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The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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The deacons are elected by the congregation to assist the elders, primarily by caring for the physical and material needs of church members and upkeep of the church facility. They also extend the love and generosity of Christ to those outside the church. Please contact them if you or someone you are concerned about has a physical or material need.

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CHRIST COVENANT Presbyterian Church

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As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

Psalm 42:1-2

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Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 6:1-3

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphs . . . And they were calling to one another.

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826 TUNE: J.B. Dykes, 1861

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Psalm 45: Fairest Of All

WORDS & MUSIC: Shane Barnard and Shane Everett, 2015

My heart burst at its banks, Spilling with beauty and goodness.
I pour it out as a song to my King, Shaping the rivers into words.

What grace pours from your lips, The sound calls the midnight to morning;
The melody turns my winter to spring, I echo it now in my worship.

Adult Sunday School Classes

We invite you to find a book or subject you want to study or a teacher you love and join us at 10:30 as we study God’s Word together. Classes meet after the worship service.

Acts

Meets in the Chandelier Room
Led by Randy Hays and Andy Starnes
Open to everyone

John

Meets in the Session Room
Led by Mike Burton
Open to men of all ages

Matthew

Meets in the Gloria Edwards Room
Led by Dixie Bergquist
Open to women of all ages and stages of life

A View From The Top: Studies in the Life of Joseph by Wallace Tinsley, Jr.

Meets in the Bell Tower Room
Led by Diane Burton
Open to women going through loss from death or divorce

2 Corinthians

Meets in Fellowship Hall
Led by Steve Nyquist
Open to everyone

Sermon on the Mount

Meets in Classroom 4
Led by Phil Gatlin
Open to everyone

Information & Classes

Church Membership

During the Sunday school hour we have a class for those interested in church membership called the *Inquirers Class*. Please speak to Pastor Andrew after the service if you would like to attend.

Nursery & Cry Room

A nursery is available for infants through age four. There is also a cry room in the back of the sanctuary for mothers with young children.

Counseling

*Are you in a shameful or fearful situation and feel you have no one to talk to?

*Are you battling an addiction to drugs, alcohol, sex, pornography, or gambling?

*Are you in a violent or abusive relationship—verbally, physically, or sexually?

You are not alone. Go to www.christcovenantcullman.org and click on: Counseling

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. The children's classes use graded material that covers the big stories and themes of the Bible. Coordinator Steve Turner and Jonathan Haynes.

Preschool	Kristi Nyquist/Haley White	Room 14
Kindergarten	Jason & Melanie McCoy/Tracie & Nicki Rakestraw	Room 15
1st Grade	Hope Atchison/Holly Powell	Room 12
2nd & 3rd Grade	Randy & Tara Quinn/Kellen & Katie Thompson	Room 8
4th, 5th, 6th Boys	Wyatt Pettus/Rick White	Room 9
4th, 5th, 6th Girls	Joyah Pettus/Dana Starnes	Room 6

Youth Sunday School

The youth classes cover various biblical and theological topics.

7th & 8th Grade	Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger	Youth House
9th & 10th Grade	John Knappenberger	Youth House
11th & 12th Grade	Brandon & Laura Reeder	Youth House

*Ten thousand strong, You're the fairest of all,
Fairest in heaven and earth.
Of the children of men You're the fairest of them,
Fairest in heaven and earth.*

Your heart burst at the seams, Flowing with blood and with water.
A song of love pouring out from the tree singing,
"For the joy set before me."

You ransomed your bride On the day that you died,
Ascended to heaven in glory.
She stands clothed in white With her head lifted high singing,
"Come and return in Your glory."

You ransomed your bride On the day that you died,
Ascended to heaven in glory.
We stand clothed in white With our voice lifted high singing,
"Come and return in Your glory."

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 2:13-19

CONFESSION OF SIN

You have been a fountain of grace to us, O Lord,
always springing up to everlasting life,
always providing water for our thirsty souls.
But we have drunk from broken cisterns, contaminated waters
polluted with our pride, hatred, fear, and lust.
We have fouled our homes and our land
with poisonous streams of unholy words and actions.

Hear our confession, O Father,
and forgive us through the blood of Christ, Your only Son.
May Your Holy Spirit make us thirsty for the righteousness of Christ
so that we may drink of Him—the Living Water.
Then enable us to pour out the glory of His grace on our thirsty land.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sermon Notes

SONG OF ASSURANCE

In My Hiding Place

TEXT & MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2005

Loving God please have mercy, take my sin away.
Father wash me and cleanse me, make me pure again.
Against You and You only, have I sinned willingly.
Father You are most Holy. Purify me!

Your mercy's deep, Your mercy's wide, Your mercy finds me where I hide.

The river flows and washes over me.

And when I turn to run away Your mercy finds me where I am

And covers me with amazing grace, In my hiding place.

Many times I've been silent, and I've wasted away.
Then You've heard my confessions, and my sin You forgave.
So I come to You Father, let the waters rise.
Father, You are my refuge. In You I'll hide.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Please place visitor cards in the offering plate

OFFERTORY

How Great

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:28-29

SERMON

“The Word Of Need”

Pray for our Missionaries

Reid and Kelli Jones have served on the campus of the University of Alabama, Huntsville with Reformed University Fellowship for the past five years. The following is an email Reid sent to the Presbytery this week about a ministry change.

