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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

Palm Sunday

3.29.26

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 a 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. 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."

This Morning's Servers

Ushers: Andrew Duff & Nick Manley

AV Assistant: Nate Chapman

Communion & Coffee: Shaun & Shannon Sipe

Hosts: The McNeely Family

Next Sunday Servers

Ushers: Nick Manley & Robert Massey

AV Assistant:

Communion & Coffee: Jodi, Ellie, Charlotte & Oliver Plunk

Hosts: Donny and Ann Plunk • Tyler & Brooke Mitchell

For Your Children: We welcome children to attend and participate in the corporate worship by singing, praying, and offering responses as they are able. A nursery is provided for infants through toddlers to age 4.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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—March 29th

8:45am—Coffee & conversation

9:00am—Worship w/ Communion

10:45am—Worship w/ Communion

Various times—Community groups

Wednesday—April 1st

6:30am—Men's bible study

9:00am—Women's morning study

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

Club

Monday—March 30th

No activities planned

Thursday—April 2nd

5:30pm—Maundy Thursday Service

Tuesday—March 31st

No activities planned

Friday—April 3rd

12:00pm—Good Friday Service

Saturday—April 4th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Community Group spring dates—3.29, 4.12
- Women's Team Meeting—4.22 at 5:00pm
- Graduate Recognition—4.26 at 5:00pm
- Kids' Club sings at Wesley Meadows—4.29
- Matty Walden bridal shower—5.2
- RYM 2026—7.7-12
- Joint Officer Retreat—7.31-8.1
- Annual meeting—8.2

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 3.28-4.4

William, Mary, Charley & Max Ashworth • Bob & Karol Barber

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Dick & Emily Brankstone • Tyler & Brooke Mitchell, expecting their first child • Denise Lyon’s father, Roger, recovering from surgery • Valerie Walden’s mom, Bonnie, recovering from a stroke in a Birmingham rehab center

Prayer Requests: Land and Building Committee • Assistant Pastor search • Officer training: elder candidates; Jared Barkley & Zack Becker; deacon candidates; Adam Clark & Michael Emerson • Vaughn family transition

OUR LOCAL & WORLD MISSIONS

Please pray for these local and world missions and our missionaries.

Peru Mission (Chimbote Church Plant) • Bill Berry (Christ Redeemer in Jonesboro) • RUF: John Craft (Rhodes College), John Crosby, Spencer Sipe (University of Memphis), Justin & Carey Helms (LSU) • Jermaine Van Buren Jr., (Jackson State) • Reclaimed Ministry • Ricky Kroeger (Wycliffe Bible Translators—Mexico)

CCC Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Budget	\$390,044
<u>Actual</u>	<u>\$397,832</u>
Difference	+\$7,788

Building Fund	\$170,509.26
Deacon Fund	\$7,879.17

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

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.

Gospel Welcome

Processional

The King Of Glory Comes (10:45am)

Prelude

Kids’ Club Choir (10:45am)

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Jim Plunk

PASTOR: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

PEOPLE: He shall speak to the nations, his rule shall be from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth.

PASTOR: For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! Save us, we pray, O Lord! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Zechariah 9:9-10, 17

***Song of Adoration**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #32

***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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Confession of Sin

PASTOR: In Jesus, we have put off the old humanity, which belonged to our former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and we have put on the new humanity, which is created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

ALL: Therefore, forgive us Lord for the corrupting talk that comes out of our mouth, talk that tears down, rather than builds up and give grace to those that hear.

Ephesians 4

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Trisagion

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: In Jesus, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Ephesians 1:7

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

*Song of Renewal

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort are encouraging words which is what we need to hear after the honesty of our confession

Officer Election: We will hold officer elections Sunday, 4.19 at 10:15am between services. Elder candidates; Jared Barkley and Zack Becker; deacon candidates; Adam Clark and Michael Emerson

Capital Campaign Kickoff: All are invited for our Capital Campaign 'Kick off!' 4.12 from 4-6pm at Cypress Hall, 4036 Robertson Gin, Hernando. Come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a time of fellowship and hear a brief presentation about next steps and future plans! More information will follow with an invitation but save the date! You won't want to miss this celebration!

Holy Week Schedule: Maundy Thursday service, 4.2 at 5:30pm; Good Friday service, 4.3 at 12:00pm, Easter services at 9:00am & 10:45am.

Days of Prayer & Fasting: We will observe two days of pray and fasting on 4.6 & 5.4. The Scriptural warrant for fasting is Matthew 6:16-18. The Session's rationale for these times of fasting are multiple: Capital campaign, adding new officers, adding new staff. Choose the type & length of fast. The simple approach to fasting is as you are able during the day, when you experience hunger pains, pray. Consult with your doctor if you have any health concerns. We will have worship services these evenings at 5:30pm. Talk to a member of the session if you have any questions.

Men's Ministry Faith & Work Lunch: Men, join us Thursday, 4.16 from noon-1pm at AC's on the Hernando square where we'll hear from Jared Barkley, Director of Hernando Parks & Rec. Use the sign up link below to register so we can plan for space: www.christcovenantms.org/signup

RYM 2026: RYM Signups are now open! The link to register can be found on the Get Involved page on our website www.christcovenantms.org/signup

Sip & See Shower: Ladies, join us for a Sip & See shower for Makailey & Mabel Newton! Saturday, 4.4, 10:30am at the church.

Security Team: If you're interested in being a part of the church security team, please contact Reed Fancher at mrfancher@hotmail.com or phone number of 901-494-3219

Nursery Rotation: This has changed to a sign up. Please find a date/ service that works for you and sign up on our website. See Christa for more information. www.christcovenantms.org/signup

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 which can be found in the lobby. 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.

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

***Confession of Faith**

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, 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 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 worshiped 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.

The Nicene Creed

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory

The Power Of The Cross (9:00am)

Kids' Club Choir(10:45am)

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

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God's Word

Matthew 21:1-22 (p. 775)

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 Entry of King Jesus"

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: Your Son Jesus fulfilled the prophets' words and entered the city of Jerusalem, where he was lifted high upon the cross, that the whole world might be drawn to him. By his suffering and death he defeated the power of death becoming the source of eternal life. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory; where life was lost, life has been restored.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and 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: Christ is the bread of life:

PEOPLE: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Dedication

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 Memorial Acclamation reminds us of the center of history and our lives; the death, resurrection, and return of Jesus.

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**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #92

***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

ALL: Amen

***Gloria Patri**

Sermon Notes

Continuing the series: The Mission of Jesus in the Kingdom of God:

Studies in the Gospel of Matthew

“The Entry of King Jesus”

Matthew 21:1-22 (p. 775)

The identity of King Jesus

The judgement of King Jesus

The power of King Jesus

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.