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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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10.23.22

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 & Robert Massey

A/V Assistant: Matthew Frank

Communion: Chris & Denise Lyons

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Erin Funderburk & Katie Massey

Sunday school—Kelly Earnheart & Britt Emerson

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 23rd

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

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

11:00am—Sunday school

4:00 pm—Leadership training

Monday – October 24th

No activities planned

Tuesday – October 25th

6:00pm—Men's bible study

Wednesday–October 26th

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 27th

No activities planned

Friday– October 28th

No activities planned

Saturday– October 29th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Congregational meeting—10.30
- Leadership training—11.13
- November men's gathering—11.10
- Thanksgiving meal—11.6
- Hanging of the Greens—11.27
- Peru Mission Trip—6.2-9

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 10.22-10.29
Doug & Sassy Mauldin • Mitch, Mary Ashley, Olivia & Mitchell McNeely

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 Barkley
family • The Walden Family • Ed Waldron • Betty Walker • Terry Walker

Prayer Requests: Ed Waldron, Mary Esther Slater’s father, experiencing complications from
heart surgery • Bobbie Wilkerson’s Mom, Betty Walker, possible recurring lung cancer diag-
nosis & her brother, Terry Walker, w/ long term health complications

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	10.23.22	X	X
Mon	10.24.22	Joshua 24	2 Peter 1
Tues	10.25.22	Judges 1	2 Peter 2
Wed	10.26.22	Judges 2	2 Peter 3
Thurs	10.27.22	Judges 3	Hebrews 1
Fri	10.28.22	Judges 4	Hebrews 2
Sat	10.29.22	Psalms 44	X

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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: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the as-
sembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion
rejoice in their King!
PEOPLE: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him
with tambourine and lyre!
PASTOR: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble
with salvation. Psalm 149:1-4

*Song of Adoration Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #457

*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 now humbly confess our sins together:

ALL: Lord God, You require us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before You. We confess that we have not loved You or our neighbor in this way. We repent of this. Grant that Your Holy Spirit drives us to seek these things through Christ. Amen.

From Micah 6:8

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

Psalms 130:3-4

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**

Psalms 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Adults will meet in the sanctuary and begin a short series about injustice and the fact that there is a God in heaven who hates it. For youth, Andrew is teaching a series from RYM for boys called. “Church 101” which will answer questions like, What is the church? How does it work? Why do we need it? Shannon will teach a series for girls on the book of Esther.

Men’s Evening Bible Study: Starting 10.25 6pm at the church, Rick Harrison will lead a study on the book of Romans. Contact Rick or Drew Funderburk for more info

Music Team Meeting: The music team will meet Wednesday evening 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

Land Purchase: A congregation meeting will be held 10.30 to vote on the land purchase. Last week during adult Sunday school, Pastor Jim and Shaun led a discussion on this topic. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the meeting or listen on Faithlife, the Elders are available by phone.

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**

PASTOR: Let us now confess our common faith together concerning the Lord Jesus:

ALL: Our Lord Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, our God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Philippians 2:5-11

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory *All Glory Be to Christ*

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

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God’s Word *Exodus 15:22-17:7 (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 Wilderness Obedience”

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** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me #605*
***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 Wilderness Obedience”
Exodus 15:22-17:7(p.57)

Our struggle of obedience in the wilderness

The provision of the Lord for us in the wilderness

How to obey in the wilderness

#605 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

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All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see;
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Savior leads me—O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above:
when my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way!

#457 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

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From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (*O who shall stand before Thee?*)
O who shall stand before Thee? (*Who shall stand before Thee?*)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy. (*And live alone by mercy.*)
And live alone by mercy. (*Live alone by mercy.*)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in my own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience. (*I wait for it with patience.*)
I wait for it with patience. (*Wait for it with patience.*)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (*From all their sin and sorrow.*)
From all their sin and sorrow. (*All their sin and sorrow.*)

All Glory Be to Christ

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Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive.

To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above;
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.

Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

Repeat Chorus

When on the day the great I Am, the Faithful and the True;
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.

Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light,
And we shall e'er His people be, all glory be to Christ!

Repeat Chorus 2x