

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

January 6, 2019

*that in everything he might be preeminent.*

—Colossians 1:18

## WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here to worship the living God! This worship folder is intended to walk you through the service, as well as provide you with devotional material to take home.

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Today it will be our joy not only to talk about the Word being our delight, but also to take the time needed to read, pray, and sing through the whole of Psalm 119.

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Scripture Meditation—Psalm 119:1–8

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!  
Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!  
Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your  
commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your  
righteous rules. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship—Psalms 119:9–16

Leader: How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according  
to your word.

**ALL: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from  
your commandments!**

Leader: I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin  
against you.

**ALL: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!**

Leader: With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

**ALL: In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**

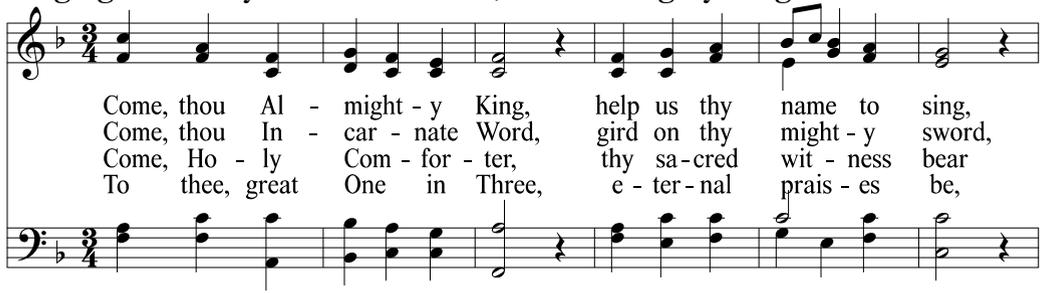
Leader: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

**ALL: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

#### Prayer of Invocation

Based on Psalm 119:17-32

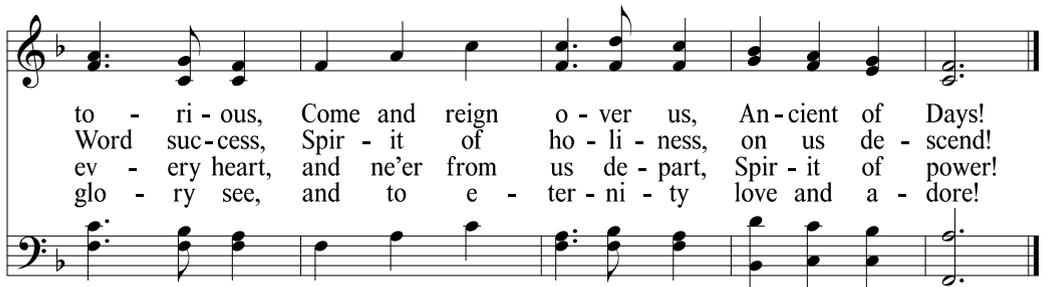
## Congregational Hymn— #101 Come, Thou Almighty King



Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,  
Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,  
Come, Ho - ly Com - for - ter, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be,



Help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend! Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in  
Hence, ev - er - more. Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!  
Word suc - cess, Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!  
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

Text: Anonymous, ca. 1757; Music: TRINITY, Felice de Giardini, 1769

## Pastoral Prayer

### Confession of Sin—Psalm 119:73–88

Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments. Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. Let the insolent be put to shame, because they have wronged me with falsehood; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts. Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies. May my heart be blameless in your statutes, that I may not be put to shame! My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?" For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes. How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me? The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law. All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me! They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

## Assurance of Grace—Psalm 119:89-104

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants. If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts. The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies. I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad. Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

## Congregational Hymn— #148 How Shall the Young Direct Their Way



How shall the young di - rect their way? What light shall be their per-fect guide?  
O bless-ed Lord, teach me Your law, Your righ-teous judge-ments I de-clare;



Your Word, O Lord, will safe - ly lead, if in its wis - dom they con - fide.  
Your test - ti - mo - nies make me glad, for they are wealth be - yond com - pare.



Sin - cere - ly I have sought You, Lord O let me not from You de - part;  
Up - on Your pre - cepts and Your way my heart will med - i - tate with awe;



To know Your will and keep from sin Your Word I hide with - in my heart.  
Your Word shall be my chief de - light, and I will not for - get Your law.

