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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

Reformation Sunday
10.30.22

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: Charlie Smith & Robert Massey

A/V Assistant: Matt Walden

Communion: Drew & Erin Funderburk

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Amber Applegate & Rachel Wright

Sunday school—Karol Barber & Jennifer 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 30th

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

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

10:45am—Congregational meeting

11:00am—Sunday school

Various times—small groups

Wednesday–November 2nd

6:30am—Men's bible study

9:00am—Women's bible study

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

Thursday– November 3rd

No activities planned

Friday– November 4th

Church office closed

Monday – October 31st

No activities planned

Tuesday – November 1st

6:00pm—Men's bible study

Saturday– November 5th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Leadership training—11.13
- November men's gathering—11.10
- Hanging of the Greens—11.27
- Peru Mission Trip—6.2-9

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 10.29-11.5
Monte & Helen Morgan • Conner, Makailey, Henley & Wilkes Newton

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 • 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	10.30.22	X	X
Mon	10.31.22	Judges 5	Hebrews 3
Tues	11.1.22	Judges 6	Hebrews 4
Wed	11.2.22	Judges 7	Hebrews 5
Thurs	11.3.22	Judges 8	Hebrews 6
Fri	11.4.22	Judges 9	Hebrews 7
Sat	11.5.22.	Psalm 45	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: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you
will say in that day:
PEOPLE: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his
deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.
PASTOR: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be
made known in all the earth.
PEOPLE: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your
midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*Song of Adoration A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #92

*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 Almighty, you have done all that is necessary for our life and our good and our salvation; yet when you look for justice, you see bloodshed. When you look for righteousness, you hear cries of distress. When you look for love, you find only selfishness. Forgive us for the yield of bad fruit in our lives this week, even this morning. Prune and cultivate us and restore our souls. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

From Isaiah 5

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgression...? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

From Micah 7:18

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**

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less #521

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Adults will meet in the sanctuary where Bob will give an update about Peru missions. 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: 6pm at the church, Rick Harrison is leading a study on the book of Romans. Contact Rick or Drew Funderburk for more info

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 today 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.

Thanksgiving Meal: We will celebrate Thanksgiving w/ our annual meal 11.6 from 4pm-6pm. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Last name A-M bring a side, N-Z bring a dessert. See Faithlife for a sign up.

Out of the office: Jamie will be out of the office 11.3-11.9. The church office will be closed 11.4

Mercy Need: A family seeking political asylum arrived in Hernando earlier this week w/ many needs. Contact Scott Sartor if you can help or if you have an questions.

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
PASTOR: We confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed
ALL: We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance With the Father, By whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to The Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory to judge both the living and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen *Nicene Creed*

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory *In Christ Alone*
***Doxology** (*Children under 4 dismissed at this time*)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**
The Reading of God’s Word *Exodus 17:8-18:27 (p. 59)*
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: Redemption, Reflection, Response”

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.

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

***Song of Sending** *How Sweet and Awesome Is The Place*
***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: Redemption, Reflection, Response “
Exodus 17:8-8:27 (p. 59)

Redemption

Reflection

Response

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

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How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

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#92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

#521 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Repeat Chorus

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Repeat Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Repeat Chorus

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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