

LEADERSHIP

Session

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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

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. 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: Robert Massey & Charlie Smith
A/V Assistant: Bo Jones
Communion & Coffee: Bobbie Wilkerson
Hosts: The Patridge Family
Nursery Helpers:
Church hour—Denise Lyons, Elizabeth Mills & Ellie Plunk
Sunday School—resumes next Sunday!

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

Be sure to sign up on our website to receive the weekly E-news which is sent every Wednesday with the latest announcements and events.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday—March 8th

9:00am—Preservice prayer

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am—Sunday Worship

Monday – March 9th

No activities planned

Tuesday—March 10th

No activities planned

Wednesday—March 11th

6:30am—Men's morning bible study

Thursday—March 12th

No activities planned

Friday—March 13th

No activities planned

Saturday—March 14th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Community Group spring dates—3.29, 4.12
- Graduate Luncheon—4.26
- Officer election—TBD
- VBS—6.8-12
- RYM 2026—7.7-12
- Joint Officer Retreat—7.31—8.1
- Annual Meeting—8.2

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

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 3.7-3.14

Linda Whitley • Zach Wilcke

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Dick & Emily Brankstone • Tyler & Brooke Mitchell, expecting their first child • Denise Lyon’s father, Roger, hospitalized after 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 and 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)

Sermon Preview

3.15.26	Matthew 9:9-17	Discipleship & King Jesus
3.22.26	Matthew 9:18-26	Hope & King Jesus
3.29.26	Matthew 21:1-7	Entry of King Jesus
4.6.26	Matthew 28	The Resurrection of King Jesus

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.

Gospel Welcome

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Elder Tim Chapman

LEADER: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: For he is the Maker of Heaven and earth!

PASTOR: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

PEOPLE: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

ALL: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Psalm 29:2, 10-11, 124:8

*Song of Adoration

All Creatures Of Our God And King #115

*Invocation (followed by The Lord’s Prayer)

ALL: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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 of Sin

LEADER: Let us confess our sins together:

ALL: O Lord, we confess that we are ready to fall, and our pain is ever before us. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation.

Psalm 38

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 Faith 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.”

Kingdom Giving 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 and put it in the offering plate. Regular attenders and members may give their offering and tithes at this time.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

LEADER: The Lord will not forsake those who call upon his name! He will not be far from us!

Trisagion

Psalm 38:21

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

Psalm 51:10

*Song of Renewal

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*Confession of Faith

LEADER: 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

Trisagion means “thrice holy”, and the hymn is theologically rich with deep historical roots. It is a plea for mercy to the Holy Trinity

Doxology We sing this short hymn of praise to thank and adore our God

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.

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.

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory

Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

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

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

*Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of God's Word

Matthew 9:1-8 (p. 763)

READER: The grass withers, the flowers fade

ALL: But the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

The Sermon

Elder Bob Barber

“Forgiveness & King Jesus”

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

Satisfied

*Benediction

LEADER: 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