

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 of Pentecost
July 20, 2025

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.”

Ushers:
A/V Assistant: Jack Tingle
Communion & Coffee: Denise Lyons & Catherine Sartor
Hosts: The Patridge Family
Nursery Helpers:
Church hour—Claire Becker, Merrel Patridge & Anne Rowan Slater
Sunday School—Resumes in August

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

Be sure to sign up on our website to receive the weekly E-news which is sent every Wednesday with the latest

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday—July 20th

9:00am—Preservice prayer
9:15am—Coffee & Conversation
9:30am—Sunday Worship

Monday – July 21st

No activities planned

Tuesday—July 22nd

5:30pm—Men’s bible study

Wednesday—July 23rd

6:30am—Men’s morning bible study

Thursday—July 24th

No activities planned

Friday—July 25th

No activities planned

Saturday—July 27th

No activities planned

Sermon Preview

7.27.25	Colossians 2:11-14	Worship and Baptism
8.3.25	1 Corinthians 10:11-13; 11:23-29; 12:12-13	Worship and Communion
8.10.25	Numbers 6:22-27	Worship and Sending
8.17.25	Matthew 1	TBD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Resumes next fall! If you are interested in teaching Sunday school for the kids next fall, contact Christa!

Summer Schedule: Pastor Jim will be out of town until 7.25. If you have a need during that time, please reach out to an elder.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, 8.3 after worship, we will have a luncheon for our annual meeting where we will hear updates on our new budget, membership, missions, general assembly, and many of our other ministries.

Newcomer’s Luncheon: If you’ve been visiting with us, we’d love to have you attend a Newcomer’s Luncheon in the next couple weeks followed by the Inquirer’s Class this fall. Talk to Pastor Jim if interested.

Morgan Meal Calendar: If you’re able to provide a meal for Monte & Helen, please visit our website to find the sign up: www.christcovenantms.org/signup

Interfaith Council On Poverty Dress A Child: It’s time for the annual Dress A Child sign up! Please bring your items to the church in a bag or box labeled with YOUR name and the child's number and letter I.D. attached clearly no later than noon on Wednesday, July 24th at noon. There will be a table in the foyer designated for these items. Many more details are listed in the sign up which can be found on our website at: www.christcovenantms.org/signup

Women’s Ministry Fall Kickoff: We will have a fall kickoff 8.10 from 4:00-6:00pm. Watch for details!

Looking Ahead

- Sunday School Resumes—8.10
- Regular Wednesday Activities—resume 8.13
- Small groups resume—8.24

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.

Gospel Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Elder Tim Chapman

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

PEOPLE: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. *Psalm 145:1-3*

***Song of Adoration** *song*

***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 transgression speaks deep in our hearts, so that we do not reverence you as our good Father, and, in turn, we cease to act wisely and do good. Cleanse us of our foolishness and set us once again on your way that is good and right and beautiful. Amen. *Psalm 36:1-4*

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.

Doxology We sing this short hymn of praise to thank and adore our God of glory.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

LEADER: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Psalm 36:9

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

song

COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM

*Confession of Faith

LEADER: What is the chief end of man?

ALL: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 1-2

Kingdom Prayers of the People
Offertory

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

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

*Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of God’s W

2 Corinthians 8:1-14; 9:6-15 (p.)

READER: The grass withers, the flowers fade

ALL: But the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

The Sermon

Elder Chas Emerson

“Worship & Giving”

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.

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

***Song of Sending**

song

*Benediction

LEADER: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

ALL: Amen!

*Gloria Patri

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 7.19-7.26

Scott, Catherine, Ellie & Ben Sartor • Seth & Callie Sipe

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Helen & Monte Morgan • Dick & Emily Brankstone • Kim Murphree, recovering from cancer surgery • GeGe Patridge, Bailey’s mother, recovering from hip surgery • Doug Mauldin, recovering from heart surgery • Conner & Makailey Newton, expecting their third child • Elijah & Emma Vaughn, expecting their first child

Prayer Requests: Land and Building Committee • Staff Search

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) • Conner and Makailey Newton