



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Standing on truth. Walking in grace.

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WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

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

IN PREPARATION

Law, Sin, Grace, Faith, Righteousness, Flesh, Spirit. Words such as these occupy a large part of Romans. Add to this Trinitarian theology and Christology and what we have is a never ending opportunity to explore both orthodoxy (right doctrine) and orthopraxy (right practice). However, all of this should lead us to doxology! Our study and meditation should lead to the praise and adoration of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Hebrews 1:1–2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Introit

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 13:5–6

Leader: Trust in the Lord's steadfast love; let your heart rejoice in his salvation.

ALL: I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Song—The God We Love



1. We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, The Al - might - y, the Mak - er, of all,
2. For this world and for our sal - va - tion He came down from the heav - ens, a - bove,
3. Now we wait to be res - ur - rect - ed and we look for the world with - out end.



The One who rules the seen and un - seen. We be - lieve, and we a - dore
Born of a vir - gin and the Spir - it, Tru - ly man and tru - ly Cod.
This is our creed, our faith, our an - them. This is the God we love.



Je - sus Christ, one Lord of ere - a - tion, From the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not made.
He was cru - ci - fied un - der Pi - late, Suf - fered death and was laid in the grave,



He is the Light from Light e - ter - nal And the God of ev - 'ry age.
And in ac - cor - dance with the scrip - tures, On the third he rose a - gain.



All glo - ry to the Fa - ther now, All hon - or to the Son, And



praise the Spir - it, now and al - ways. This is the God we love.



And Christ has made his as - cent In - to the heav - ens a - bove. Where he sits at the
The Ho - ly Spir - it has come. Voice of the proph - ets of God Sent to us. He has



Fa - ther's right hand now. But he will come back a - gain And he will judge in truth,
giv - en us new life, For - giv - en now, and bap - tised. One ho - ly church we rise.

Based on The Nicene Creed

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Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Habakkuk 2:2–4

And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin—from Martin Luther

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace you have given me this boundless blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to him. Amen

Assurance of Grace—Ephesians 2:4–6

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—A Mighty Fortress

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

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his Name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.

Text: Based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529; Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529

Sacrament of Baptism

Covenant Baptism

Eleanor Jane Avery
Daughter of Evan and Kathryn Avery

Jude Isaac Booker
Silas Haddon Booker
Elliot Ruth Booker
Children of Caleb and Kaitlynn Booker

Mary Lee Johnson
Daughter of Sam and Molly Johnson

Carter Jac Perkins
Son of Zach and Kendyl Perkins

Annie Jane Price
Daughter of Jackson and Taylor Price

Emery Skye Spacht
Daughter of Joshua and Carolyn Spacht

Lois Scott Wilson
Daughter of Justin and Lydia Wilson

Luke Goodwin Wright
Son of Jim and Ann Louise Wright

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Je - sus, thy blood and right - eous - ness
 Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
 Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee;
 O let the dead now hear thy voice;

my beau - ty are, my glo - rious dress;
 for who aught to my charge shall lay?
 whose bound - less mer - cy hath for me,
 now bid thy ban - ished ones re - joice;

'midst flam - ing worlds, in these ar - rayed, with joy
 Ful - ly ab - solved through these I am from sin
 for me a full a - tone - ment made, an ev -
 their beau - ty this, their glo - rious dress, Je - sus,

shall I lift up my head.
 and fear, from guilt and shame.
 er - last - ing ran - som paid.
 thy blood and right - eous - ness.

