

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 8, 2026

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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

"Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?" The Lord owed us nothing and yet gave us everything. When we recall his goodness and mercy, and more than this, his grace and favor, what keeps us from fully trusting with an unshakable faith? Come ye sinners, poor and needy. Come with confidence through Jesus Christ.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Ephesians 2:8–9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 27:1, 13–14

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
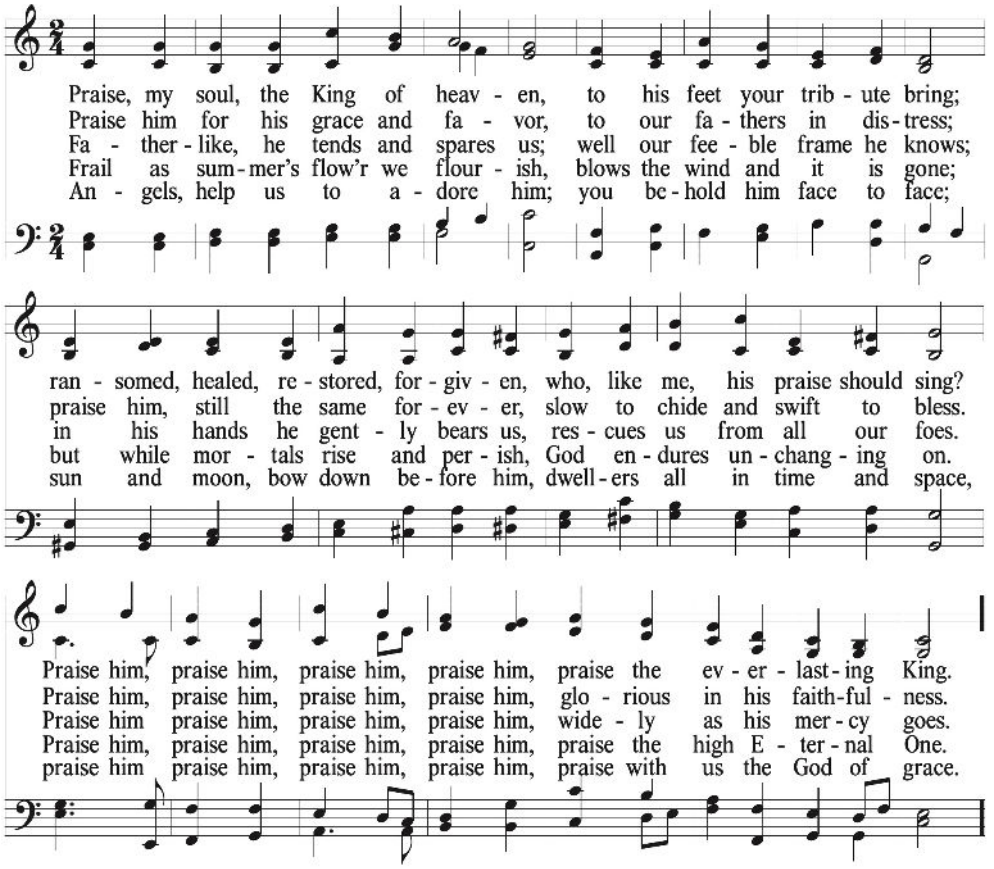
ALL: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

