

## 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

Blessed Be Your Name

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*God's Word*

*Confession of Sin*

*Assurance of Forgiveness*

### WORSHIP IN HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

All Praise to Him

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

### WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD READ PUBLICLY

Psalm 36 (Page 465)

### WORSHIP THROUGH JOINING OUR HEARTS TOGETHER IN PRAYER

How Firm a Foundation

### WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Increasing Opposition to Jesus's Mission | Matthew 11:1-24 | Bradley Aucoin

### 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.*

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

### 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

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

## PRAYER LIST

**Members:** Lesley Branscum, Jordon Dove, Emily Hingle, Sarah Reynolds, and Josh Tate.

**Persecuted Church Around the World:** For faith to profess Christ in difficult circumstances and grace to forgive their enemies so that the gospel goes forth to the nations.

## Increasing Opposition to Jesus's Mission Matt. 11:1-24 (P. 816)

Jesus Really is the King/Messiah (vv. 2-6)

God's Kingdom has Truly Arrived (vv. 7-15)

God's Kingdom Brings Greater Accountability (vv. 16-24)

“*Christian* communities are in special trouble on judgment day, not because Jesus has not really been in the communities, but because he has. Jesus' presence, without change, can lead to a damnation deeper than Sodom's. . . . Every member of a church has Jesus, for Jesus is present in his Word, fellowship, and sacraments. But Jesus does not *have* every member of his church; he has only those who, under the impact of his miraculous grace, are actually changing. . . . It is going to go better in the judgment day for notorious pagans than for self-satisfied saints. The sum of the matter is this: *Christians* should take Jesus seriously. When they do, they escape judgment; when they do not, they invite it.”

Emil Bruner, *Matthew: The Christbook*, p. 425, 428.



### Questions to Help You Respond in Faith and Obedience to God's Word

1. If doubt or disappointment with God has been a part of your own relationship with God, what do you learn in this passage that helps with that? What role does God's Word play in dispelling your doubts?
2. What are the joys of living in the era of the New Covenant/God's Kingdom? What are the responsibilities that come with these privileges in terms of repentance and witness?

### Questions to Ask a Friend After the Worship Service

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

Next Week: Matthew 11:25-30 (If you have questions about God, what it means to follow Christ, our church or one of our sermons, please email us because we'd love to help— [christcovenantchurchbr@gmail.com](mailto:christcovenantchurchbr@gmail.com)).

# 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

- The aisle to the far left (as you face the pulpit) is reserved for those who are at a higher risk for Covid.
- Please wear a mask throughout the service as we comply with Governor Edwards’s mandate.
- The Offering Box in the back of the sanctuary can be used for giving to the Lord’s work.

## TODAY AND THE WEEKS AHEAD

**SNG TONIGHT:** Potluck 5:00. Worship 5:30-6:45 p.m. Bring an entrée and/or salad to share. Drinks and desserts provided. We’ll continue to explore popular misinterpreted Bible verses, and our kids (K-5th) will have catechism.

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS CLASS—SEPT 28 AND OCT 5 FROM 6:00 TO 8:30PM :** If you would like to know more about CCC—what we believe and how we are seeking to live together as God’s people—join us for a two-part Prospective Members’ Class in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Shawn at [thebranscum3@gmail.com](mailto:thebranscum3@gmail.com) so we can get a head-count for childcare. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided.

**WOMEN’S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY—OCTOBER 6 FROM 6:30-8:00 PM:** We are studying Psalm 23 in the Fellowship Hall. Study guides provided. Contact Erika Price with any questions (225-288-4735 or [erikapriceccc@gmail.com](mailto:erikapriceccc@gmail.com)). **A second group will meet in the church foyer beginning October 7 from 12:15-1:45 PM.**

**MENS RETREAT:** Oct. 8-9, CCC Men (friends welcome), college age and above, are invited to an overnight retreat at Solomon Retreat Center. \$50 per person. For more info, contact Shawn at [thebranscum3@gmail.com](mailto:thebranscum3@gmail.com). Please use this link to sign up by Thursday, September 30: <https://tinyurl.com/yej8zhru>

## OTHER WAYS TO PARTNER TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE NURSERY:** If you are a member of CCC and would be willing to serve our young families in this way, please email Erika at [erikapriceccc@gmail.com](mailto:erikapriceccc@gmail.com) or text her at 225-288-4735 to learn more.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:** Out of concern for the safety of our older adults and your children as well, please watch over them so they do not run or play in the sanctuary before or after the service. You are more than welcome to take your children to the playground, courtyard or Fellowship Hall and visit there.

