



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022**

## RECEIVING THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

At Christ Covenant Church we have both passed the communion elements and walked to stations to receive the elements of the Lord's Supper. Both approaches have their benefits, and each represent different aspects of the sacrament.

First, passing the elements, which we will do again in the coming months, lends itself to a meditative moment in which we can more easily consider the solemnity and gravity of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. It lends itself to stillness and meditation and can represent the communion of the saints as we pass the elements one to another.

Walking to stations can represent a 'coming to the table' which the Lord has prepared for you to recall the familiar words, "come for all things are now ready." It can point us toward the celebration that awaits us at the wedding feast of the Lamb. Also, it allows the elders and deacons to serve and greet you in the name of Christ. They might want to look you in the eye and say, "The body and blood of Christ, given for you," or "the peace of Christ to you." Further, it is an opportunity to sing together or greet each other in Christ saying, 'blessings,' or 'peace be with you,' or 'Christ be with you.'

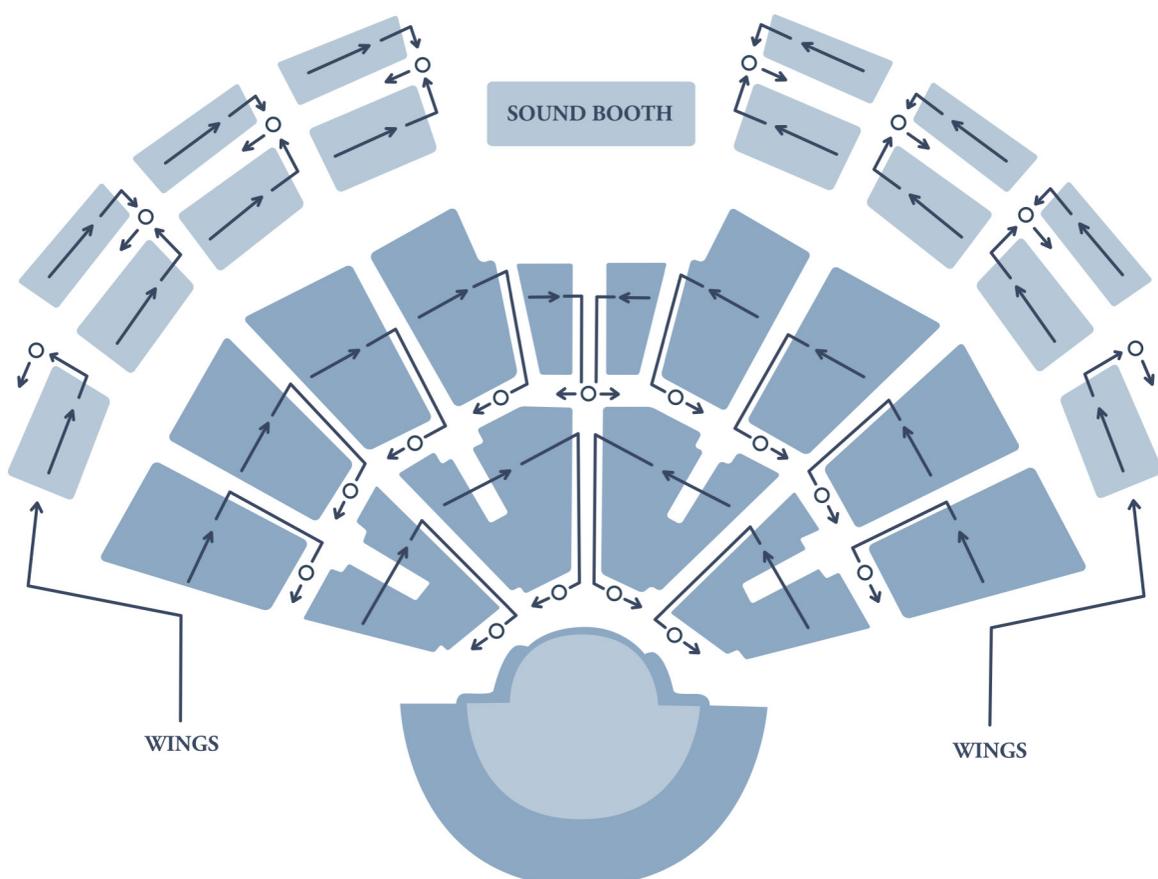
### A Few Details

- Families, your non-communicating children may want to walk with you. In the Old Testament the children would ask about the Passover. This is a great moment to teach your children about what the bread and wine represent and to clearly explain the gospel to them.
- If you are unable to walk forward, please allow a family member or friend to bring back the elements for you. Please help our elders keep an eye out for those who need to be served.
- Note that ALL elements are gluten free. For the time being we will continue with prepackaged gluten free elements.