ALL: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation
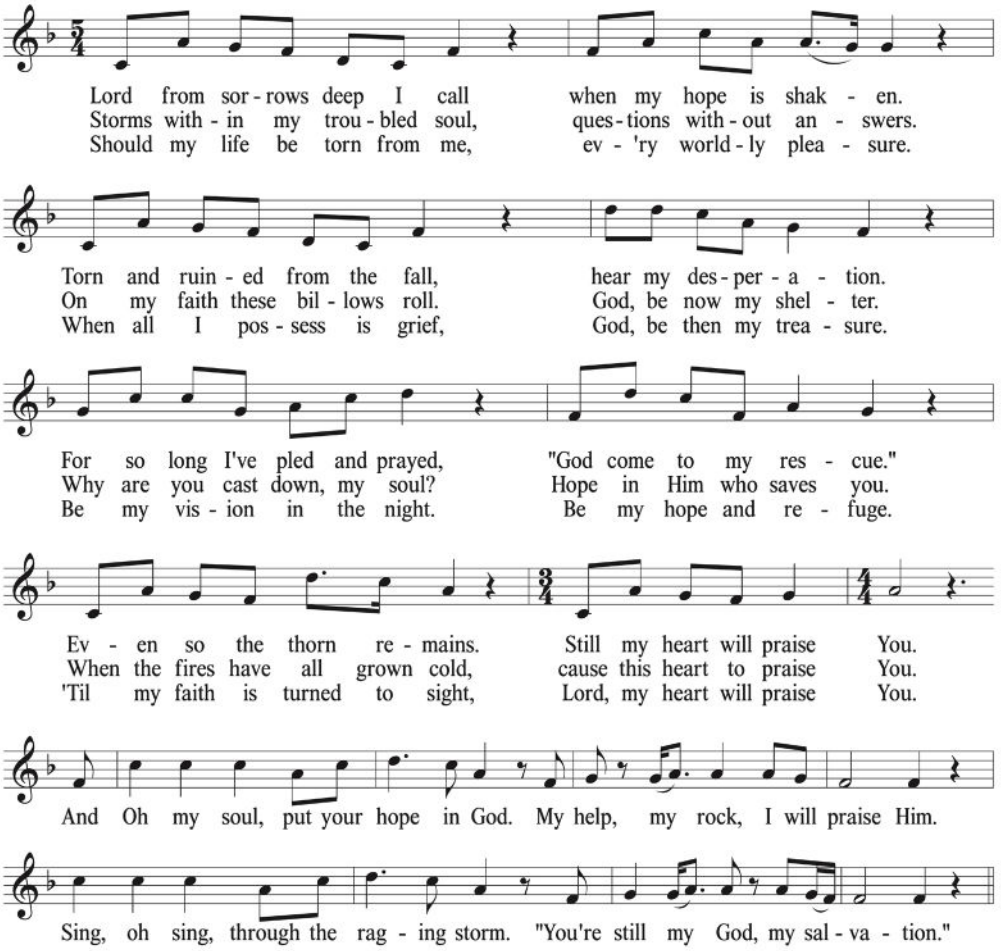
Congregational Psalm—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



Text: from Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyle, 1834; Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Psalm—Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call



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Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 31:3–6

The LORD your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the LORD has spoken. And the LORD will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. And the LORD will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to the whole commandment that I have commanded you. Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 5:6–10

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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

Prayer of Confession of Sin
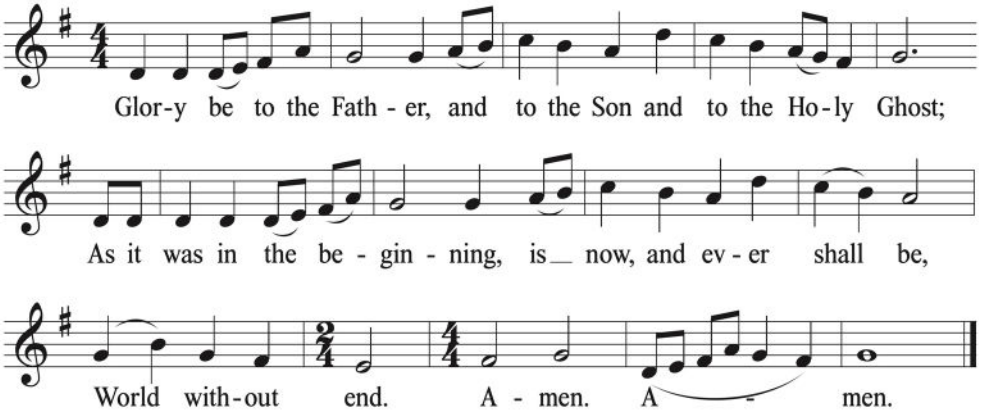
Assurance of Grace—Hebrews 10:21–23

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

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: Traditional; Music: Nathan Clark George, 2015, arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2015