Text: Psalm 119:9–16, The Psalter, 1912; Music: DUANE STREET, George Coles, 1835

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*(Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Children's Bible Time (B-102) after the collection bag has passed your pew. Thank you.)*

## Offertory—Jacob's Star

A fire, a light, a shining star, a sign to those who'd journey far,  
A token from the King of Heaven, a spark as to the Light of the World.

A star will rise from Jacob's house, a scepter out of Israel.  
And though thou art the least in Judah, o'er thee, O Bethlehem, his light will shine.

A beacon burning in the night, a star to echo endless light,  
A darkened world, a light from a stable and high above the heavens ablaze.

A star will rise from Jacob's house, a scepter out of Israel.  
And though thou art the least in Judah, o'er thee, O Bethlehem, his light will shine.

A light of hope to everyone, a light outshining every sun,  
A light the world has not comprehended, a light that is this Holy Babe.

Text: Scott Brasher; Music: Michael Card

## Old Testament Reading—Psalm 119:33–72

### Congregational Song—Speak, O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your  
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your



Ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
mil - i - ty; Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
plans for us— Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise; cause our  
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,  
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r  
prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord,



and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.  
that can nev - er fail— let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
till Your church is built and the Earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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## Preaching of the Word—Psalm 119 (p. 512-516)

### AN OLD LOVE POEM FOR THE NEW YEAR

Rev. Kevin DeYoung

*(Space for sermon notes is on page 8.)*

## Congregational Responsive Reading—Psalm 119:169–176

Leader: Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word!

**ALL:** Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

Leader: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

**ALL:** My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

Leader: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

**ALL:** I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.

Leader: Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.

**ALL:** I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

## Congregational Sung Response—How Firm a Foundation, Vs.1

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 FOUNDATION Traditional American Melody

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation, Fencing of the Table, and the Words of Institution

*(Please see p.11 for a note about Communion at Christ Covenant Church, as well as suggested prayers)*

The Bread—Silent Prayer

The Cup—'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

## Special Offering

This month's special offering is designated for the Bishop Daniel Payne scholarship  
(For more information, see the Courier.)

## Congregational Hymn—How Firm a Foundation

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed;  
When through the deep wa-ters, I call you to go,  
When through fi-ery tri-als your path-way shall lie,  
The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re- pose

For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
The riv-ers of sor-row shall not o-ver-flow;  
My grace, all-suf-fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply;  
I will not, I will not de-sert to his foes;

I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
For I will be with you, your trou-bles to bless,  
The flame shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign  
that soul, though all hell should en-deav-or to shake,

Up-held by My righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand.  
And sanc-ti-fy to you your deep-est dis-tress.  
Your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.  
I'll ne-ver, no ne-ver, no ne-ver for-sake!

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 FOUNDATION Traditional American Melody

## Benediction

## Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Dave Baxter;  
Assistant Choir Director: Mary Ann Foltz; Hymn Leader: Don Moseley; Organist: Pam Eash;  
Pianist: Pamela Mullins; Instrumental Director: Scott Van Patter; Early Music Ensemble  
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# SERMON NOTES

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 19

Trinity Hymnal p. 790

#### Prayer of Invocation

#### Congregational Hymn— #650 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

#### Old Testament Reading—Proverbs 10:18–32

#### Which is the third commandment? WLC 111

The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.

#### What is required in the third commandment? WLC 112

The third commandment requires, That the name of God, his titles, attributes, ordinances, the Word, sacraments, prayer, oaths, vows, lots, his works, and: Whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known, be holily and reverently used in thought, meditation, word, and writing; by an holy profession, and answerable conversation, to the glory of God, and the good of ourselves, and others.

#### What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment? WLC 113

The sins forbidden in the third commandment are, the not using of God's name as is required; and the abuse of it in an ignorant, vain, irreverent, profane, superstitious, or wicked mentioning, or otherwise using his titles, attributes, ordinances, or works, by blasphemy, perjury; all sinful cursings, oaths, vows, and lots; violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful; and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful; murmuring and quarreling at, curious prying into, and misapplying of God's decrees and providences; misinterpreting, misapplying, or any way perverting the Word, or any part of it, to profane jests, curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines; abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms, or sinful lusts and practices; the maligning, scorning, reviling, or anywise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways; making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends; being ashamed of it, or a shame to it, by unconfession, unwise, unfruitful, and offensive walking, or backsliding from it.

