

## 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*

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
1.22.23

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 and put it in the offering plate. 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 & David Wright

A/V Assistant: Matthew Frank

Communion: Matt & Valerie Walden

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Amber Applegate & Claire Becker

Sunday School—Anna Kate Coleman & Ann Plunk

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 - January 22nd

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am – Sunday Worship w/ Holy

Communion; also via live stream

11:00am—Sunday school

12:00pm—Peru interest meeting

Various times—small groups

Wednesday—January 25th

6:30am—Men's bible study

9:00am—Women's bible study

5:00pm—Children's ministry team meeting

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

Thursday– January 26th

No activities planned

Monday – January 23rd

No activities planned

Friday– January 27th

No activities planned

Tuesday – January 24th

6:00pm—Men's bible study

Saturday– January 28th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Covenant Presbytery —2.7, Somerville, TN
- Missions Emphasis Week—2.26-3.5
- Easter Egg Hunt—3.25
- Holy Week—4.2-9
- Kids' Club sing at Wesley Meadows—4.19
- VBS—6.5-9
- Peru Mission Trip—6.2-9
- General Assembly—6.12-16, Renasant Convention Complex
- RYM—7.10-15

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 1.21-1.28

Bob & Karol Barber • Jared, Meghan & Elijah Barkley

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 • Margot Harrison • Scott Slater • The Belenchia Family

Prayer Requests: Donna Belenchia’s brother, Ron Scheiffer passed away Wednesday morning after being diagnosed w/ pneumonia & cancer. Also, Donna's sister, Betty, recovering well after suffering a stroke at Thanksgiving time

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	1.22.23	X	X
Mon	1.23.23	2 Samuel 9	Luke 16
Tues	1.24.23	2 Samuel 10	Luke 17
Wed	1.25.23	2 Samuel 11	Luke 18
Thurs	1.26.23	2 Samuel 12	Luke 19
Fri	1.27.23	2 Samuel 13	Luke 20
Sat	1.28.23	Psalms 57	X

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 the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

PEOPLE: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

PASTOR: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. Psalm 111:1-3

\*Song of Adoration Holy, Holy, Holy #100

\*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.

Reading of the Law

PASTOR: What is the third commandment?

ALL: The third commandment is: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

PASTOR: What does the third commandment require?

ALL: The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, qualities, regulations, word, and works. (cont’d)

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

PASTOR: What does the third commandment forbid?

ALL: The third commandment forbids our treating as unholy or abusing anything God uses to make Himself known.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 53-55

Confession of Sin

PASTOR: Let us now humbly confess our sins together:

ALL: O Father, we are gathered before you, the maker of heaven and earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

From the Valley of Vision

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalms 145:8-9

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Adults meet in the sanctuary and the elders will team teach a class on church history not only giving historical highlights but applications for today. Youth meet in the south end lounge area where the boys are continuing w/ Church 101 by RYM. The girls are going through “Women of the Word.” Kids meet in the classrooms.

Peru Mission Trip Interest Meeting & Lunch: Today after Sunday school, feel free to grab a brown bag lunch or run out and grab something. We'll start 15 minutes after Sunday school is over and it will last around 30-45 minutes. ALL ARE WELCOME!! We'll offer basic info about the trip and we'll try to answer ALL THE QUESTIONS! Call Katie Cantrell with questions: 901-825-0628 HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Small Groups: resume tonight. This is a great way to get to know more people in the church and grow together. Groups are based geographically and meet in member homes. Please see an elder to be placed in a group.

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!

Men’s Retreat: Our first men’s retreat will be February 3rd-4th at Pinecrest Retreat Center in La-Grange, TN. The cost will be \$35. We will aim to arrive at 4pm Friday and depart by 1pm Saturday. You can find the sign up on our website. Talk to Bailey Patridge if you have any questions. Make checks out to the church, put men’s retreat in the memo line.

Ladies Event: Galentines’ Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 AM. Ladies, please come enjoy coffee and a light breakfast at the church with your CCC sisters!

Wednesday Activities: Kids’ Club and Youth have resumed! If you’re able to provide a meal for youth, there is a sign up on our website. Thank you!

Missions Emphasis Week: This year we start on Sunday February 26th with Wes Baker from Peru Mission in town and hopefully joined by Esdras preaching. We will finish Sunday March 5th with Rev Anthony Forrest from RUF-Jackson State preaching. Our theme will be focused on local mercy ministry, so officers will be leading training on mercy ministry Tuesday-Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. More details to follow.

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 which can be put in the offering plate. Also, you can give securely 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.

**\*Song of Renewal** *Psalm 51 (God, Be Merciful to Me)*

COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM

**\*Confession of Faith**  
PASTOR: Why are you called a Christian?  
**ALL: Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of his anointing; that so I may confess his name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him: and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life, and afterwards I reign with him eternally, over all creatures.** *Heidelberg Catechism 32*

**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 20:7(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 third commandment: A Holy Name”

**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](mailto:office@christcovenantms.org).

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

\*Song of Sending The Church’s One Foundation

\*Benediction

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen!

\*Gloria Patri

SERMON NOTES

Continuing in the series: Covenant Redemption and Relationship: The Mission of God in the Book of Exodus  
”The third commandment: A Holy Name”  
Exodus 20:7(p.61)

The name of the Lord must not be misused

The name of the Lord must be honored

The name of the Lord has been given

# The Church's One Foundation

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The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation, by water and the Word;  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

# #100 Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## Psalm 51 (God, Be Merciful to Me)

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God, be merciful to me,  
On Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within,  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Thy grace  
And provoked Thee to Thy face;  
I confess Thy judgement just,  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin,  
Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art,  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust,  
By Thy wrath and judgement just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice,  
And in gladness hear Thy voice,  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,  
Make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee  
Let Thy spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart,  
Steadfast make my willing heart.

## 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!