

LEADERSHIP

Session

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*Sabbatical

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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: Chris Lyons & Charlie Smith

A/V Assistant: Bo Jones

Communion & Coffee:

Hosts: Tyler & Brooke Mitchell

Next Sunday’s Servers

Ushers: Chris Lyons & David Wright

AV Assistant: Seth Sipe

Communion & Coffee: Keith & Kim Murphree

Hosts: The Beavers 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

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 19th

9:00am—Preservice prayer

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am—Sunday Worship

Monday—July 20th

No activities planned

Tuesday—July 21st

No activities planned

Wednesday—July 22nd

6:30am—Men’s morning bible study

Thursday—July 23rd

No activities planned

Friday—July 24th

7:00pm—Youth movie night & lock in

Saturday—July 25th

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
- Fall Fest—10.18
- Joint Reformation Service—10.25
- Hanging of the Greens—11.29

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 7.18-7.25
Brock, Elizabeth, Eli & Samuel Mills • Tyler & Brooke Mitchell

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 • Jennifer Emerson’s father, Kenny, hospitalized following an unplanned surgery last week

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

7.26.26	TBD	Randy Williams—Guest Preacher
8.2.26	TBD	Randy Williams—Guest Preacher
8.9.26	Matthew 13:1-23	Rev. Jim Plunk
8.16.26	Matthew 13:24-43	Rev. Jim Plunk

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

Gospel Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Elder Jared Barkley
LEADER: But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.
PEOPLE: O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love. *Psalm 59:16-17*

***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: To you, O Lord, we call; our rock, be not deaf to us, lest if you be silent to us, we become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of our pleas for mercy, when we cry to you for help, when we lift up our hands toward your most holy sanctuary. *Psalm 28*

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: O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from us; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve us.

Psalm 40

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

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

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 12:33-50 (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 Shaun Sipe
“How To Respond To Jesus”

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending Satisfied

*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