

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10.16.22

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: Andrew Duff & David Wright

A/V Assistant: Steven Slater

Communion: Matt & Valerie Walden

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Mary Esther Slater & Rebecca Emerson

Sunday school—Rebecca Fyfe & Catherine Sartor

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 16th

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

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

11:00am—Sunday school

Various times—small groups

Wednesday–October 19th

6:30am—Men's bible study

9:00am—Women's bible study

5:30pm—Music team meeting

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

Thursday– October 20th

No activities planned

Monday – October 17th

No activities planned

Friday– October 21st

No activities planned

Tuesday – October 18th

No activities planned

Saturday– October 22nd

4:00pm—Fall Fest

Looking Ahead

- Leadership training—10.23, 11.13
- November men's gathering, 11.10
- Thanksgiving meal, 11.6
- Hanging of the Greens—11.27

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 10.8-10.15

Nick, Maggie, Sarah Louise & Francis Manley • Robert, Katie, Bryce & Brennan Massey

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 • The Walden Family

Prayer Requests: The Barkley family, mourning the loss of Jared's grandmother, Nadine • The
Walden family at the loss of Valerie’s uncle, Joe Boyd.

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	10.9.22	X	X
Mon	10.10.22	Joshua 14	Mark 12
Tues	10.11.22	Joshua 15	Mark 13
Wed	10.12.22	Joshua 16	Mark 14
Thurs	10.13.22	Joshua 17	Mark 15
Fri	10.14.22	Joshua 18	Mark 16 1-8
Sat	10.15.22	Psalms 41	X

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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: Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those
who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and
keep them alive in famine.

PEOPLE: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For
our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

PASTOR: Let your steadfast love, O Lord be upon us, even as we hope in
you. *From Psalm 33*

***Song of Adoration** *All Must Be Well*

***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: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

ALL: O God, you have not called us into darkness, rather you have brought us into the light of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace we are children of light, children of the day. You have called us to be awake and sober-minded, having put on the breastplate of faith and love as well as the helmet of hope of our salvation. In light of this gracious reality, we ask that you would forgive us for living contrary to who we are in Christ and for denying him in our words and actions. Restore us, that we may seek to do good and honor you, our loving and merciful Father.

Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live in him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

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

All I Have Is Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: resumes today. Adults will meet in the sanctuary, kids in the classrooms. For youth, Andrew will start a series this Sunday for boys called. “Church 101” from RYM which will answer questions like, What is the church? How does it work? Why do we need it? Shannon will start a series for girls on the book of Esther.

Small Groups: Small groups meet tonight and 10.30 in various homes.

Men’s Evening Bible Study: Starting 10.25 6pm at the church, Rick Harrison will lead a study on RC Sproul’s book, “Holiness of God,” Contact Rick or Drew Funderburk for more info

Music Team: Music team will meet Wednesday night at 5:30pm

CPYC: We are in need of a female chaperone for our winter youth conference, CPYC, held the weekend of December 2–4. Please contact Heath Warbritton if you are interested or have any questions.

Hurricane Relief: For updates to our denomination’s disaster response, please visit our website where you’ll find a link to MNA Resources

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.

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

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: During adult Sunday school today, Pastor Jim and Shaun will lead a discussion about the land purchase. If you are unable to attend, we will upload the powerpoint to the Faithlife app, the Elders are available by phone, and discussion can be continued at small groups this evening. The Session’s goal is to hold a congregational meeting on 10.30 for a vote on the purchase.

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.”

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 Shaun Sipe

LEADER: Why are you called a Christian?

ALL: Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of his anointing; that so I may confess his name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him: and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life, and afterwards I reign with him eternally, over all creatures.

Heidelberg Catechism 32

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory *He Leadeth Me #600*

***Doxology** (*Children under 4 dismissed at this time*)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God’s Word *Exodus 15:1-21 (p. 57)*

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 and Singing”

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.

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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.

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

***Song of Sending** *The Lord Is My Salvation*
***Benediction**
PASTOR: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
PEOPLE: Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

SERMON NOTES
“The Mission of God and Singing”
Exodus 15:1-21 (p.57)

Singing for what God has done for us

Singing for what God will do for us

The Lord Is My Salvation

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The grace of God has reached for me,
And pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground:
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:
The Lord is my salvation.

**Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won:
The Lord is my salvation.**

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
The Lord is my salvation.

Repeat Chorus

Glory be to God, the Father,
Glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit;
The Lord is our salvation.
(Repeat)

Repeat Chorus 2x

The Lord is my salvation.
The Lord is my salvation.

All Must Be Well

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Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well;
Free and changeless is His favor,
All is well;
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation,
All is well;
Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding,
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow,
All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All is well;
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus ev'ry need supplying,
Yes, in living or in dying,
All must be well.

On our Father's love relying,
Jesus ev'ry need supplying,
Yes, in living or in dying,
All must be well.

All I Have Is Christ

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I once was lost in darkest night,
yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own
a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed.
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me.
Now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone,
and live so all might see.
The strength to follow Your commands
could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life
in any way You choose.
And let my song forever be
my only boast is You.

Repeat Chorus 2x

#600 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

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He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful foll'wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Repeat Chorus

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Repeat Chorus

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Repeat Chorus