

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 fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11.20.22

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: Chris Lyons & Nick Manley

A/V Assistant: Matthew Frank

Communion: Matthew & Jamie Frank

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Monica Tingle & Carrie Foresman

Sunday school—No Sunday school

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 20th

8:45am—Youth team meeting

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

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

Monday – November 21st

No activities planned

Tuesday – November 22nd

6:00pm—Men's bible study

Wednesday–November 23rd

6:30am—Men's bible study

Thursday– November 24th

Church office closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday– November 25th

Church office closed

Saturday– November 26th

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 11.19-11.26

Hunter Ray • Randy Reiter

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	11.20.22	X	X
Mon	11.21.22	Judges 20	James 5
Tues	11.22.22	Judges 21	Matthew 1
Wed	11.23.22	Ruth 1	Matthew 2
Thurs	11.24.22	Ruth 2	Matthew 3
Fri	11.25.22	Ruth 3	Matthew 4
Sat	11.26.22	Psalm 48	X

Scan this code to download the 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 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 Elder Bob Barber
LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
PEOPLE: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
Psalm 30:4-5

*Song of Adoration 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*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

LEADER: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

ALL: **Evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of our head; my heart fails me. I am poor and needy, but I trust that you take thought of me. Forgive me, for you are my help and deliverer.** *From Psalm 40*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

LEADER: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. *John 3:16-17*

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Will not meet today. Next week, 11.27, kids will meet while adults decorate during the Sunday school hour.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mike Malone and his wife Barb have been married for 44 years, have three daughters and came to Memphis in October 2014, having served churches in Virginia and Florida. From 1985-2014 Mike and Barb were privileged to serve in church planting, watching God give birth to churches in Richmond, IN, Orlando, FL and Vero Beach, FL. Mike served these churches as Sr. Pastor for a total of 29 years. Mike also coordinates a partnership with the Diocese of Mara-Ukerewe, Africa Inland Church, Tanzania, Transforming Tanzania. Mike retired in 2021 and continues to serve at IPC in a part-time capacity teaching and providing pastoral care to the Mature adult community.

Thanksgiving Meal Delivery: Interfaith Council on Poverty will be delivering Thanksgiving food boxes to elderly members of our community tomorrow, November 21. There is a big need for drivers this year. Must be in teams of at least 2 and kids are welcome to come along! Arrive at Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 9am to get your route and groceries to deliver!

Leadership Training: Remaining dates for 2022 are 12.4 and 12.18 and Pastor Jim will cover 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! Kids will meet for Sunday school and join the adults at the end to hang the crafts they've been working on.

Kids' Club: Kids' Club will sing at Wesley Meadows 12.7, meet at the church. Also, they will sing during service 12.11. Please arrive no later than 8:45am to rehearse. Kids' Club will not meet 11.23

Advent Devotional: Advent devotion booklet for families available in the lobby

Peru Mission Trip: Mark your calendars for our Peru Mission Trip coming up June 3-10, 2023. Please pray for those going, (is God calling YOU?.) those we'll minister to, and the Lord's provision for finances. Stay tuned for more info to come!

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**

LEADER: What do we believe concerning Christ the Mediator?

ALL: It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1

Kingdom Prayers of the People
Offertory

Speak, O Lord

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

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God’s Word *Psalm 119:161-176 (p. 516)*

READER: The grass withers, the flowers fade

ALL: But the word of our God will stand forever. *Isaiah 40:8*

The Sermon Rev. Mike Malone
“The Beauty and Limits of the Law”

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** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #499*

***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

“The Beauty and Limits of the Law“

Psalms 119:161-176 (p. 516)

#499 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Let me hide myself in thee.
Let me hide myself in thee.

10,000 Reasons

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**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy Name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Repeat Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your Name is great and your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Repeat Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come.
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Repeat Chorus 2x

I'll worship Your holy Name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy Name.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Speak, O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.