

# Sermon Notes

## The Lord's Day

### PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

*Lord God Almighty, You have reconciled Yourself to the world through the cross, and do implore men to accept reconciliation. It is my responsibility to grasp Your offer of grace, for if You, the offended party, act first with the word of appeasement, I need not call in question Your willingness to save. You have taught me the necessity of a mediator, a messiah, to be embraced in love with all my heart, as king to rule me, as prophet to guide me, as priest to take away my sin and death. You have made known to me that to save me is Christ's work, and to cleave to Him by faith is my work, and with this faith is the necessity of my daily repentance as a mourning for the sin which Christ by grace has removed. Continue, O God, to teach me that faith apprehends Christ's righteousness not only for the satisfaction of justice, but as unspotted evidence of your love to me. Help me to make use of His work of salvation as the ground of peace, favor and acceptance of me the sinner, so that I may live always near the cross – adapted from *The Valley of Vision**

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 96:9 & Isaiah 6:3**

Minister: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

**All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!**

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### *Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

TEXT & MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529

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.

### *All Creatures Of Our God And King*

TEXT: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225 TUNE: Kierchengesange, 1623

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin, Cast all your burdens now on Him,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
He shall return in pow'r to reign,  
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### INVOCATION

### SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:1-21

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him! And in whose spirit is no deceit. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Men look at our outward appearance, O God, but you look on our hearts. Your eye peers into the innermost secrets of our souls discovering our sin at its roots. You see our pride, our lust, our blasphemy rising up from within. We confess, O Lord, that sin abounds within our wandering hearts. We are indeed prone to leave the One we proclaim to love. So, we plead once again the tender mercy of your forgiving grace. We ask for hearts made pure by the cleansing blood of Christ, made constant by the regenerating grace of the Spirit, and made grateful by the goodness of our heavenly Father. Then we will rejoice and give thanks to your holy name. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SONG OF ASSURANCE

#### *Did Christ Over Sinners Weep?*

TEXT: Benjamin Beddome, 1787 MUSIC: Blake Mandell, 2012

Did Christ over sinners weep, And shall our cheeks be dry?  
Let floods of penitential grief Burst forth from every eye—  
Burst forth from every eye.

*Behold, the Son of God in tears The angels wondering see:  
Hast thou no wonder, O my soul? He shed those tears for thee!*  
He wept that we might weep, Might weep o'er sin and shame  
He wept to show his love for us, And bid us love the same—  
And bid us love the same.

Then tender be our hearts, Our eyes in sorrow dim,  
Till every tear from every eye Be wiped away by him—  
Be wiped away by him.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

### OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING                      **Ephesians 3:7-13**

SERMON                                      **“The Mystery of the Gospel – Part Two”**

COMMUNION SONG                              ***Take Shelter***

WORDS & MUSIC: Kristyn Getty, Skye Peterson, & Ben Shive, 2022

When the nations rage and death is at the door, When the wars are waged as they have been before,  
There's a refuge that I run to, A respite from my fear, Nothing in this world can harm me here.  
When my song of hope is swallowed by the pain, As the weariness of grief floods in again,  
Will you find me in the valley? Oh hear my helpless cry! Hold me as a mother holds her child.  
*And I'll take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.*  
And I will take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.  
When a greater war had torn apart my soul, And the iron hold of sin would not let go.  
All of heaven stormed the darkness In the power of the cross.  
I'm freed beneath the banner of His love  
*And I'll take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God*  
And I will take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.  
When the labors of this fleeting life are done, As the shadows fall we'll see the lights of home.  
And then all our present troubles Will be stories of the past.  
Safe within His gates we'll find our rest.

## Classes & Other Information

### ***Children's Sunday School***

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. All children 3rd grade and younger go directly to Room 3 (the "chandelier room") following the service. Children 3rd grade or younger should be picked up from their class once Sunday school is over. All 4th-6th grade students should go directly to their class downstairs and will be dismissed following Sunday School. Below you will find a class list and room numbers.

**Toddler Class** - Scott/Becky Lewis—Room 14

**PreK-Kindergarten** - Braden & Whitney Cook/Kristi Nyquist & Ginger Pettus—Room 15

**1st Grade** - Anthony & Rebecca Taylor/Chris & Merrill Dotson—Room 6

**2nd Grade** - Shawn & Nicole Robb/Madison McCoy/Sara Haynes—Room 8

**3rd Grade** - Sheena Johnson/Laura Reeder—Room 9

**4th - 6th Girls** - Caroline Lunsford/Siusan Peek—Downstairs

**4th - 6th Boys** - Bo Shirey/Daniel Johnson/Dennis Porter—Downstairs



of these areas of service to our church family, please contact Tina (256) 347-3593 or Diane (256) 709-2642.

