

## LEADERSHIP

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*"For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."*

*2 Corinthians 4:5*

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10.2.22

Notes

If you are new to church, the notes in this margin are a way to help you understand and follow along through each aspect of today's service. If you like, use the free space to take your own notes about anything you find interesting or thought provoking. If you have additional questions, you can talk with a church officer after the service.

Congregational Standing

Throughout the bulletin the asterisk \* denotes congregational standing

We encourage you to use this bulletin during the week to reflect on what you have heard and experienced during worship. You can use the prayers, confessions, and scripture for personal worship and devotional time at home

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Here at Christ Covenant, we seek to celebrate God's grace through Jesus Christ, who came to give us life today and for eternity. We also seek to cultivate a safe environment for the convinced and unconvinced to hear the free offer of the gospel in Jesus Christ. Whether you are follower of Jesus, or it has been a while since you've considered your relationship to Him, or you are exploring His claims for the first time, we are delighted to have you with us today. We would love to be able to connect with you and share with you more about the ministry of our church. If you are a visitor, please take a moment during the service to fill out a Visitor Card located in the back of the chair. We have a visitor bag for you in the lobby with a mug, coffee, pens and Dane Ortlund's book, "Gentle and Lowly, The Heart of Christ for Sinner's and Sufferers."

Ushers: Chris Lyons & Nick Manley

A/V Assistant: Matt Walden

Communion: Victoria Penny & Linda Whitley

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Mary Helen Wilkerson & Hannah Wilkerson

Sunday school—Bobbie Wilkerson & Ann Plunk

For Your Children: We welcome children to attend and participate in the corporate worship by singing, praying and offering responses as they are able. For older children, we offer opportunities to hear a lesson that is age appropriate. For ages 4 years old and under, we offer Children's Church during the sermon portion of the service. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. For younger children, infants to age 3, we provide a nursery throughout the service for parents who would prefer not to have their children with them.

CHURCH CALENDAR \* CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Be sure to sign up on our website to receive the weekly E-news which is sent every Wednesday with the latest up-to-date information.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday - October 2nd

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am – Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion; also via live stream

11:00am—Sunday school

4pm—Leadership training

Monday – October 3rd

No activities planned

Tuesday – October 4th

9:00am—Covenant Presbytery

6:00pm—Celebrate Recovery

Wednesday–October 5th

6:30am—Men's bible study

9:00am—Women's bible study

6:00pm—Youth, Kids' Club, Women's bible study

Thursday– October 6th

No activities planned

Friday– October 7th

No activities planned

Saturday– October 8th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Small group meetings—10.16, 10.30
- Leadership training—10.23, 11.13
- November men's gathering, 11.10
- Fall Fest, 10.22—now accepting candy donations, please leave in the lobby
- Thanksgiving meal, 11.6
- Hanging of the Greens—11.27

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 10.1-10.8  
George & Laurie Jenkins • Jacob, Abby & Elijah Lyons

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Michael Emerson • Hull Emerson • Joe Hale • Valerie Wal-  
den • Betty Morrow • Monte Morgan • Henry Johnson • Christa Chapman • Jack Clayton •  
Rudy Frank • Hannah Tanous • Oliver Plunk • Ellie Plunk • Olivia McNeely • The Lyon’s fam-  
ily • The Barkley family

Prayer Requests: Olivia McNeely, recovering from a back injury • The Lyon’s family as they  
welcome baby Elijah • The Barkley family, mourning the loss of Jared’s grandmother, Nadine.

OUR LOCAL & WORLD MISSIONS

Please pray for these local and world missions and our missionaries.

Peru Mission (Esdras, Wes) • Mike and Roxanne Winebrenner (Christ Fellowship in Horn  
Lake) • Hunter Brewer (Trinity Collierville) • RUF: John Craft (Rhodes College), John Crosby  
(University of Memphis), Ro Taylor (Delta State University), Anthony Forrest (Jackson  
State), Spencer Sipe (Vanderbilt) • Dewayne Williams (Restoration Now) • Daniel and Ken-  
dall Myrick (Reclaimed Ministry)

Community Bible Reading Schedule			
DAY	DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Sun	10.2.22	X	X
Mon	10.3.22	Joshua 9	Mark 7
Tues	10.4.22	Joshua 10	Mark 8
Wed	10.5.22	Joshua 11	Mark 9
Thurs	10.6.22	Joshua 12	Mark 10
Fri	10.7.22	Joshua 13	Mark 11
Sat	10.8.22	Psalm 40	X

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to download the  
Community  
Bible Reading  
App



Preparing for Worship  
With so many distractions  
vying for our attention, this  
is a time to listen to the  
prelude music, read of  
Vision Statement on the  
front cover, and get ready  
for the service.

