

# The Worship of God

December 10, 2017

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

*The Kids' Club Choir*

## ***Gathered in the Hope of the Gospel***

\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 40:3-5*

*Leader: "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.*

***All: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."***

\*EXALTING THE LORD OF ALL

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

\*INVOCATION

CONFESSING OUR SIN TOGETHER

***Heavenly Father, we confess that we are guilty of pride and unbelief. We neglect to seek first your Kingdom in our daily lives. We fail to meditate upon your Holy Word. Like the prodigal, we are always longing for the far country. Forgive us for our sinful ways. Till the soil of our hearts so that the roots of your grace may spread far and wide and we would be more and more like your Son. Keep us clinging always to the cross of Christ. In whose name, we pray. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON IN CHRIST

*Micah 7:18-19*

*"Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."*

*\*Let us stand together before the LORD*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PRAISING CHRIST THE KING

*What Child is This?*

PUBLIC READING OF GOD'S WORD

*Matthew 3:1-12*

*(pew bible p. 808)*

PRAYING FOR THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

GIVING TEN PERCENT & OUR OFFERINGS

*Offertory*

*God of Every Generation*

*The Kids' Club Choir*

## ***Shaped by the Sacred Scriptures***

The Scripture:

*Isaiah 53*

*(pew bible pp. 613-14)*

The Sermon:

*"A Suffering Savior"*

*Pastor Clint Wilcke*

\*PREPARING FOR THE TABLE

*Boldly I Approach*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation and Warning*

*The Bread and the Cup*

## ***Leaving to Love and Serve Our Neighbors***

\*LEAVING THE TABLE

*Sing to the King*

\*BENEDICTION

*\*Let us stand together before the LORD*

## Our Purpose in Hernando

**Our Vision:** Christ Covenant seeks to worship God in Hernando as a *missional community* that is committed to love, train, and serve others in Jesus Christ!

**Our Focus:** Christ Covenant *will gather* to worship the God of Scripture, *intentionally nurture* our fellowship in Christ, and *thoughtfully serve* the people of Hernando in DeSoto County.

**Our Values:** We have three core values which give us hope and shape our vision at Christ Covenant:

- We believe **the Gospel** of Christ is the power of God unto new life, which is able to transform any individual, community, and city.
- We believe **the Church** is the body of Christ, which is the focused community of God for gathering and sanctifying His people in this world.
- We believe **the Kingdom** of Christ is His rule and authority over all things, which promises to bring peace (shalom) in heaven and upon the earth.

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# Christ Covenant

CHURCH

LOVE TRAIN SERVE

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

*Mark 10:45*