

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

Angels We Have Heard On High

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

WORSHIP IN HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Emmanuel (Glory in the Highest)

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD READ PUBLICLY

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Page 662)

WORSHIP THROUGH JOINING OUR HEARTS TOGETHER IN PRAYER

O Holy Night

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Who Will Be King?—The Promise of a King | 2 Samuel 7:1-16 | 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

Silent Night

BENEDICTION TO RETURN AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS TO THE WORLD

PRAYER LIST

Members: Christine Cloud, Charles Dabadie, Peyton Fetzer, Todd Hollingsworth, and Kevin Marquez.

CCC Elders: For wisdom, unity and godliness to characterize our pastors--Bradley Aucoin, Shawn Branscum, Matt Edwards, Scott Gendron, Bob Welch and Casey Williamson.

Who Will Be King?—The King and His Kingdom

2 Sam. 7:1-17 (Pg 259)

7:1 Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." 3And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7 In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'

8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David



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

1. What did David want to do for God? How did God surprise David?
2. How should you live differently in light of the fact that Jesus is God's Promised (Davidic) King?

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: Luke 3:1-18 (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 if we can--christcovenantchurchbr@gmail.com).

WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

1700 Lee Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | 225.924.2269 | christcovenantchurch.net

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 **Deacons:** Bill Stickle, Mark Tiller

TODAY AND THE WEEKS AHEAD

NO CORE SEMINARS IN DECEMBER: We will resume Core Seminars and Worship Trainings January 23rd.

MARDI GRAS MEXICO MISSION TRIP--FEB. 25-MARCH 3, 2022: This will be our church's 8th trip to work at the "Little House of Hope" home for children. Cost: \$750/pp (includes everything except your passport costs and spending money). **A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due December 15** (Check memo: Mexico Mission Trip). If you are planning on going (or are interested), visit with Shawn up front by the piano right after the service today.

OTHER WAYS TO PARTNER TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR . . . FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL: Our friends, neighbors and co-workers are often more open to the Christian faith during the holidays than at any other time during the year. Make use of the Holiday Postcards on the Resource Table to invite a friend to join us this holiday season. **Christmas Eve** at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (Lord's Supper Service) and **Christmas Day** (December 25) at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (a brief, causal service focused on God's Word and singing).

"WHO WILL BE KING?" FOR CHILDREN: If you would like a short gospel tract to discuss with your children, pick up a "Who Will Be King?" booklet on the Resource Table. This does not follow our Advent Sermon Series exactly, but it does capture the big idea of Christ the New Born King. **Also, there are free copies of *The Case for Christmas*** to read and/or give away to those who might be interested in learning about the historical veracity of Christmas.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE READING GUIDES: Available on the Resource Table and helpful for private/family devotions.

