

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: Adam Clark & Andrew Duff

A/V Assistant: Craig Howlett

Communion & Coffee:

Hosts: The Tingle Family

Next Sunday’s Servers

Ushers: Andrew Duff & Charlie Smith

AV Assistant: Brock Mills

Communion & Coffee:

Hosts: Michael & Rebecca Emerson

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 5th

9:00am—Preservice prayer

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am—Sunday Worship

Monday—July 6th

No activities planned

Tuesday—July 7th

6:30am—RYM send off breakfast

7:00am—RYM departure

5:00pm—Women’s team meeting

6:00pm—Women’s summer book club

Wednesday—July 8th

6:30am—Men’s morning bible study,

Thursday—July 9th

No activities planned

Friday—July 10th

No activities planned

Saturday—July 11th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Women’s summer book club dates—7.7 & 7.14
- 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 7.4-7.11
Nick, Maggie, Sara Louise & Francis Manley • Robert, Katie Bryce and Brennan Massey

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

7.12.26	Matthew 12:27-37	Elder Bob Barber
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

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

Gospel Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Elder Jared Barkley

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

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

LEADER: 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; Psalm 124:8*

***Song of Adoration** *All People That On Earth Do Dwell #1*

***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*

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.

The term “catholic” refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

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

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

LEADER: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalm 38:21

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

Nothing But The Blood #307

COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM

*Confession of Faith

LEADER: 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

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 *How Deep The Father’s Love For Us*

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

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

*Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of God’s Word *1 Samuel 29:1-11 (p. 235)*

READER: The grass withers, the flowers fade
ALL: But the word of our God will stand forever. *Isaiah 40:8*

The Sermon Reid Kelly
“How God Guides His People”

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

***Song of Sending** *Rock of Ages #500*

***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**