Covenant Presbyterian, he spent almost 9 years in pastoral ministry. Job has been married to Brittany for 13 years and they have four children: Reid, Grace, Sam and Mary Kate.