Brothers,

I recently received and accepted a call to serve as the RUF Campus Minister at Clemson University, beginning June 1st. While we are tremendously excited for this new opportunity and call, we are simultaneously filled with plenty other emotions when it comes to leaving a place, a community, a campus and a presbytery that has loved us so well. We told our daughters yesterday and our student leadership team last night. We will announce it at our Large Group tonight, and then tell the rest of our support team tomorrow.

I wanted to tell you personally (sorry it's through email), because I think we are together a part of the best presbytery in the PCA. My 5 years as a teaching elder in Providence Presbytery has been filled with joy and growth — because of your friendships. I hope you know this: *we have something special here, brothers.* And I am deeply grateful to the Lord for allowing me to be a part of a group of brothers like these for a time like this.

Regrettably, I will not be at the next presbytery meeting in May (though it would be my last) because it falls during our Summer Conference (for the first time). I do hope to see each of you in some other way over the next two months - perhaps at our 10 Year Anniversary Celebration in April? The committee hopes to introduce the new campus minister that weekend. That will be a special time for sure us all.

I intend to contact members of your Session and/or missions committee in the coming months, requesting that they continue to support the work here at UAH. This ministry has been well-financially-supported by our churches, prayed for by its members, and cared for by particular individuals along the way. I feel that the relationships have only strengthened between our churches and our campus in the last 5 years — a legacy I will proudly own and praise the Lord for. Please continue to love our future staff and students in the ways that you have loved me.

Thank you brothers. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have in the coming weeks. Pray for RUF at UAH...and the Joneses as well.

REID

COMMUNION SONG

Isaiah 43

MUSIC: Hillsong United, 2008

When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
And the waves they shall not overcome you.
Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name you are Mine.

For I am the Lord your God, I am the Lord your God,
For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.

I am the Lord, *(men)* Do not fear. *(women)*
I am the Lord, *(men)* Do not fear. *(women)*
I am the Lord, *(men)* Do not fear. *(women)*
I am the Lord, *(men)* Do not fear. *(women)*
I am the Lord. *(all)*

When you walk through the fire I will be with you;
And the flames they shall not, not consume you.
Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name you are Mine.

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

By Faith

TEXT & MUSIC: K & K Getty, Stuart Townsend, 2009

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise. We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news In every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name.

*BENEDICTION

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Wednesday

6:30 p.m Covenant Kids
Covenant Groups
Youth Group

Friday

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

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery Volunteers' Schedule

April 2

9-10:15– Billy Atchison, Diane Burton
10:30-11:15– Edward Bonds

April 9

9-10:15– Connie Jacobs, Shonda Price
10:30-11:15– Melodie Benson

April Birthdays

3 - Addison Dyer
3 - Penn Kennedy
5 - Steven Turner

Covenant Kids Reminder

If you only paid for half of your child's meals last fall please send the remainder with your child as soon as you can. Meals are \$20 (per child) for the year for nursery and \$44 for year for 4 yrs - 6th. If you can't remember what you paid just please see me. ~Tracie

Holy Week Service

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Is your heart ready for Easter? Prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection by remembering his words and actions in the Upper Room on the night he was betrayed. Singing, Gospel readings, and the Lord's Table take us back in time to that most holy night. Please join us, you'll be glad you did. Nursery provided.

Christ Covenant 25th Anniversary

Can you believe it? We're almost 25!

We'll celebrate our 25th Anniversary as a church with special events the week of April 30 through May 7.

Sunday, May 7 will be a special day you don't want to miss, so mark your calendars.

If anyone has any pictures from the past, bring them by the office and we will have copies made and return the originals. We hope to make this a memorable week and anniversary.

25th Anniversary Planning:
Martha Hasenbein, Julie Kennedy, Christie Bright

Rummage Sale Donor's Benefit

You generous people who have donated your items to the Honduran Medical Missions Rummage Sale may have the benefit of a tax deduction. Forms will be available in the church office through Brooke. You, on your own, may make a rough list of your items donated and YOU ESTIMATE THEIR TOTAL VALUE.

Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups are small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, encouragement, prayer, and to grow in our depth of love for one another and for Christ. Covenant Groups meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM. You are welcome to join a Covenant Group at any time. Speak to any elder for more information.

Mats for Kenya Relief Ministry

Members and supporters at St. John's church have used about 100,000 plastic shopping bags to make over a 100 sleeping mats for the Kenya Relief Ministry to give to African families. Everyone is welcome to help make the mats on Tuesdays, 9 to 12 at St. John's. Deposit plastic bags in the container in the hallway next to the OCC bulletin board.

Radio Program

Listen to *A Different Perspective*, hosted by Pastor Tom Fillinger. Broadcast Monday through Friday on WKUL 92.1 FM at 11:30 am. Our goal is the reformation and renewal of the church in Cullman County and North Alabama. Tune in each day. Pray with us. Ask God to transform his church as only he can.

Easy Online Giving

Giving online is more convenient than ever. Some of the best features are mobile and text giving, automatic recurring donations, and customizable giving options. Creating an account is easy; just visit the church's website and click "Give". For more information, pick up a copy of the printed instructions from the narthex.

Precept: Lamentations

Sorrow & Hope in the aftermath of rebellion against God. 3 weeks starting March 9th at the Bergquist home. Our number is 256-739-4777.

Shorter Catechism

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?
A. In the sixth petition (which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil) we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.