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Session

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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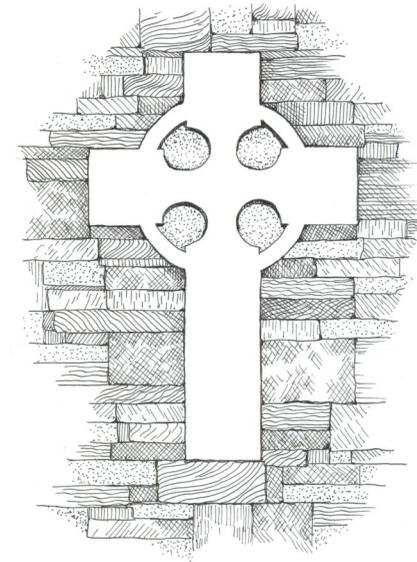
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CHRIST COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 3, 2017 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 1

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God . . . and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: **Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

SONGS OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

TEXT: Latin Hymn , 1710 TUNE: Plainsong, 13th Century

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them victory over the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1758, John Cennick, 1752 MUSIC: Matthew Smith, 2001

Every eye shall then behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

*Lo, He comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear:
All His saints, by men rejected, now shall meet Him in the air:
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.

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

Adult Sunday School Classes

Find a teacher you love or a topic that intrigues you and join us after the worship service at 10:30 to study the Word of God.

Galatians

Galatians was written for people like us. This epistle has such a liberating influence because the church is always full of people who need to receive the gospel again, *as if for the very first time*.
Taught by Phil GatlinRoom 4***Open to everyone***

Acts

How can the church of today continue the bold mission commanded by Christ and instituted by the Apostles through the Holy Spirit?
Taught by Randy HaysFellowship Hall***Open to everyone***

Matthew

Who is Jesus? Matthew answers that question as one who saw, heard, and loved the Savior. A gripping story, a convincing proof of Jesus as Messiah, Matthew speaks to us today with gems of verses we love and return to time and time again.
Taught by Dixie Bergquist & Allison SiegenthalerGloria Edwards Room***
Open to women of all ages***

A View From The Top: Studies in the Life of Joseph

We're using a book by Wallace Tinsley, Jr. to guide our study.
Taught by Diane BurtonBell Tower Room***Open to women in transition or trial***

Classes & Other Information

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.

Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups are small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, encouragement, prayer, and growth in our 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.

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.

<u>Preschool</u>	Kristi Nyquist/Christy Lang	Room 14
<u>Kindergarten</u>	Jason & Melanie McCoy	Room 15
<u>1st—2nd Grade</u>	Zeb & Holly Powell/Blake & Allison Bright	Room 12
<u>3rd Grade</u>	Caroline Lunsford/Dana Anders	Room 8
<u>4th— 6th Girls</u>	Dana Starnes/Joyah Pettus	Room 9
<u>4th— 6th Boys</u>	Rick White/Wyatt Pettus	Room 6

Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O, come quickly, O come quickly! Everlasting God, come down.

INVOCATION

ADVENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

Madison Hooks
Avery Barlow

CONFESSION OF SIN

Help me, O God, to fix the eyes of my heart on Christ, your eternal Son.
Take my affections off the passing things of this world in order that
I may love you with a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
I confess, O Father, that my faith has faltered and my steps have wandered
into many foolish and evil ways, injuring myself and others
and bringing dishonor on your holy Name.
Forgive me, O Lord, through the blood of your Son;
fill my heart with saving faith that I may fill my life with deeds of love and mercy.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Heal Us, Emmanuel

WORDS: William Cowper, 1731-1800 (alt Twit), MUSIC: Kevin Twit, 2015

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are, We long to feel Thy touch.
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly, O Savior hear our cry.*

Our faith is feeble, we confess We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied With trembling for relief:
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried, “O help my unbelief!”

She, too, who touched you in the press And healing virtue stole
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace, Thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home, Send none unhealed away!

BAPTISM

Greer Louise Bright

PARENTAL VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

Please place visitor cards in the offering plate

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

SERMON

"I'll Be Home For Christmas"

First Sunday of Advent

COMMUNION SONG

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

TEXT: Phillips Brooks, 1868 TUNE: Lewis Redner, 1868

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n.
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Go, Tell It On The Mountain

TEXT & MUSIC: African American Spiritual

*Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

The Shepherds feared and trembled when, lo above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

BENEDICTION

Christ Covenant News

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

This Week's Activities

Wednesday

6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group
Covenant Kids
Covenant Groups

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

December 3

9-10:15– Karen Adams, Kim Canaday
10:30-11:15– Melodie Benson

December 10

9-10:15– TBA
10:30-11:15– TBA

December Birthdays

4 - Holden Atchison
5 - Will Siegenthaler
5 - Judie Hubbard
5 - Moriah Davis
6 - Eric Rodriguez
7 - Chris LaGanke
8 - Alex Rakestraw
8 - Will Shirey
8 - Linton Newlin
8 - Adelaide Reeder

Prayer Chain

Your brothers and sisters in Christ would love to pray for you. Please call, text, or email with any requests. Rest in the knowledge that God's people will be interceding on your behalf. Gwen Hays 256-796-7031/256-709-5276 gwen2829@yahoo.com or Dollie White 256-737-9215.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine, for you all, making requests with joy." Philippians 1:3-4

Christmas Eve Service

Children reading the story of Christ's birth, Christmas carols, Communion, and candlelight singing of *Silent Night*. Nothing could be better for this most special night of the year!

6:00 in the Sanctuary
Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year.
No nursery provided, but babies are welcomed.

Holiday Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, December 24—No Sunday school
Coffee and fellowship in the narthex after worship
Sunday, December 31—Combined Sunday school
In the Fellowship Hall. Andrew will be teaching on a special subject.

Covenant Kids Announcement

Parents please remember that the drop off is at 6:15. My teachers do not arrive until that time and I am usually busy putting last minute things together. Also, pick up time is at 8:15. Please be mindful of the fact that my teachers have families and they need to get home at a reasonable time. –Tracie Rakestraw

Holmes Family Adoption T-Shirts

As some of you know, we are in the process of adopting a little boy from China! As we get closer to bringing him home we are selling T-shirts to help with funding travel costs. All shirts are \$20 and say "Love Makes a Family". You can order at <http://tinyurl.com/wesandsarahadoption> If you have any questions please contact Sarah at 256-339-5858. Thank you for your prayers and support with getting our little guy home! -Wes, Sarah, Annabelle and Elijah

Precept: 1 Thessalonians— Blameless at His Coming.

What does genuine salvation, honest discipleship, and godly leadership look like! Starts Thursday, October 26 - 11 weeks. We break between Thanksgiving and New Years. At the Bergquist home, Women's classes at 8:30am and 7pm. Men's separate class at 7pm. (256) 739-4777.

Shorter Catechism

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?
A. The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.