

## WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

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*If you have questions about following Christ, reach out to a pastor, elder or even a church member sitting near you. Our church family would love to help you in any way that we can.*

**Pastor:** Bradley Aucoin | **Assoc. Pastor:** Shawn Branscum

**Pastoral Assistant:** Josh Motta **Pastor Emeritus:** Phill Yoho

**Pianist:** Vasil Cvetkov

**Elders:** Bradley Aucoin, Shawn Branscum, Matt Edwards, Scott Gendron, Bob Welch, and Casey Williamson

### COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Please wear a mask at all times and practice social distancing before and after the service.
- The aisle to the far left (as you face the pulpit) is reserved for those who are at a higher risk for Covid.
- An Offering will not be taken, but you can use the Offering Box in the back of the sanctuary for donations.

### TODAY AND THIS WEEK

**CORE SEMINARS AND WORSHIP TRAINING—RESUME ON JANUARY 17 AT 9:00-10:00 AM.**

**PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS:** Before the service, we are highlighting different unreached and underreached people groups to be praying for from around the world. Please grab a 175 Prayer Guide from the Resource Table so you can continue to pray during the week for the gospel to go forth to the nations.

**SONG SHEETS:** If you would like a Blue Sheet with lyrics, these are available from the Resource Table.

### OTHER WAYS TO PARTNER TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL

**GRIEFSHARE—WEDNESDAYS FROM 2:30-4:00 PM—STARTING JANUARY 20:** This group will meet in the Narthex/Foyer on Wednesdays through April 14. Call Bob & Lucy for more info: 225-266-7710.

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT WOMEN'S STUDY (AND DAUGHTERS)—JANUARY 20 FROM 7:00-8:30 PM:** We will study Matthew 5-7 and meet every other Wednesday. Jen Wilkin's Study Guides are on the bookshelf for \$15. Contact Lynn at [lynnhodgesaucoin@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnhodgesaucoin@yahoo.com) for more info. Please invite a friend to join us.

**SUNDAY NIGHT GATHERING—JANUARY 24 FROM 5:00-6:15 PM:** We will meet in the sanctuary and, though there will not be food served, this will be a good time to sing, pray together and hear God's Word. Please join us.

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS' CLASS—JANUARY 26 AND FEB 2 FROM 6:00-8:15 PM:** If you would like to know more about CCC, join us for this 2-part class in the Fellowship Hall as we look at what we believe and how we are seeking to live out the gospel together as God's people. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion as well. Contact Shawn at [thebranscum3@gmail.com](mailto:thebranscum3@gmail.com) to RSVP and for child care.

**MEMBERS' MEETING—IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE ON JANUARY 31:** Join us as we discuss matters related to our church family.

**GOSPEL OF MATTHEW JOURNALING BIBLES ON THE BOOKSHELVES:** This is an individual Gospel of Matthew with space for journaling and taking notes. Many of our members enjoy having these journaling Bibles for the various books we study as a church family. Suggested Donation: \$5.

**DIVORCECARE:** New group starting in January. Stay tuned for details. Call Chris with questions 318-416-3768.

**CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE HERE AT CCC:** Contact information for the following ministries:

Sunday Morning Nursery: Jamie Williamson at [jamiebwilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:jamiebwilliamson@gmail.com).

International Outreach and SAM Welcome Team: Josh Motta at [joshmotta21@gmail.com](mailto:joshmotta21@gmail.com).

Visiting Widows and Shut-Ins: Emily Hingle at [emilycatherinehingle@gmail.com](mailto:emilycatherinehingle@gmail.com).

Sunday Morning and SNG Set-Up Team: Bill Stickle at [zostic@lsu.edu](mailto:zostic@lsu.edu).

**READING THE BIBLE THROUGH THE YEAR—BIBLE RECAP GROUP:** If you would like to be part of a group reading the Bible through this year, please contact Lynn at [lynnhodgesaucoin@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnhodgesaucoin@yahoo.com). This group of women would meet weekly for accountability, encouragement and to discuss that week's readings.



## CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

January 10, 2021

## MORNING WORSHIP

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. Psalm 100:4*

### GATHERING TO PRAISE AND ADORE OUR GOD

Give Me Jesus

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*God's Word*

*Confession of Sin*

*Assurance of Forgiveness*

### WORSHIP IN HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

Jesus, Your Mercy

Stronger

### WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD READ PUBLICLY

Psalm 1 (Page 448)

### WORSHIP THROUGH JOINING OUR HEARTS TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Speak, O Lord

### WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Preparing the Way for the King | Matthew 3:1-17 | Bradley Aucoin

### REFLECTION UPON GOD'S WORD

### WORSHIP THROUGH OUR COMMON CONFESSION OF THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### WORSHIP AT THE LORD'S TABLE

*The Lord's Table is open to everyone who is a baptized believer in good standing with a Christian church. Those sitting in the two main pew sections will proceed down the center aisle first and then those in the two outer pew sections will follow in the same manner. When all are served, we will share communion together as one body. If you are unable to come forward, please ask an usher to bring communion to you.*

### HYMNS OF RESPONSE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

### BENEDICTION TO RETURN AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS TO THE WORLD

## PRAYER LIST

**Members:** Johnnie Cothorn, Chrystal Gauthreaux, Clint Kennamer, Sophie Motta, and Tyler Woodard.

**9 Marks:** For widening influence as it helps equip churches to display God's glory to the nations.

## Preparing the Way for the King

Matt. 3:1-17(Page 808)

<sup>3:1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

<sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

### John the Baptist

- Message

- Baptism

### Jesus the Messiah

- Baptism

- Message



### Questions to Consider as You Respond to the Word of God Preached

1. Why is a stern message of “Repentance” actually “good news?”
2. Is there fruit of repentance in your life—i.e. evidence that you are indeed walking in newness of life?

### Questions to Ask a Friend After the Worship Service (while maintaining social distancing!)

1. How did God's Word speak to you today—bringing comfort, challenge or encouragement?
2. How can I pray for you this week?

Next Week: Matthew 4:1-11 (E-mail the elders any questions you may have about our sermons)