### Walking

Finally, we will adjust our traffic flow in order to allow our elders and deacons to serve you and greet you in Christ. Please see the diagram below. If you aren't sure where to go, don't worry, simply make your way to an elder and he will be happy to serve you.

1. Exit your pew toward the center of the room and come forward down the aisle next to your section of pews. (There will be NO stations at the back of the room.)
2. In the balcony, allow the lower section to walk up to the main aisle first. The upper sections may follow.



### SYMPATHY TO:

Susan Sperry on the loss of her brother, James "Jimmy" Boyce.



## SERVE THE CITY JUNE 13-17

Christ Covenant Youth Ministry (CCYM) is excited to announce that over 40 of our middle and high school students will be serving our community through Serve the City 2022! During the week of June 13-17, our students will be partnering with two local churches to help facilitate their Vacation Bible School programming, joining Urban Eagles in their sports ministry to youth in diverse neighborhoods, as well as assisting many of Christ Covenant Church's senior adults with house projects. Pastor Eric Russ will lead our students in evangelistic training and implementation toward the end of the week.

Would you join us in prayer leading up to and during the week of Serve the City? Pray that our students and volunteers would be compelled and emboldened by the gospel to love God and love their neighbors by sharing Christ with those around them! Ask that God would use our students' words and deeds to plant seeds in the hearts of those our students are serving. Pray that God would use this time to develop deep friendships among the middle and high school students involved in CCYM. And, most importantly, pray that God would be glorified in Charlotte.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Facilities Maintenance (full-time) and Grounds Maintenance (full-time)

Details: [christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment](https://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

Covenant Day School is hiring for various positions. Details can be found at <https://www.covenantday.org/about-us/employment>

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: OUR DEACONS' OFFERING TODAY MNA DISASTER RESPONSE

Mission to North America's (MNA) Disaster Response allows Christ Covenant to partner with other churches in the PCA in both immediate and long-term outreach to those who are impacted by catastrophic damage caused by natural disasters or mass destruction in the US and Canada. This vital mission is accomplished through disaster preparedness awareness & training in advance of disaster events and by providing support in response to disaster events. Preparedness training is conducted regularly through local and PCA-wide events.

MNA Disaster Response provides support to PCA churches (households of faith) in disaster affected communities through a network of staff and volunteer damage assessment teams, first response teams, site managers, and key leaders. MNA recruits and mobilizes volunteers, receives and distributes supplies and equipment, brings awareness of specific needs, channels recovery funds, focuses prayer and provides spiritual encouragement to our PCA family and their communities.

Volunteers are needed to respond quickly in short-term and long-term recovery efforts after a disaster. They can help as general volunteers for an immediate response that can include tree and debris removal, chainsaw work, tarping roofs, handing out blankets and helping provide warm meals. Or as longer-term key leader/coordinators and site managers who assess needs for rebuilding and support for local congregations as they minister to their neighbors.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, volunteer registration is open every day all throughout the year. You can register at any time by filling out the application at <https://resources.pcamna.org>. Whenever volunteers are needed members of the volunteer team are notified and details of the service opportunity are published at [www.pcamna.org](http://www.pcamna.org). Volunteer registration includes a background screening. This background screening does not commit the individual to serve but simply clears the individual to serve. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old. No matter what our age or availability to be part of a volunteer team, everyone in our congregation can be involved by supporting disaster relief efforts with our prayers.

Pray for the congregations in impacted communities. Pray for loving ministry to neighbors and opportunities for volunteers to share the gospel as they offer help in cleanup and rebuilding. Pray for God to use our disaster response for his glory. Pray for resources to meet the need for response no matter how many events may occur this year. Praise God for the ways he has used MNA's Disaster Response to care for his children.

Our gifts today through the deacons' offering will be put to work immediately to assure that MNA is able to respond as needed during hurricane season and well beyond. 100% of donations to MNA Disaster Relief are used for victim assistance. To learn more, go to <https://pcamna.org/disaster-response> or contact our Outreach & Missions office.

Please place all special/monthly communion offering gifts in an envelope (found in pews) and label it 'Special Communion Offering' and include the name of the ministry before placing your gift in one of the tithe boxes located inside the sanctuary at our main doors in the north, south and toward the main lobby. You can also give online at [christcovenant.org/members/giving](https://christcovenant.org/members/giving). Thank you for your gift!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on officer candidates and returning sabbatical officers. It will be held on Sunday, June 5, immediately following the morning worship service. We look forward to your participation in electing new officers. Candidate biographies are available to pick up in all the lobbies of the worship center.

### WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision throughout 2022.

<i>Inflow 1/1/22 – 5/29/22</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,849,654	2,519,000	330,654	13.1%
Faith Promise Budget	216,334	138,100	78,234	56.7%