Call to Worship  
If worship  
is offering all that we are to  
all that God is, then this call  
is a way to proclaim this  
movement, while also chal-  
lenging us on what we wor-  
ship daily.

Why we sing  
We sing in order to remem-  
ber the stories of how God  
has worked in our loves.  
Singing takes the truth of  
who God is and what He is  
doing, and applies it into  
our lives.

Prayer of Invocation  
Is from the Latin *invocare*,  
meaning “to call on.” God  
has called us to worship—  
and now, in grateful re-  
sponse, we cry out for His  
presence among us.

The Lord’s Prayer  
Jesus gave this example in  
the New Testament  
(Matthew 6:9-13) to show us  
how to pray. We use this  
prayer corporately each  
week as a reminder.

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

Prelude

\*Call to Worship  
Rev. Jim Plunk  
PASTOR: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob; proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O Lord, save your people!’  
PEOPLE: O Lord, save your people! The women shall rejoice in the dance  
and the men shall be merry!  
PASTOR: For the Lord will turn our mourning into joy. He will comfort us,  
and turn our sorrow into gladness. Come let us worship him!

From Jeremiah 31

\*Song of Adoration  
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing #164

\*Invocation (concluded by the Lord’s Prayer)  
ALL: 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.

**Confession**  
is the time when we are honest about ourselves with each other and with God. As we admit our misplaced affections, we are called to reorder our lives. Only by being honest will the good news of grace be significant and needed.

**Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**  
are encouraging words which is what we need to hear after the honesty of our confession

**Confession of Sin**

PASTOR: Our God tells us to confess our sins, trusting that he is faithful to forgive us our sins. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.  
**ALL: Behold, the Lord’s hand is not so short that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that he cannot hear, but our iniquities have separated us from our God, and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. Our mouths are filled with anger, our lips are quick to speak lies, and our eyes are filled with illicit desires. Our feet swift to run to evil and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity. Lord, in your grace, only you can intercede and bring health to us. Hear us as we confess our sins to you, for you only are strong enough to save us and bring us life!**

*From Isaiah 59*

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

PASTOR: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.  
**ALL: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me.**

*Galatians 2:20*

**\*Song of Renewal**

*Jesus Paid It All #308*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday School:** Youth and adults meet in the sanctuary where they will continue with overview of the Christian and technology. 4K-5th will meet in the classrooms

**CPYC Registration:** CPYC is a winter youth conference for students grades 7–12. CPYC meets at Victory Ranch from Friday, December 2nd through Sunday, December 4th. Cost for the weekend is \$150 which is due 10.5. Register on our website, <https://christcovenantms.org/youth> Talk to Heath if you have any questions.

**Covenant Presbytery:** Will be 10.4 at Grace Community Church in Cordova, TN

**Youth:** Youth group meets each Wednesday night grades 6th-12th. If you’re able to provide a meal on Wednesday nights, please sign up on our website.

**Leadership Development:** Our leadership series is a class entitled “Gospel-Centered Life”. We will meet tonight from 4pm-6pm. Light food will be provided.

**Schools Outreach Opportunity:** Jodi Plunk is organizing an opportunity to have a prayer walk in each of our Hernando schools and would love volunteers to be part of this. If you would like to be a contact for a specific school please let her know as well as if you would be willing to volunteer and prayer walk in one or more of the locations. Please contact her at 901-606-3036

**Men’s Gathering:** Guys, meet Thursday, 10.13, 6pm at Buon Cibo in Hernando

**Fall Fest:** We’re excited about our upcoming annual Fall Festival on October 22, 4-5:30. We will have a designated bin in the foyer for candy donations

**Land Purchase:** See our Faithlife app for a video about a land purchase in Hernando!

COMMUNION GUIDELINES AND PRAYERS

**Bread:** Each tray contains gluten-free bread in the brown cup.

**Cup:** Each tray has wine in the outer rim. The pink cups in the center are filled with grape juice.

When we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we are gathering around the table of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, we invite all followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this wonderful sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his church.

