

# THE LORD'S DAY ~ April 10, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

## Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and need strength;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

**Preparation for Worship** Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

God's thoughts of His people are—infinite. Believers deal too little with the infinitude of God. Hence the tendency to “limit the Holy One of Israel.” Thus, too, it is, that our confidence in God is so hesitating, our views of His power so dwarfish, our love so defective, and our requests and expectations so contracted. “I am a great King, says the Lord God.” All His thoughts are vast, infinite, worthy of His greatness. His electing thought of us was a great thought; His thought of redeeming us was a great thought; His thought of making us divine by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit is a great thought; His thought of bringing us to glory to enjoy Him fully and forever is a great thought. All these thoughts of God are as great as they are precious, as precious as they are great. O child of God! Do not think lightly of the thoughts God has of you—they are so vast, nothing can exceed, so precious, nothing can equal them. The thoughts of an Infinite Mind encircle and enfold you more closely and fondly than the ivy clasps the elm, or the mother her new-born infant. Whether they appear clad in darkness, or robed in light, they are equally the great and precious thoughts of your covenant God and Father. “How precious are your thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!” (Psalm 139:17). ~ Octavius Winslow, 1859

## Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** “This Is My Father's World” (T111)

**Prayer of Invocation and Praise**

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 100:3-4

**\*Hymn Medley of Praise** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (T53)  
“Indescribable” (1)

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty.  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky,  
And You know them by name; You are amazing, God!  
All powerful! Untameable! Awestruck, we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim: You are amazing God!*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go;  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom:

\* For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky,  
And You know them by name; You are amazing, God!  
Incomparable! Unchangeable! You see the depths of my heart  
And you love me the same; You are amazing, God!*

**\*Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (T845)

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 13

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory Hymn**

“In the Valley” (2)

When You lead me to the valley of vision, I can see You in the heights.  
And though my humbling wouldn't be my decision, it's here Your glory shines so bright.  
So let me learn that the cross precedes the crown, to be low is to be high,  
That the valley's where You make me more like Christ.

*Let me find Your grace in the valley. Let me find Your life in my death.  
Let me find Your joy in my sorrow, Your wealth in my need,  
That You're near with every breath in the valley.*

In the daytime there are stars in the heavens, but they only shine at night.  
And the deeper that I go into darkness, the more I see their radiant light.  
So let me learn that my losses are my gain, to be broken is to heal.  
That the valley's where Your power is revealed.

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

James 1:17

**Prayer of Illumination**

Psalm 119:13-14

**Sermon**

Matthew 13:10-17

“The Parable of the Sower (Part 6): Why Parables?”

Synoptic Gospel Series

Rev. Cory D. Colravy

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation**

**Reading of the Law** Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 53-56

**Leader:** *What is the Third Commandment?*

**People:** The Third Commandment is: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

**Leader:** *What does the Third Commandment require?*

**People:** The Third Commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, qualities, regulations, word, and works.

**Leader:** *What does the Third Commandment forbid?*

**People:** The Third Commandment forbids our treating as unholy or abusing anything God uses to make Himself known.

**Leader:** *What is the reason for the Third Commandment?*

**People:** The reason for the Third Commandment is that the Lord our God will not allow those who break this commandment to escape His righteous judgment, although they may escape punishment from men.

**Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, from ages past no ear has heard, and no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. But we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Yet you, O Lord, are our Father; we are the clay, and you are the potter; we are the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember our sin forever. Restore us, we pray, through the grace of our Lord Jesus, in whom we place our hope and trust. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 5:1-2

**Special Offering**

Covenant Mercy Ministry

**Hymn of Meditation**

“Before the Throne of God Above” (3)

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,” whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

**Distribution of Elements**

(Please note that grape juice is in all the inner circles of cups  
and wine is only in the one outer circle.)

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Jude 24-25

**\*Hymn of Benediction**

“Grace, Love and Fellowship” (C233)

**\*Postlude**

## THIS WEEK, April 10 - 16, 2016

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.  
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.  
•Second Sunday Lunch  
Tuesday •WIC Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday •Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.  
•Dinner Served, 5:30 p.m.  
•Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.  
•Kids' Quest, 6:30 p.m.  
•Adult Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

### Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Sunday School ~ Claire Zechman  
Morning Worship ~ Heather Steele, Natalie Smith
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Raquel Clark  
Morning Worship ~ Jane Perry, Robyn Perry
- ◆ **WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **April Operation Christmas Child Collection Items** ~ “Outdoor Month” ~ water bottles, flash lights, ponchos, hats, sunglasses, etc.
- ◆ **Budget Summary:**

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|---------------------------------------|----|------------|
| Weekly Operational Budget Requirement | \$ | 5,948.00   |
| Tithes/Offerings, April 3, 2016       | \$ | 6,001.53   |
| FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received        | \$ | 198,526.56 |
| FYTD Operational Budget Expenses      | \$ | 190,659.86 |
| Mortgage Balance                      | \$ | 216,598.81 |

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Sermon Notes  
The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 10, 2016  
Matthew 13:10-17  
"The Parable of the Sower (Part 6): Why Parables?"  
Synoptic Gospel Series  
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

## Prayer List, Sunday, April 10, 2016

### PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor  
Mrs. Glenda L. Delmar, CCS Principal  
Mrs. Martha A. Middleton, Executive Administrator  
Ms. Roseanne S. Culpepper, CCS Office Manager  
Mr. Bryan M. Walker, CCS Bookkeeper  
Mr. Art Stroh, Youth Director  
Mr. Scott Perry, Music Leader

### PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

### PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday ..... Greg & Reymie Mick#  
Monday ..... David & Karen Story% RUF, FSU, Tallahassee, FL  
Tuesday ..... Covenant Christian School%  
Wednesday ..... Travis Neal\*  
Thursday ..... Claire Zechman\*  
Friday ..... Robert & Lisa Stewart% church planters, Tokyo  
Saturday ..... Panama City Rescue Mission% Thurman Chambers, Director  
(\*Happy Birthday, #Happy Anniversary, %Missionary)

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AT HOME AND ABROAD

**Currently Deployed Overseas:** Randy Miller (Joyce Post's grandson)

**Currently Serving at Home:** Shawn Rost (Warren & Judy Kline's son-in-law), Brian Neal, Ben Hollo, Ian Harris, Seth Armstrong

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

**Cancer:** Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, (chemotherapy & radiation), Charlotte Bass (4 year old friend of Mara Frazier, Aplastic Anemia)

**Illness:** Brian Schreiber (Fred & Carrie Hayes Schreiber's son, blood disease), Fran Coyne (friend of the Steele's, aortic valve stenosis), Johnny Langham (Jack & Jan Langham's son), Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Mike Kline (Warren & Judy Kline's son, heart problem), Alaina Gilmore (leg development problem), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), David Hill (heart blockage), Cheryl Gaudiano, Roger Leete (CIDP), Gloria Hawkins (Glenda Delmar's mother, stroke), Derrick Jensen (family friend of Raquel Clark, ALS)

**Special Need:** Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Randy Tucker (Patty Ann Brunner's son, stroke recovery), Dawn Welch family, Dell Simpson.

**Expectant Mothers:** Kristi Hinkle Dugan, Valerie Welch Cleveland, Lauren Walker Bahati

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*Building Relationships,  
Building the Kingdom,  
For Now....and Eternity*

We go and make  
mature disciples  
of the  
Lord Jesus Christ  
who glorify  
and enjoy God  
forever.

*glorify God*

WORSHIP

*love one another*

COMMUNITY

*serve the world*

MISSION