### ***Church Directory Updates***

Our church directory is available to view on your mobile device. Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices. Download the Instant Church Directory app from the App Store on your device. You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Jonathan Haynes know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. After you login, the directory will be downloaded to your device. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email, and text right from the app. More information can be found at [www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app](http://www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app).

# Christ Covenant News

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## **This Week's Activities**

### **Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Men's Morning Study

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

### **Wednesday**

6:15 p.m. Covenant Kids, Covenant Groups Youth Group

### **Thursday**

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### **Friday**

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

### **Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study—Guys

7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study—Girls

## **Covenant Kids Corner**

11/8 Menu: Chicken Fingers (Guthrie's)

We are Learning: "God Used Samson"

(Judges 13-16)

## **Birthday, This Week**

Nov 8.....Shonda Price

9.....Mike Price

.....Samuel Branscomb

10.....Macy Christenberry

11.....Amanda Satterfield

.....Joel Benson

.....Mike Lunsford

.....Wanda Quick

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Brooke.*

## **Men's Ministry Events**

*"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."*

*1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

**Men's Morning Study** – Tuesdays @ 6:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A hearty breakfast will be served. We will be studying the book of 1st Timothy.

**3M Men's Fellowship**—November 27th at 6pm.

**Men's Prayer Time** – Friday mornings, 7:00 am in the church session room.

## **Nursery Volunteers Schedule**

### **November 5**

Church Service— Sarah Haynes, Caleb Bright

Sunday School— Juanita Tidwell

### **November 12**

Church Service— Mary Ellen Kennedy, Tina Hulse

Sunday School— Amanda Satterfield

## **Fellowship Workday**

Mark your calendars for a fellowship workday at Christ Covenant on Saturday, December 2nd! Please plan on joining us as we care for our property by planting new shrubs, putting out new straw, and tackling a handful of other jobs. More details to come, but please go ahead and add this opportunity to serve on your calendar.

## **CCPC Thanksgiving Dinner**

This year's Thanksgiving Dinner is quickly approaching and we are SO excited, please mark your calendars! **Location:** Cotton Creek

Sunday, November 19th at 5:00 pm Guest speaker:

Mark Travers with Turning Hearts Ministries -

[www.turningheartsmministries.com](http://www.turningheartsmministries.com).

Please sign up to help us estimate our group:

<https://forms.gle/kyjBpNHGJeUNCS5x5>

## **Sound Booth Help Needed**

Would you be willing to help with the soundboard, projector slides, or live stream production? Contact Roger Tew for more information.

## **Worship Ministry Help Needed**

The worship ministry is in need of volunteers to sing and/or play instruments during worship on Sunday mornings. There is minimal time commitment and the schedule from Sunday to Sunday is flexible. Please see Zeb Powell or Mike Lunsford or email Mike at [mjlunsford21@gmail.com](mailto:mjlunsford21@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out.

### **Roots '24**

Roots is a weekend camp with fun, relationship building, and hearing from God's Word. Open to all 7th-12th graders. Registration and flyers available in the narthex following the service

Date: January 19th-21st

Where: Camp Toknowhim in Pisgah, AL

Cost: \$145

### **Prayer Chain**

Your brothers and sisters in Christ would love to pray for you. Please call, text, or email with any requests  
Gwen Hays.

### **Art Fellowship**

On the 1st & 3rd Sunday each month from 2-4 p.m. come and paint at the church. No experience required. Bring your own supplies. Contact Marion Frey if you have any questions.

### **Women's Ministry Events**

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study:** In the Bible we are introduced to different kinds of faith- great faith, weak faith, child-like faith and steadfast faith. James wrote this book to bring hope and encouragement to the Jewish and Gentiles Christians who were scattered throughout all of the Roman Empire due to persecution. They were experiencing perilous and challenging times and he wrote this book to help them know how to have steadfast faith in the midst of all these trials. His primary theme is how to live out one's faith. As we study the book of James we will be encouraged to be a doer of the word and not just a hearer of the word. Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 here at CCPC. Please contact Patty Hutchens for information as to how to order the book. Our teacher will be Yvonne Welch. We hope to see YOU there!!

**Thursday Women's Bible Study:** The Thursday Night Bible Study will look at the wonderful book of Hebrews this fall. We will use Nancy Guthrie's book "Hoping for Something Better" as a guide. The study is on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Gloria Edwards Room at church. The nursery will be available upon request. Everyone is invited to come! We hope to see you there.

**Ladies Prayer Time:** Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting on Monday, November 13th and December 11th, from 10:00-11:00 in the Bride's Room at the church. Women of all ages are invited. This is a great way to serve the Lord through intercession for our church. Ephesians 6:18: "*Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.*"

**Women's Christmas Party:** November 27th from 6-8pm at Vicki Knight's home. Bring your favorite Holiday goodie and bring the recipe to share.