Parents, your children are welcome to partake, if they have been baptized and been received as a communing member of the church to which you belong. If you think your child is ready to become a member, please speak to one of the elders.

**Prayer for Covenant Children (not yet a communing member)**

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

**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 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 Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit to seek to walk in a manner pleasing to you. Amen.

**Prayer of Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

We confess our faith as an act of worship, together with Christians in all times and places. “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

The term “catholic” refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

**Offertory** is a time for prayerful reflection and response by considering how to be generous with your time, talents and resources. If you are new to our church, or exploring Christianity, please don’t feel obligated to give. Instead, please be sure to fill out a visitors card. Offerings, tithes & cards can be put in the box in the back of the sanctuary before or after service. Also on our website <https://christcovenantms.org/online-giving/>

**Doxology** We sing this short hymn of praise to thank and adore our God of glory.

**The Sermon** is a teaching based on the passage from the reading of God’s Word. The role of the sermon is to make real truths of the Gospel. It is not just an intellectual function. Rather, using the imagination, our hearts are to be affected by the text.

COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM

**\*Confession of Faith** Elder Bob Barber

**LEADER:** We confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed  
**ALL:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen *The Apostles Creed*

**Kingdom Prayers of the People**  
**Kingdom Moment** Bob Barber & Shaun Sipe  
*Land Update*  
**Offertory** *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

**\*Prayer for Illumination**  
**The Reading of God’s Word** *Exodus 12:29-13:16 (p. 54)*  
**READER:** The grass withers, the flowers fade  
**ALL:** But the word of our God will stand forever. *Isaiah 40:8*

**The Sermon** Rev. Jim Plunk  
“The Mission of God through Redemption and Relationship”

**The Great Thanksgiving:**  
Following the pattern of Jesus, this prayer of thanksgiving reminds us this is a meal offering thanks to God for all he has done as we bring our whole selves to him with the communion of the saints.

**Words of Institution:** These words recorded in the synoptic gospels and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 are words from Jesus setting this meal apart from every other meal as a holy sacrament for God’s people.

**The Lord’s supper:** God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form—uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ

**COMMUNING WITH GOD**

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
PASTOR: The Lord be with you  
**PEOPLE: And with your spirit**  
PASTOR: Lift up your hearts  
**PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord**  
PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**PEOPLE: It is right to give Him thanks and praise**  
PASTOR: It is indeed good, right and our delight that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...  
**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of Consecration**  
**Words of Institution**

PASTOR: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!  
**PEOPLE: Hallelujah!**  
PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:  
**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!**  
PASTOR: The gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!

**Holy Communion**  
**Prayer of Dedication**

**The Benediction**  
is how we close our time of worship. It is not a prayer but rather a blessing with a charge to go beyond our church into the world carrying the hope, joy and love of the Gospel.

**Gloria Patri**  
We have heard and witnessed God’s glory. Now we leave singing His glory that others might know His glory.

**Sermon Audio**  
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**Practical Needs and Prayer**  
If you have questions or would like to pray with someone, our officers can be available after the worship service, or you may call the church office and leave a message for a deacon at 662.469.9330 and someone will get in touch with you. You can also send prayer requests to [office@christcovenantms.org](mailto:office@christcovenantms.org).

**GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**\*Song of Sending** *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing #420*  
**\*Benediction**  
**PEOPLE: Amen!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**SERMON NOTES**

“The Mission of God through Redemption and Relationship”  
*Exodus 12:29-13:16 (p. 54)*

God’s redemption of us

God’s redeemed people defined

God’s relationship with us

## #420 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide flow ing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

## #164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## #309 Jesus Paid It All

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I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray; Find in Me your all in all.”

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

Lord, now in deed I find Your pow’r, and Yours alone  
Can change the leper’s spots And melt the heart of stone.

### *Repeat Chorus*

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim;  
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

### *Repeat Chorus*

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

### *Repeat Chorus*

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow. He washed it white as snow.

## Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Come, behold the wondrous myst’ry, in the dawning of the King;  
He the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;  
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous myst’ry, He the perfect Son of Man;  
In His living, in His suff’ring, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man;  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous myst’ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree,  
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold;  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous myst’ry, slain by death the God of life;  
But no grave could e’er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv’rance, how unwavering our hope;  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be, when He comes.

Come, behold the wondrous myst’ry, slain by death the God of life;  
But no grave could e’er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!