

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 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

Our scripture readings clearly call us to avoid trying to hide our sins before the Lord. However, our songs reflect different themes. We look to the King to lead us, especially on this day of commitment to capital improvements. But we also remember that our worth is in Christ, that we hide under his protection, and that we have received his amazing forgiveness. May our Prophet, Priest, and King teach us, lead us, and protect us as we worship and serve him.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Acts 10:42–43

> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 47:5–7

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
ALL: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Leader: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
ALL: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal



Text: Ernest Shurtleff, 1888; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—My Worth Is Not in What I Own



Text & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick © 2015 Getty Music Publishing

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 69:5–6

O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you. Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Hebrews 4:12–13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

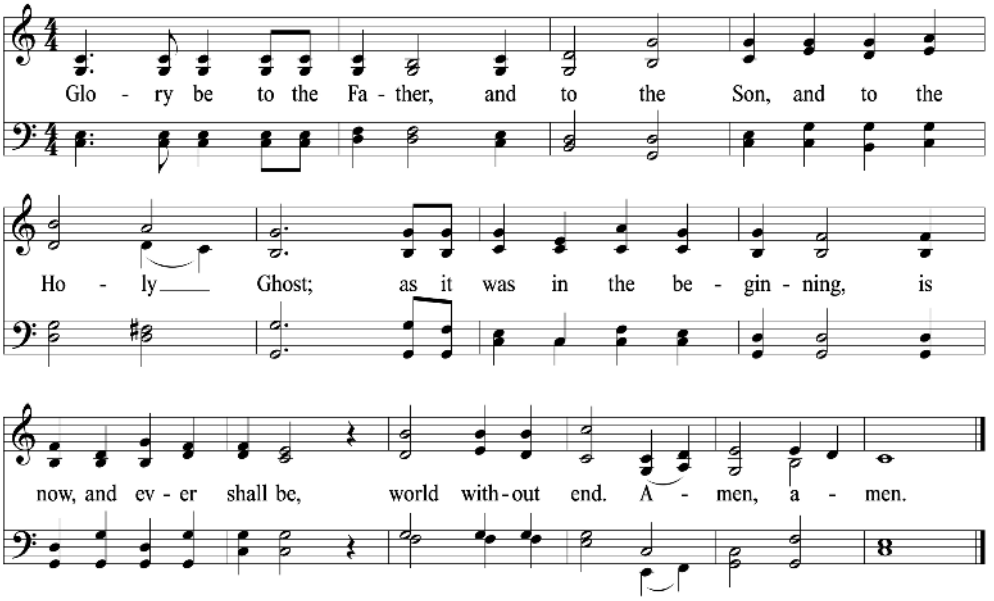
Assurance of Grace—2 Corinthians 5:18–20

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Sung Response—Gloria Patri



Text and Music: Henry Wellington Greatorex, 1851

Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory—My Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice

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

My Jesus makes my heart rejoice, his child am I always;
A shepherd kind and gracious he, within his house I'd stay.
His constant love to me he shows, my very name he knows;
Whate'er betide, his love will guide, and keep all harm away.

My Jesus is my lasting joy, in peace I go and come;
His richest treasure he hath giv'n, and to his arms I come.
When life is done, with God's own Son, in faith I shall abide;
He reigns above, and in his love, will keep me at his side.

Text and Music: Dietrich Buxtehude, ed. Michael Burkhardt

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Rock of Ages



Text: Augustus Toplady, 1776; TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1830

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Romans 4:4–8

THE GRACE OF GOD IN HIS COUNTING

Kevin DeYoung

Building Faithfully: Time of Commitment
Congregational Hymn—Amazing Grace



Text: Ray Palmer, 1830; Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1832

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Zach Fulginiti;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins; 3-7 Children's Choir
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 113:1–4

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
ALL: Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
ALL: The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

Congregational Psalm—#54 Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise

Text: Psalm 113, Josiah Conder; Music: ALCESTER, arr. Samuel S. Wesley

Prayer of Adoration

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

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music: HENDON, Henri A. César Malan, 1827

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 62 T. H. p. 806

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Proverbs 30:8–9

Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

New Testament Scripture Readings—Matthew 6:19–21 and 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, I Come

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Text: William Sleeper; Music: George Stebbins

Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 42

HOW TO THINK ABOUT "THINGS"

Tom Groelsema

Congregational Hymn—#565 All for Jesus!

Text: Mary D. James, 1889; Music: WYCLIFF, John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887

Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema;
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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 42

110. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, which governing authorities punish, but in God's sight theft also includes all evil tricks and schemes designed to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or other means forbidden by God.

In addition God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

111. What does God require of you in this commandment?

That I do whatever I can and may for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may help the needy in their hardship.

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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