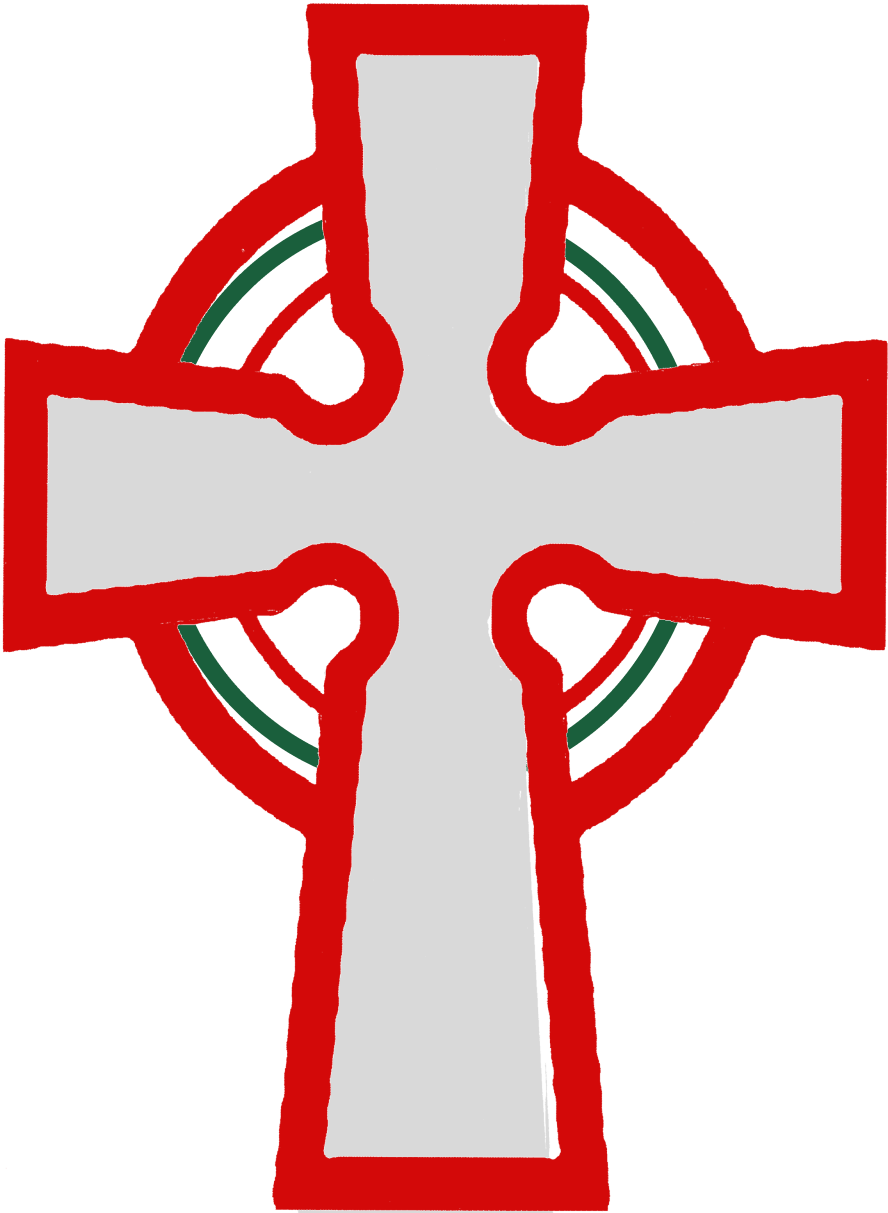
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Throughout December, we highlight the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, an annual offering in which 100% of the money collected is used to support the efforts of the IMB to bring the gospel to the nations. This year's National Goal is \$185 million. Giving envelopes in the Foyer.

CCC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: The first First Grade of Christ Covenant Elementary School is set to begin in the Fall of 2022 and if you would like to learn more about the What, Why and How of CCE, please listen to the Audio from the Informational Meeting that is posted on our Web Page or you can reach out to Bradley Aucoin or Chris Shipley. A Non-Refundable Deposit of \$250 is due by December 15, 2021.

WOMEN'S BIBLE RECAP GROUP: The reading plan will begin January 1 and the group will meet twice a month on Friday mornings. If you are interested in accountability and fellowship as you read through the Bible in 2022 with a group of CCC women, please contact Erika Price at erikapriceccc@gmail.com or 225-288-4735 for details.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING: For tax purposes, all 2021 giving must be received at the church office by Friday, December 31, 2021 (by 12 noon), post-marked by December 31, 2021, or completed on-line by midnight on December 31, 2021. Thanks for your faithful and sacrificial giving to help us meet our 2021 budget.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	Budgeted Giving	Actual Giving	Surplus (Deficit)
<i>as of 12/8/21 (rounded)</i>	\$702,023	\$616,076	(-\$85,947)



DECEMBER 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRIST
COVENANT
CHURCH

Building Fund Matching Challenge | \$69,658 (Given since 10.1.21)
For the first \$81,000 given to the Building Fund between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, another \$81,000 will be matched and, together, \$162,000 will be enough to pay off an entire year's worth of principal/interest on our loan.