Text: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739;
 Music: GERMANY, William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

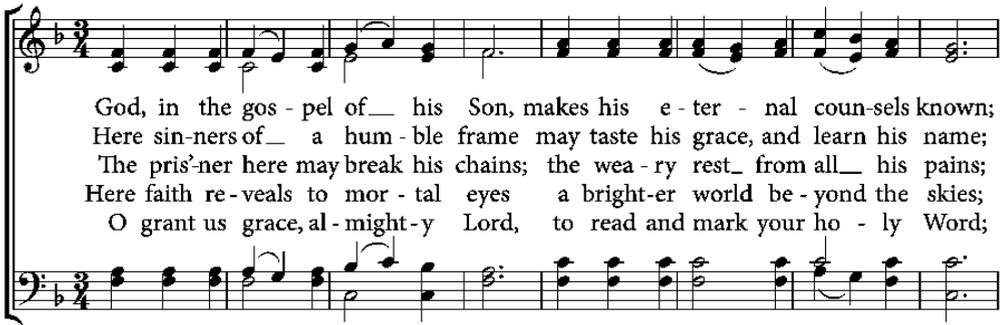
Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Romans 1:1-7

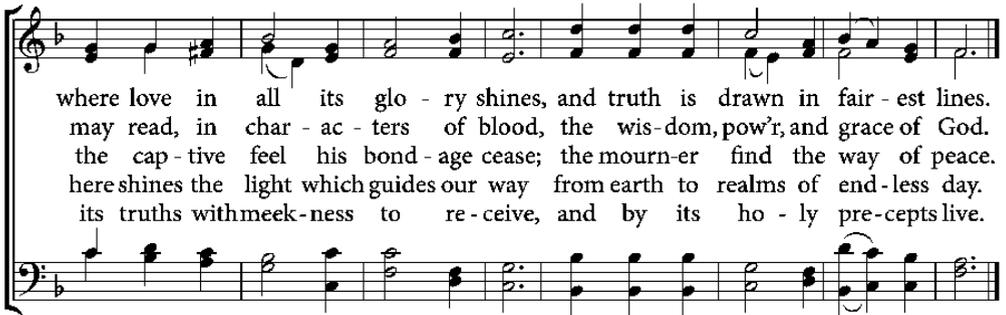
THE VERY PUREST GOSPEL

Kevin DeYoung

Congregational Hymn—God, in the Gospel of His Son



God, in the gos - pel of_ his Son, makes his e - ter - nal coun-sels known;
Here sin-ners of_ a hum - ble frame may taste his grace, and learn his name;
The pris'-ner here may break his chains; the wea - ry rest_ from all_ his pains;
Here faith re - veals to mor - tal eyes a bright-er world be - yond the skies;
O grant us grace, al - might - y Lord, to read and mark your ho - ly Word;



where love in all its glo - ry shines, and truth is drawn in fair - est lines.
may read, in char - ac - ters of blood, the wis - dom, pow'r, and grace of God.
the cap - tive feel his bond - age cease; the mourn-er find the way of peace.
here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of end - less day.
its truths with meek - ness to re - ceive, and by its ho - ly pre - cepts live.

Text: Benjamin Beddone, 1787; Music: HURSLEY, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c. 1774

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 33:20–22

Leader: Wait for the LORD; for he is our help and our shield.

ALL: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Congregational Hymn—#498 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! v. 1, 2, 5

Text: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; Music: HYFRODOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Hymn—#468 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Text: Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; Music: LANDAS, André Grétry

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 53, T.H. p. 805

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 1:27–31

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 5:12–14

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—#497 I Need Thee Precious Jesus

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Text: Frederick Whitfield, 1855; Music: MEIRIONYDD, Welsh hymn melody, William Lloyd, 1840

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 3

CREATED. CORRUPTED. CHRIST.

Nathan George

Congregational Hymn—#521 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote, 1834; Music: SOLID ROCK, William Bradbury, 1863

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Nathan George; Assisting Pastoral Intern: Ethan Vroom;
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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 3

6. *Did God create man so wicked and perverse?*

No. God created man good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might truly know God his creator, love him with all his heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, for his praise and glory.

7. *Then where does man's corrupt nature come from?*

From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise.

This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in sin.

8. *But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?*

Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.

NOTES

In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church is committed to worshipping 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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