#### Pastoral Prayer, Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Hymn— #486 God, Be Merciful to Me

#### Preaching of the Word—James 3:1–12 (p. 1012)

TAMING THE TONGUE—Rev. Stewart Neely

#### Congregational Hymn— #585 Take My Life, and Let It Be

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Stewart Neely; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Derek Wells;  
Hymn Leader: Rev. Bruce Creswell; Organist: Pam Eash.

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# SERMON NOTES

## REGARDING COMMUNION AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

In the Presbyterian Church, children who are baptized are non-communicating members of the Church. As such, they are entitled to all the rights and privileges of pastoral care but not the Lord's Supper. When they reach the age of adolescence, they complete a communicants' class (confirmation class), are interviewed by the Elders, and then make a public profession of their faith. Only children who have been approved by the Session to take the Lord's Supper may do so. The Session would request that parents honor this practice and explain to their younger children the rationale for this practice. Our practice is rooted in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 and the apostolic instruction about worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper. Those parents who have questions may want to consult with a pastor.

## COMMUNION PRAYERS

Christ Covenant Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are actively trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, members in good standing in an evangelical church, and who are in proper relationship to other believers to take the Lord's Supper with us this day. If you are not able to receive Communion today, then we ask you to continue in a spirit of worship and to meditate on one of the following prayers.

### PRAYER OF OBEDIENCE

Lord Jesus Christ, as a Christian who is trusting in You alone for eternal life, I pray for strength to obey Your great commission (Matthew 28:19-20). I purpose to be baptized, to join a Bible-preaching and Christ-honoring church, and to be active in worship and service in that church. Help me to reconcile with those whom I have wounded or those who have sinned against me. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR TRUTH

Lord God, our Father in heaven, lead me to Your eternal and abiding truth found in Christ and His Word. Open my eyes to see those things of the Kingdom of God, spoken about in the sermon today. Give me understanding that leads to a life of faith and grace and a humble, honest and holy pursuit of Christ, for Christ's sake. Amen.

### PRAYER OF FAITH

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you that I am a sinner in need of Your mercy and grace – much more sinful than I ever imagined before. But I also believe in Your love and grace, and I accept the truth that You have loved me from eternity – more than I can ever imagine now. Thank You for paying the penalty of my sins on Your cross and for paying that debt in full. I now turn from my sinful lifestyle in repentance. I trust in You for eternal life and no longer in my own good works, and I surrender my life to You. I receive You as my Lord and my Savior – Your life given for me, my life now given to You. I ask for the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit and for an assurance of salvation in Your grace. Amen.

The body of Christ Covenant meets in communities where people of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to engage through four distinct entry points: Sunday Worship, Congregational Communities, Covenant Groups, and Small Groups.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

## CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITIES

### **Senior Adults Community**

Community of senior adults ages 70+  
Pastor Bruce Creswell

### **Young Seniors Community**

Community of couples & individuals ages 60-70  
Pastor Bernie Lawrence

### **Sojourners Community**

Community of adults ages 45-59 who have college age/young adult children  
Pastor Mike Miller

### **Student Families Community**

Community of adults with middle & high school age children  
Pastor Brian Peterson

### **Young Families Community**

Community of newly married & young families with children up to age 12  
Pastor Derek Wells

### **Young Professionals Community**

Community of singles & young married couples  
Pastor Dave Baxter

### **18/22 Generation / College Community**

Community of college age adults  
Campus Outreach Director Zach Fulginiti

### **Youth (Middle/High School) Community**

Youth Ministries Pastor Stewart Neely  
Middle School Director David Chambers

## COVENANT GROUPS

Multi-generational & mixed-gender groups of 10-30 people.  
Please contact Pastor Brian Peterson.

## SMALL GROUPS

Gender-specific groups of 4-10 people. Please contact Teresa Caldwell for women's groups and Pastor Brian Peterson for men's groups.