



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ LARGE PRINT EDITION THE LORD'S DAY ~ January 28, 2024

that in everything he might be preeminent. —Colossians 1:18

WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting for the first time or you've been here for years, we encourage you to look through the bulletin as you prepare for worship. Often, there will be some theme or main idea sprinkled throughout. Some elements of the service may be familiar to you, while other aspects might feel new. Either way, it will help to keep the basic pattern of worship in mind: praise, renewal, proclamation, and response. We encourage you to take a bulletin home for further reading and prayer. Finally, if you don't have a Bible, feel free to take one from the pew as our gift to you.

IN PREPARATION

Psalm 111 ends with that well known phrase, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." That is, the honoring of, the worshipping of, the praising of, the serving of, etc. is the beginning of wisdom. True wisdom begins with worship.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Psalm 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 112:1, 4, 6-7

Leader: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

**ALL: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

**ALL: He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm,
trusting in the LORD.**

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Song—Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at his voice; all creation rises to rejoice.

[Refrain] Behold our God, seated on his throne,

Come, let us adore him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?

Who can question any of his words?

Who can teach the One who knows all things?

Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? [Refrain]

Who has felt the nails upon his hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man.
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. [Refrain]

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Congregational Hymn—#140 O Word of God, Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
we praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heav'n drawn picture Of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled;
it shineth like a beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations thy true light, as of old.
O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
'til, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

Text: William Walsham How, 1867; Music: MUNICH, *Meiningen Gesangbuch*, 1693

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Faith—Westminster Confession Ch. 21.1

The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has lordship and sovereignty over all, is good, and does good unto all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the holy Scripture.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:10–13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Corporate Confession of Sin—*from Henry Thornton*

ALL: We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued, and have left our duty unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification. Amen.

Assurance of Grace—Philippians 1:3–6

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Be Thou My Vision

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. [Refrain.]

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast,
'till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! [Refrain.]

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Congregational Song—O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Children's Bible Time (B-102). Thank you.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer;
greatest treasure of my longing soul;
My God, like you there is no other;
true delight is found in you alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom;
your love exceeds the heavens' reach;
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom;
my highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer;
strong defender of my weary heart;
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
and my shield against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me;
my hope, when tides of sorrow rise;
My joy, when trials are abounding;
your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer;
Gracious Savior of my ruined life;
My guilt and cross laid on your shoulders;
in my place you suffered bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered;
you broke my bonds of sin and shame.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
may all my days bring glory to your Name.

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Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Revelation 13:11–18

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—God Is My Strong Salvation

God is my strong Salvation: What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation, my Light, my Help is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand.
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Rely on God Almighty; my soul, with courage, wait.
His truth always sustains me, when faint and desolate.
His might my heart shall strengthen, His love my joy increase.
Mercy my days shall lengthen; the Lord will give me peace.

Text: From Psalm 27, James Montgomery, 1822; Music: AURELIA, Samuel Wesley, 1864

Benediction

If you have a prayer need or need to speak with an elder, they will be available at the front of the Worship Center following the morning service.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Dave Baxter;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon;
Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 22:22–23

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

ALL: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Congregational Hymn—

#351 Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand

Prayer of Adoration

New Testament Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:13–18

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#337 O Spirit of the Living God

Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Building Little Pillars (B-106).

Preaching of the Word

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Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—#286 Worship Christ, the Risen King

Benediction

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In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church is committed to worshiping God, making disciples, loving one another, and serving the body of Christ.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

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NEW TO CHRIST COVENANT?

We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you! Interested in knowing more about Christ Covenant Church? Please contact Michelle Gustavson, Engagement and Connections Ministry Manager, at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.

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