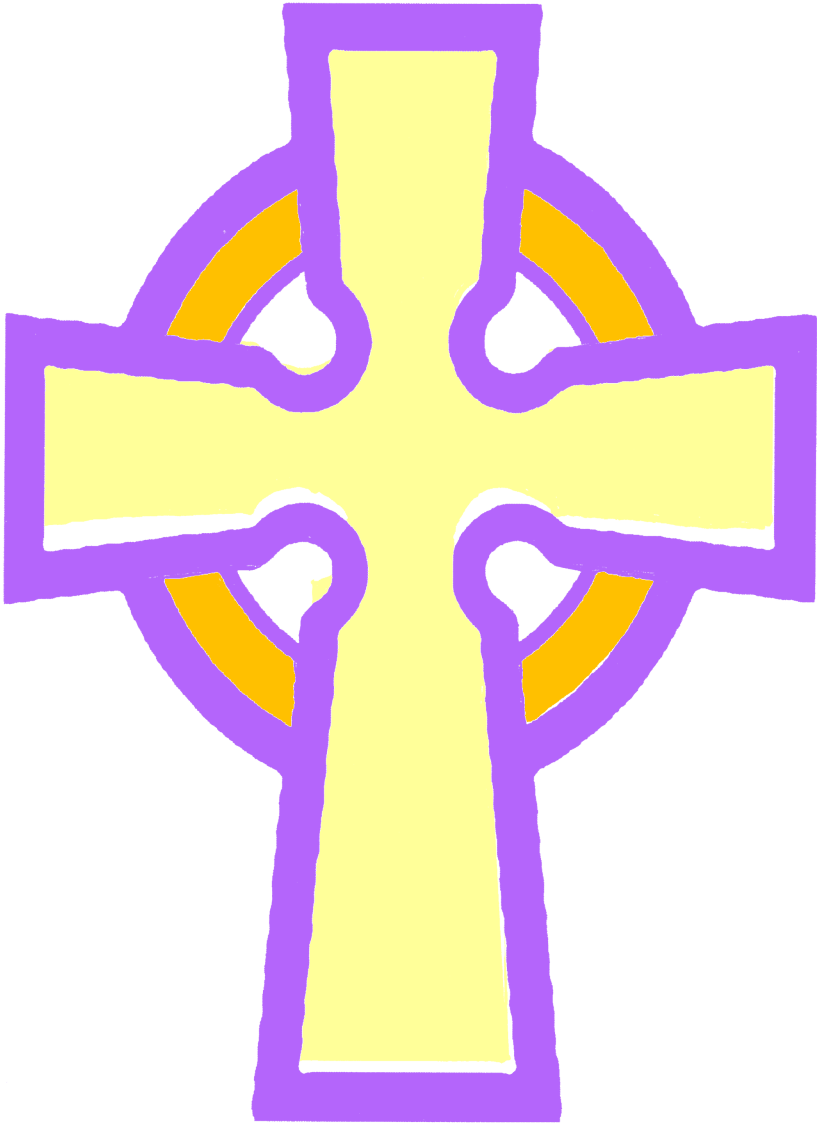
**VISTING WIDOWS AND SHUT-INS:** If you are a member of CCC and would like to be involved in this ministry through the end of this year, please contact Emily Hingle at [emilycatherinehingle@gmail.com](mailto:emilycatherinehingle@gmail.com).

**BENEVOLENCE OFFERING:** Money received will be used to help those impacted by the recent hurricane. You can designate your giving online or by putting “Benevolence” on the “memo” line of your check.

**MEMBERS’ MEETING—SUNDAY, OCT 10 FROM 5:00-6:30 P.M.:** Members of CCC are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting as we discuss matters related to our church family, including welcoming new members. We will have fried chicken and salad for dinner. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. Childcare provided.

## ONGOING BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDIES

Divorce Care	Sunday at 3:30-5:15 pm	Conference Room	Contact Chris 318-416-3768
Men’s Study	Mon. at 6:15-7:30 am (Skype) or Wed. at 11:45 am (Foyer/Narthex)		Contact Bob 225-266-7710
Grief Share	Wednesday at 2:30-4:00	Foyer/Narthex	Bob & Lucy 225-266-7710
Women’s Study	Every other Wednesday at 6:15-8 pm	Fellowship Hall	Contact Erika 225-288-4735



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