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Holy, Lord of Hosts
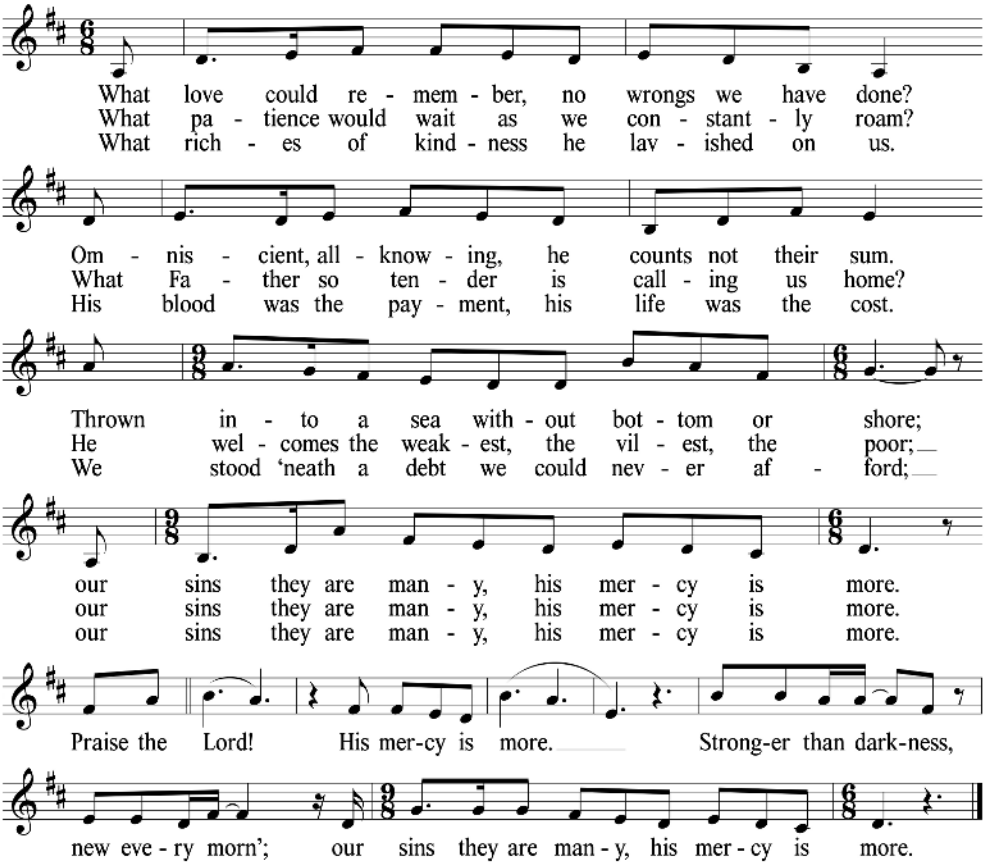
Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Hosts, all the earth is full of thy power and glory.
All the shining seraphim joyfully adore thee, multitudes of angels ever sing before thee.
"Glory, wisdom, strength and honor be to thee forever."
Holy, Lord of Hosts, all the earth is full of thy power and glory.

Text: based on Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 5:12; Music: Maxcine Woodbridge Posegate

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—His Mercy Is More

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



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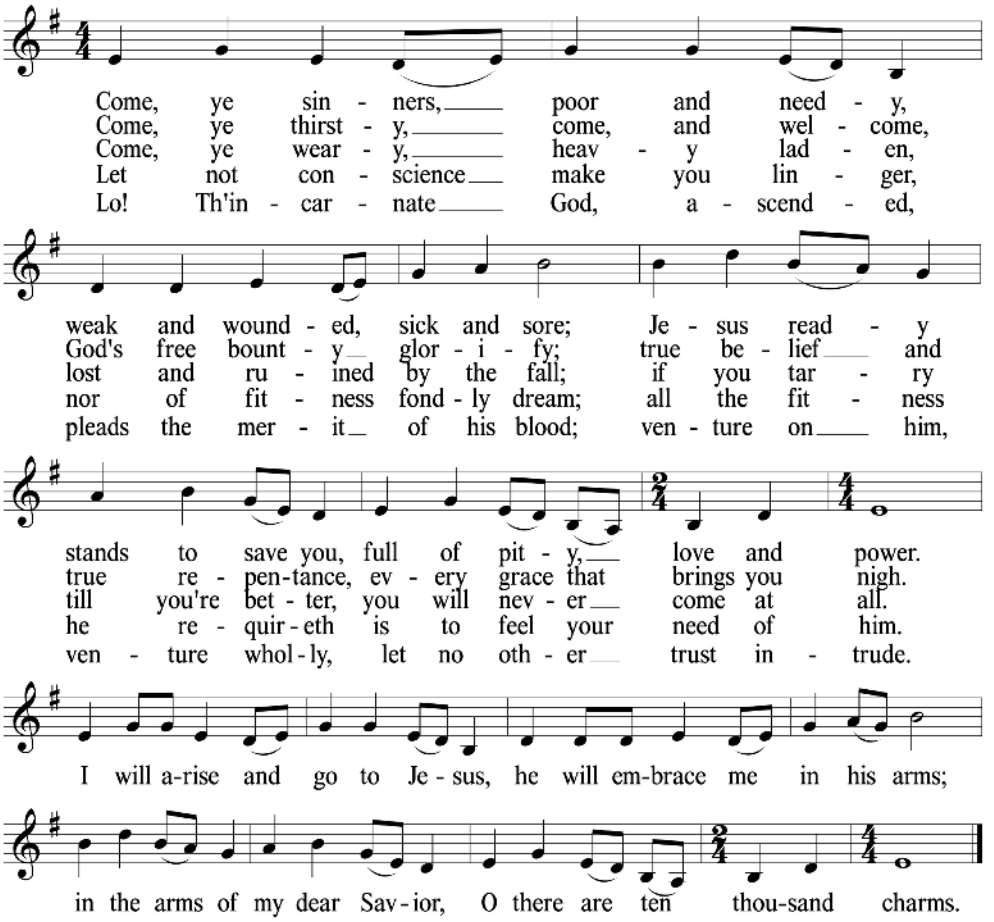
Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—2 Kings 5

