

## 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*

Resurrection Sunday

4.5.26

**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 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."

This Morning's Servers

Ushers: Nick Manley & Robert Massey  
AV Assistant: Bailey Patridge  
Communion & Coffee: Jodi, Ellie, Charlotte & Oliver Plunk  
Hosts: Donny & Ann Plunk • Tyler and Brooke Mitchell

Next Sunday Servers

Ushers: Robert Massey & Charlie Smith  
AV Assistant: Matthew Frank  
Communion & Coffee: Matt & Valerie Walden  
Hosts: The Tingle Family

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 \* 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—April 5th**

9:00am—Service w/ communion  
10:45am—Service w/ communion

**Monday – April 6th**

Office closed  
5:30PM—Day of Prayer & Fasting Service

**Tuesday – April 7th**

No activities planned

**Wednesday—April 8th**

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

**Thursday– April 9th**

No activities planned

**Friday– April 10th**

No activities planned

**Saturday– April 11th**

No activities planned

**Looking Ahead**

- 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
- VBS—6.8-12
- 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 4.4-4.11**

Jared, Meghan, Elijah, Saunders & Norah Barkley • Jeremy, Delena, Judah, Cora Bell, Monroe & Mae Beavers

**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) • Hunter Brewer (Trinity Collierville) • RUF: John Craft (Rhodes College), John Crosby, Justin & Carey Helms, Spencer Sipe (University of Memphis), RUF Delta State University • Jermaine Van Buren Jr., (Jackson State) • Reclaimed Ministry • Ricky Kroeger (Wycliffe Bible Translators—Mexico) • Conner and Makailey Newton (18.26 Network)

**Sermon Preview**

4.12.26	Matthew 9:27-35	Sight and King Jesus
4.19.26	Matthew 9:36-10:10	Ministry & King Jesus
4.26.26	Mtthew 10:11-42	Ministry Struggles & King Jesus
5.3.26	Matthew 11:1-16	Doubt & 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.

**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.

**Prelude**

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Jim Plunk

PASTOR: Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. O Death, where is your sting? O Grave, where is your victory?

PEOPLE: **Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.**

PASTOR: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: **He is risen indeed!**

PASTOR: This is the Day that the Lord has made!

PEOPLE: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!**

**\*Song of Adoration**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #277*

**\*Invocation** (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)

PASTOR: Let us pray that we may walk in the risen life of Christ in glory:

PEOPLE: **Lord of life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honor, glory and might, now and for all eternity. Amen.**

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.**

In proclaiming the resurrection, we remind ourselves from Romans 6 and 1 Corinthians 15 that in Christ's resurrection we have now been made fully alive to obey him with our whole selves as new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17). We also look forward to the assured day when we will no longer struggle with or need to confess our sin as we will be raised into his presence.

The Paschal troparion has been sung as a refrain between verses of scripture since at least the 5th century on Easter. We join the ancient church, as we do each Easter, singing it together rejoicing in Christ's resurrection.

### Proclamations of the Resurrection

**PASTOR:** Let us now proclaim the reality of the resurrection:

**ALL:** **He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us into his presence.**

**WORSHIP TEAM:** *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the grave He's giving life, He's giving life!*

**PASTOR:** How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do we not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

**ALL:** **We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life.**

**ALL SINGING:** *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the grave He's giving life, He's giving life!*

**PASTOR:** If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised from the dead. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

**ALL:** **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive!**

**ALL SINGING:** *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the grave He's giving life, He's giving life!*

**PASTOR:** There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

**ALL:** **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.**

\*Song of Renewal

*Agnus Dei*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**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](http://www.christcovenantms.org/signup)

**Graduate Recognition Sunday:** Sunday, 4.26 at 5:00pm, make plans to celebrate our 2026 graduates: Brady Duff, Jack Harrell, Anne Mitchell Emerson & Sarah Louise Manley! Sign up coming soon.

**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](http://www.christcovenantms.org/signup)

**Security Team:** If you're interested in being a part of the church security team, please contact Reed Fancher at [mrfancher@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 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.

## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

### **\*Confession of Faith**

**PASTOR:** We confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

**ALL:** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*The Apostles' Creed*

### **Kingdom Prayers of the People**

#### **Offertory**

*In Christ Alone*

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

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

### **\*Prayer for Illumination**

#### **The Reading of God's Word**

*Matthew 28 (p.784)*

**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 Resurrection 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: By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. Through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. In his rising to life you promise eternal life to all who believe in him. We praise you that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us.

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: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

PEOPLE: **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 6

#### 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

*Crown Him With Many Crowns #295*

\*Benediction

PASTOR: Peace be to you, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. Christ is Risen! *Ephesians 6:23-24*

PEOPLE: **He is risen indeed!**

PASTOR: Christ is risen!

ALL: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Gloria Patri

### SERMON NOTES

Continuing the series: The Mission of Jesus in the Kingdom of God:  
Studies in the Gospel of Matthew  
"The Resurrection of King Jesus"  
*Matthew 28 (p. 784)*

The resurrection makes intellectual sense

The resurrection makes emotional and physical sense

The resurrection must be declared

#### 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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or subscribe to our podcast on your smartphone. All music used by permission. CCLI License #3258262

#### 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).