

LEADERSHIP

Session

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Bob Barber
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Chas Emerson*
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Shaun Sipe

*Sabbatical

**Emeritus

***Deacon on duty

Diaconate

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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



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

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.”

This Morning’s Servers

Ushers: Andrew Duff & Charlie Smith

A/V Assistant: Brock Mills

Communion & Coffee:

Hosts: Michael & Rebecca Emerson

Next Sunday’s Servers

Ushers: Chris Lyons & Charlie Smith

AV Assistant: Bo Jones

Communion & Coffee:

Hosts: 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 announcements and events.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday—July 12th

9:00am—Preservice prayer

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am—Sunday Worship

Monday—July 13th

Office closed

Tuesday—July 14th

Office closed

6:00pm—Women’s summer book club

Wednesday—July 15th

Office closed

6:30am—Men’s morning bible study

1:00pm—Youth Pickleball & Area 51

5:30pm—Children’s inflatables

Thursday—July 16th

No activities planned

Friday—July 17th

No activities planned

Saturday—July 18th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Joint Officer Retreat—7.31-8.1
- Annual Meeting—8.9
- Women’s Fall Kickoff—8.16, 4:00pm
- Wednesday Activities Resume—8.19

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 7.11-7.18
Doug & Sassy Mauldin • Mitch, Mary Ashley, Olivia & Mitchell McNeely

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Dick & Emily Brankstone • Tyler & Brooke Mitchell, expecting their first child • Karol Barber, receiving treatment for cancer • Sassy Mauldin, recovering from hip replacement surgery • Eli Frank, recovering from an appendectomy

Prayer Requests: Land and Building Committee • Assistant Pastor search • Capital Campaign (talk to an elder if you have questions)

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) • Brett and Valerie McAlpin (MTW, Leeds, England) • International Presbyterian Church, British Presbytery: Church Planting Committee

7.19.26	Matthew 12:38-50	Elder Shaun Sipe
7.26.26	TBD	Randy Williams—Guest Preacher
8.2.26	TBD	Randy Williams—Guest Preacher
8.9.26	Matthew 13:1-23	Rev. Jim Plunk

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

Gospel Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Elder Shaun Sipe

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

PEOPLE: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

ALL: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. *Psalm 100:1-4*

***Song of Adoration** *Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord*

***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: Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD...for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:9a, 13

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.

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.

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Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

LEADER: But you are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

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

Marvelous Grace #465

COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM

*Confession of Faith

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ALL: That I belong---body and soul, in life and in death---not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism 1

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 *The Sands Of Time Are Sinking*

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

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

*Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of God’s Word *Matthew 12:22-32 (p. 767)*

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

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending *Psalms 67*

*Benediction
LEADER: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

ALL: Amen!

*Gloria Patri