

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

Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost

11.13.22

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: Nick Manley & Scott Sartor

A/V Assistant: Steven Slater

Communion: Scott & Catherine Sartor

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Maggie Manley & Mary Ashley McNeely

Sunday school—Katie Cantrell & Merrel Patridge

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 13th

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation
9:30am – Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion; also via live stream
11:00am—Sunday school
4:00pm—Leadership training

Monday – November 14th

No activities planned

Tuesday – November 15th

6:00pm—Men's bible study

Wednesday–November 16th

6:30am—Men's bible study
9:00am—Women's bible study
6:00pm—Youth, Kids' Club, Women's bible study

Thursday– November 17th

No activities planned

Friday– November 18th

No activities planned

Saturday– November 19th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Leadership training—12.4, 12.18
- Children's Team Meeting—11.30 at 5:15pm
- CPYC—12.2-4
- Kids' Club Choir—12.11, 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
Don & Ann Plunk • Jim, Jodi, Ellie, Charlotte & Oliver Plunk

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Michael Emerson • Hull Emerson • Valerie Walden • Betty Morrow • Monte Morgan • Henry Johnson • Christa Chapman • Hannah Tanous • Oliver Plunk • Ellie Plunk • Betty Walker • Terry Walker

Prayer Requests: 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	Psalm 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 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 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: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
PEOPLE: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
PASTOR: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
ALL: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
Psalm 95:1-3, 6

***Song of Adoration** *This Is My Father’s World*

***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

Reading of the Law

PASTOR: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

ALL: The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

PASTOR: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

ALL: The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

PASTOR: What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

ALL: The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us, that because God is our Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments. *Westminster Shorter Catechism 42-44*

Confession of Sin

PASTOR: Let us confess our sins before God.

ALL: We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. *Romans 7:14-15, 24-25*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: There is therefore now no condemnation or those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. *Romans 8:1-2*

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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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

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.

Kids’ Club Choir: Kids’ Club will be singing at Wesley Meadows 12.7 and in service 12.11. Please arrive by 8:45am to rehearse.

Leadership Training: Pastor Jim will be covering the last chapters in the “Gospel Centered Life” and handing out book for the next section on Reformed Theology.

Hanging of the Greens: Join us for our annual Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, 11.27, at 11am in place of Sunday school. All are encouraged to stay for some festive fun and fellowship as we hang some simple decorations as a church family!

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.

COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM

***Confession of Faith** Elder Shaun Sipe

LEADER: What do you understand by the providence of God?
ALL: God’s providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

LEADER: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

ALL: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

Heidelberg Catechism 27, 28

Kingdom Moment *Membership Vows & Baptism*

Isaac, Kimberlyn, Kiara, Maximilien & Margot Harrison

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory *Isaiah 43*

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

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God’s Word *Exodus 20:1-2 (p. 61)*

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 the preamble to the Ten Commandments”

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.

COMMUNING WITH GOD

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

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

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand

*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 life up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

PEOPLE: Amen!

*Gloria Patri

SERMON NOTES

Continuing in the series, Covenant Redemption and Relationship:

The Mission of God in the Book of Exodus

“The Mission of God and the preamble to the Ten Commandments“

Exodus 20:1-2 (p. 61)

Why is this the structure?

What is the structure?

What’s the purpose of the structure?

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.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

**I am bound, (I am bound,)
I am bound, (I am bound,)
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, (I am bound,)
I am bound, (I am bound,)
I am bound for the promised land.**

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more.

Repeat Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest?

Repeat Chorus 2x

This Is My Father's World

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This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

**Oh, this world belongs to Him
From beginning to the end.
All creation groans, "Lord, bring us home,
And make us new again."**

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Repeat Chorus 2x

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, (arise,) arise, (arise,)
Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Arise, (arise,) arise, (arise,)
Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Repeat Chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive them, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive them, O forgive,” they cry,
“nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

Repeat Chorus

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

Repeat Chorus

#189 Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

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Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:
If I love him, when I die he will take me home on high.

Repeat Chorus

Isaiah 43

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When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God. (I am the Lord your God.)
I am the Lord your God. I am the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.
For I am the Lord your God. (I am the Lord your God.)
I am the Lord your God. I am the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.
I am the Lord. (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)
I am the Lord. (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned.
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Repeat Chorus

I am the Lord.