A SERVANT GIRL AND A SYRIAN GENERAL

Zach Fulginiti

Congregational Song—Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



Text: Joseph Hart, 1759; Music: RESTORATION, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Zach Fulginiti Assisting Pastor: Rev. Aaron Andrade;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianists: Pamela Mullins
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 105:1–4

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

ALL: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those
who seek the LORD rejoice!
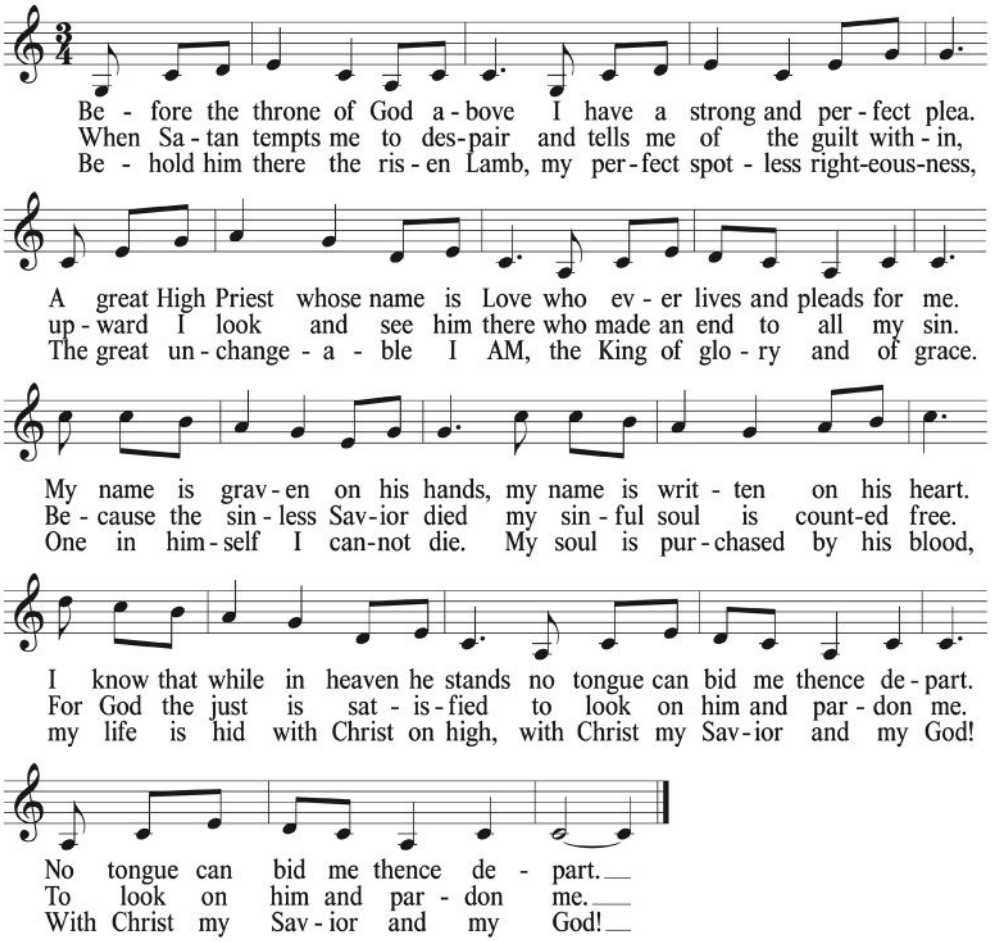
ALL: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Congregational Hymn—#305 Arise, My Soul, Arise

Text: Charles Wesley, 1742; Music: LENOX, Louis Edison, 1782

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—Before the Throne of God Above



Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook

Responsive Psalter Reading—Psalm 116, T. H. p. 827

New Testament Scripture Reading—Luke 11:1–13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
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Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude;
kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth;
cause your church to hunger for your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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Preaching of the Word—Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 45

IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Bruce Creswell

Congregational Hymn—#634 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Text: William W. Walford, 1842; Music: SWEET HOUR, William Bradbury, 1859

Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Bruce Creswell; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Mike Miller; Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Pianist: Ben Sincock

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Heidelberg Catechism—Lord's Day 45

116. Why do Christians need to pray?

Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.

And also because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who continually and with heartfelt longing ask God for these gifts and thank him for them.

117. How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us?

First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed himself to us in his Word, asking for everything he has commanded us to ask of him.

Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord, as he has promised us in his Word.

118. What has God commanded us to ask of him?

Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

119. What is this prayer?

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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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