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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

All Saints Sunday

11.6.22

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 congregation 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: Scott Sartor & Scott Smith

A/V Assistant: Chris Tingle

Communion: Chas & Jennifer Emerson

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Jamie Smith & Linda Whitley

Sunday school—Donna Belenchia & Claire Becker

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 - November 6th

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

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

11:00am—Sunday school

4:00pm—Thanksgiving Feast

Monday – November 7th

No activities planned

Tuesday – November 8th

6:00pm—Men's bible study

Wednesday–November 9th

6:30am—Men's bible study

9:00am—Women's bible study

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

Thursday– November 10th

6:00pm—Men's gathering

Friday– November 11th

No activities planned

Saturday– November 12th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Leadership training—11.13, 12.4, 12.18
- Hanging of the Greens—11.27
- CPYC—12.2-4
- Kids' Club Choir—12.4, please arrive by 8:45am to rehearse
- Kids Club Choir sing at Wesley Meadows—12.7 (last Kids' Club)
- Christmas Eve Service—12.24
- Peru Mission Trip—6.2-9

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 11.5-11.12

Bailey, Merrel, Callaway, Price & Walt Patridge • Victoria & Lindsly Penny

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Michael Emerson • Hull Emerson • Joe Hale • Valerie Walden • 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, recovering from heart surgery • Bobbie Wilkerson's Mom, Betty Walker, possible recurring lung cancer diagnosis & 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 Kendall Myrick (Reclaimed Ministry)

Community Bible Reading Schedule

DAY	DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Sun	11.6.22	X	X
Mon	11.7.22	Judges 10	Hebrews 8
Tues	11.8.22	Judges 11	Hebrews 9
Wed	11.9.22	Judges 12	Hebrews 10
Thurs	11.10.22	Judges 13	Hebrews 11
Fri	11.11.22	Judges 14	Hebrews 12
Sat	11.12.22	Psalms 46	X

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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 challenging us on what we worship daily.

Why we sing

We sing in order to remember the stories of how God has worked in our lives. 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 response, 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 is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall all vows be performed.

PEOPLE: **O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.**

PASTOR: Blessed is the one you choose to bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Psalm 65:1-2, 4

*Song of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #53

*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 confess our sins together:

ALL: O Lord, we have sinned. Therefore, we will acknowledge our sin to you and we will not cover up our iniquity. Instead, we will confess our transgression trusting that you will forgive the iniquity of our sin through your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

From Psalm 32

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalm 32:1

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Song of Renewal

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Adults will meet in the sanctuary where Shaun will resume a 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. There will be no Sunday school 11.20

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

Thanksgiving Meal: We will celebrate Thanksgiving w/ our annual meal this afternoon 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. You're welcome to enter your dessert into a bake off to be judged by last years winner! 3 categories, men, women and kids!

Out of the office: Jamie will be out of the office until 11.9

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.

Men's Gathering: Guys will meet Thursday evening, 11.10, 6pm at the home of Bailey Patridge. 2805 Magnolia Drive, 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**

PASTOR: 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

Offertory

For All the Saints

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

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God's Word

Exodus 19:1-25, 20:18-21 (p. 60)

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 our Relationship to Him"

COMMUNING WITH GOD

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

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.

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 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

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*Benediction

PASTOR: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

*Gloria Patri

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 NOTES

“The Mission of God and our Relationship to Him“

Exodus 19:1-25, 20:18-21 (p. 60)

Who are we and what are we to do?

Sermon Audio

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Who is our God?

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.

How do we respond to him?

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood. He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood. He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He, who washed us with his blood, He, who washed us with his blood,
He, who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more:
He, who washed us with his blood, He, who washed us with his blood,
He, who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with thy blood, Thou hast washed us with thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with thy blood. Thou art worthy, Lamb of God."

#53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

For All the Saints

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For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia! Allelu...

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Allelu...

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!