

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

7.16.23

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 Ortland's book, "Gentle and Lowly, The Heart of Christ for Sinner's and Sufferers."

Ushers: Chris Lyons & Nick Manley

A/V Assistant: Chris Tingle

Communion & Coffee: Chas & Jennifer Emerson

Hosts: Maggie Manley

Nursery Helpers:

Church hour- Britt Emerson & Carrie Foresman

Sunday School—No Sunday school

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 * 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—July 16th

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am – Sunday Worship w/ Holy

Communion; also via live stream

Monday – July 17th

4:00pm—Session meeting

Tuesday – July 18th

6:00pm—Men's evening bible study

6:00pm—Women's summer book study

Wednesday–July 19th

6:30am—Men's morning bible study

5:00pm—Children's team meeting

Thursday– July 20th

No activities planned

Friday– July 21st

No activities planned

Saturday– July 22nd

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Women's summer book club—7.18 & 7.25
- Children's team meeting—7.19, 5:00pm
- Joint officer retreat—7.28-29
- Sunday School—resumes 8.20
- Kids' Club—resumes 8.23
- Youth— informal meeting for 6th-12th graders, 8.9
- Upcoming office closures—8.4, 8.11

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 7.15-7.22

Dewayne & Brandy Williams • David, Rachel, Cameron & Chris Wright

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Hull Emerson • Valerie Walden • Helen & Monte Morgan • Henry Johnson • Christa Chapman • Betty Walter • Dick & Emily Brankstone • Olivia McNeely • Tom & Jean Marie Harrison • The Slater Family • Doug Mauldin • DB King

Prayer Requests: Helen Morgan, knee surgery 7.18 • Valerie Walden, recovering from surgery • Donna Belenchia’s sister, Betty Walter, continuing PT • Foster Hale, palate surgery on 7.14 in Jackson, MS • Doug Mauldin, recovering from pneumonia • DB King, mother of Carolyn Boswell (our bookkeeper & member of Christ Pres.) suffered a stroke last week

OUR LOCAL & WORLD MISSIONS

Please pray for these local and world missions and our missionaries.

Peru Mission (Esdras, Wes) • Mike and Roxanne Winebrenner (Christ Fellowship in Horn Lake) • Hunter Brewer (Trinity Collierville) • RUF: John Craft (Rhodes College), John Crosby (University of Memphis), Ro Taylor (Delta State University), Anthony Forrest (Jackson State), Spencer Sipe (Vanderbilt) • Dewayne Williams (Restoration Now) • Daniel and Kendall Myrick (Reclaimed Ministry)

Community Bible Reading Schedule

DAY	DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Sun	7.16.23	X	X
Mon	7.17.23	2 Chronicles 34	John 2
Tues	7.18.23	2 Chronicles 35	John 3
Wed	7.19.23	2 Chronicles 36	John 4
Thurs	7.20.23	Ezra 1	John 5
Fri	7.21.23	Ezra 2	John 6
Sat	7.22.23	Psalm 82	X

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 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.

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

***Call to Worship** Rev. Jim Plunk

PASTOR: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

PEOPLE: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

PASTOR: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. *Psalm 149:1-4*

***Song of Adoration** *All Creatures of Our God and King #115*

***Invocation** (concluded by the Lord’s Prayer)
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Summer Book Club: Ladies, join us for a summer reading of "Holier Than Thou" by Jackie Hill Perry, 7.18, 6:00pm at the Sartor's home. 1584 Hillshire North, Hernando. Location changes each meeting. Contact Hillary Hale w/ any questions

Technology Update: Thank you for to all who have downloaded the new CCC+ app! Please make sure your notifications are turned on as many important updates will be sent out this way. The CCC+ app will help you stay connected to the life of the church, tune in to a live stream, catch up on past sermons, listen to music, get info about upcoming events, manage your volunteering schedule, message other members, receive important notifications, and much more!

Land Update: We were able to close on and pay for the land earlier this month. Thank you for your patience and faithfulness and please pray for next steps.

Morgan Meal Calendar: If you're able to provide a meal for the Morgan's while Helen recovers from knee surgery, please visit the members page of our website to find the link

Men's Bible Study: We have two options for men's bible study. The Tuesday evening session meets at 6:00pm and is led by Rick Harrison. The Wednesday morning session meets at 6:30am and is led by Shaun Sipe. Both sessions are currently studying 1 Samuel and meet at the church.

Fun Fridays: The Children's Ministry wants to thank our families who hosted Fun Fridays this summer! It was a special time of fun for our families, and we appreciate your hospitality!

Dress A Child 2023: It's that time again! Many of us look forward to this annual opportunity to provide back-to-school backpacks and clothing to Hernando children in need along with other local churches! This is a very quick turn around and items will be due the last week of July. Find the link here: <https://christcovenantms.org/signup>

Peru Trip Report: Join us at 4:00pm, 8.6 at the church to hear a report from our team that served in Peru. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

Officer Election: We will hold officer elections 8.13 after service. An email w/ details was sent out last week. If you have any questions, please reach out to an elder.

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.

Confession of Sin

PASTOR: Let us now humbly confess our sins together:

ALL: Lord God, You require us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before You. We confess that we have not loved You or our neighbor in this way. We repent of this. Grant that Your Holy Spirit drives us to seek these things through Christ. Amen.

From Micah 6:8

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

Psalm 130:3-4

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

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

are encouraging words which is what we need to hear after the honesty of our confession

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."

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**

Elder Bob Barber

LEADER: What is repentance unto life?

ALL: **Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.** *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 87*

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory

Come, Ye Sinners

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

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God's Word

Exodus 35:1-3, 40:1-38 (p. 75)

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

"Covenant Commitment"

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: It is indeed good, right and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. 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: According to his commandment:

PEOPLE: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Dedication

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**

The Sands of Time are Sinking

***Benediction**

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

ALL: Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

SERMON NOTES

Concluding the series: Covenant Redemption and Relationship:

The Mission of God in the Book of Exodus

"Covenant Commitment"

Exodus 35 & 40 (p. 75)

The characteristics of our commitment

The reasons for our commitment

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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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.

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

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The sands of time are sinking; The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for, The fair, sweet morn a wakes:
Dark, dark hath been the midnight, But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty, Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, Though seven deaths lay be tween:
The Lamb with His fair army, Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain, The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's, And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit, I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

#115 All Creatures of Our God and King

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Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

**O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,

Repeat Chorus

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care.

Repeat Chorus

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,

Repeat Chorus

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

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From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (*O who shall stand before Thee?*)
O who shall stand before Thee? (*Who shall stand before Thee?*)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy. (*And live alone by mercy.*)
And live alone by mercy. (*Live alone by mercy.*)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in my own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience. (*I wait for it with patience.*)
I wait for it with patience. (*Wait for it with patience.*)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (*From all their sin and sorrow.*)
From all their sin and sorrow. (*All their sin and sorrow.*)

Come, Ye Sinners

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Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with pow'r:
He is able, He is able,
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, Without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous, Not the righteous—
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requires
Is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you, This he gives you;
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, None but Jesus,
Can do helpless sinners good.

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