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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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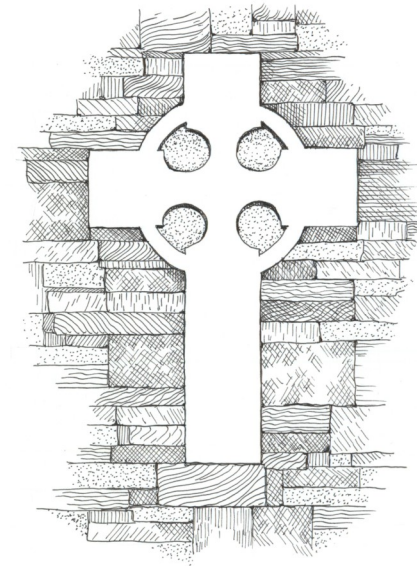
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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 30, 2018 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

All: **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Another Year Is Dawning

TEXT: Frances Havergal, 1874 TUNE: (Aurelia) Samuel Wesley, 1864

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning: dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Tommy Walker 1998 TUNE: St. Anne; William Croft, 1708

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

*O God, You are, You are our help, You are our helper.
To all generations You will be forever and ever
Our shield and our eternal hope, O Lord,
You are the Ancient of Days and worthy of our praise.*

Youth Sunday School

The youth classes cover various biblical and theological topics.

7th & 8th Grade

9th & 10th Grade

11th & 12th Grade

Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger

John Knappenberger

Brandon & Laura Reeder

Youth House

Youth House

Youth House

Adult Sunday School Classes

Women's Class – Allison Siegenthaler and Dixie Bergquist – Gloria Edwards Room

Psalm 119

“Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning.” Psalm 119:54. How do we love a law? Why do we delight in a precept? Where is truth found? What is the Bible to me? Who can hear and keep it? Join us as we pray for one another and study God's word on His Word.

Co-Ed Class 1 – Brad Eades and Wes Rakestraw — Sanctuary

Isaiah 1-12

How do you respond when you hear someone say that the God of the Old Testament is mean, but in the New Testament full of grace? Come learn about the character of God in a book that is often referred to as the gospel of the Old Testament.

Co-Ed Class 2 – Randy Hays and Vince Bergquist – Classroom 4

Revelation for Everyone

What does the last book of the Bible teach us about God's redemptive plan for His chosen people? Why does God's plan include the suffering of His people? Where is all this going? Come join us this fall as we see how Christians are truly “More Than Conquerors.”

Co-Ed Class 3 – Steve Nyquist – Fellowship Hall

Jesus Is the Promised Messiah of the Old Testament

This year we will work through specific Old Testament passages telling us about a loving God providing His children with a plan for forgiveness and redemption through the person of Jesus the Messiah.

Class for Women in Transition or Trial – Diane Burton – Bell Tower Room

For the past year we have been studying union with Christ. We will now be studying prayer in the life of the believer. Since Christ lives in me and I in him, my prayer life should reflect this union with Christ. It will be an exciting time of growth in our walk with the Lord.

Classes & Other Information

Church Membership

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

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.

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 or 256-709-5276 gwen2829@yahoo.com
Dollie White 256-737-9215

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

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.

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. Coordinators Steve Turner and Jonathan Haynes.

Preschool	Whitney & Braden Cook/Tara & Randy Quinn	Room 14
Kindergarten	Allison & Blake Bright/Mary & Benjamin Rogers	Room 15
1st Grade	Melanie & Jason McCoy/Rachel & Jonathan Skeen	Room 8
2nd—3rd Grades	Zeb & Holly Powell (one teacher still needed)	Room 6
4th—6th Girls	Rachael Howze (one couple still needed)	Downstairs
4th—6th Boys	Bo Shirey & Rick White	Downstairs

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 33:1-22

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, You have been a great rock of salvation to me,
a firm foundation for my life;
but I have been like the waves of the sea,
driven with the winds and tossed,
unstable in all my ways.
I have not been faithful to You, O God,
nor to my loved ones and neighbors.
My sins weigh upon my conscience
so that I must cry out for forgiveness.
Hear me, O Father, and pardon all my iniquities
through the blood of Jesus Christ Your Son.
Renew my life with Your Holy Spirit
so that I may praise Your Name
and joyfully serve You and Your people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

WORDS & MUSIC: Stuart Townend, 1995

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That He would give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold, the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no powr's, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom.

Sermon Notes

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

Please place visitor cards in the offering plate

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:8-12

SERMON

Facing The Unknowns Of A New Year

COMMUNION SONG

Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace

WORDS: Daniel Herbert, 1838 MUSIC: Clint Wells, Brian Murphy, 2004

Come boldly to the throne of grace, Ye wretched sinners come;
And lay your load at Jesus' feet, And plead what he has done.
"How can I come?" Some soul may say, "I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh, but dare not talk."

Come boldly to the throne of grace, Though lost, and blind, and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, And ever was the same.
He makes the dead to hear his voice; He makes the blind to see;
The sinner lost he came to save, And set the prisoner free.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, For Jesus fills the throne;
And those he kills he makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan.
Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know The hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace; The Lord will take you in.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself
but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

“Love . . . Reaching”

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

All Things New

WORDS & MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2013

You've said you know the plans you have for me; You've said that I am wonderfully made.
But I've forsaken all you have for me, For idols that will all melt away.

*But you stayed true, My God, I praise you!
You came to me in my brokenness, And pulled me out of the mess,
And you turned me around.*

You heard me call out in my distress, In spite of your holiness, You came down.
And you're making all things new, You're making all things new.

You've told me I was made in your image, That you've adopted me as your son.
I've walked through life more like I'm an orphan And not as one of your chosen ones.

BENEDICTION

The Heidelberg Catechism was written in Germany in 1563. It is the doctrinal confession of many Reformed churches.

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. NO Covenant Kids
NO Youth Group
NO 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 30

9-10:15– Linda Morgan, Merrill Dotson
10:30-11:15– Joyah Pettus, Melodie Benson

January 6

9-10:15– Hannah Richter, Janine Lee
10:30-11:15– Ellie Lunsford

January 13

9-10:15– Mary Rogers, Sue Roberts
10:30-11:15– Taira Ugarkovich

January 20

9-10:15– Anna Bright, Lori Barlow
10:30-11:15– Donnette Rakestraw

December Birthdays

30—Michael Emanuel
30—Rollins Quinn
31—Reed Canaday

January Birthdays

1—Cooper Nyquist
2—Steve Fuller
3—Bo Shirey
3—Holly Powell
3—Jason McCoy
5—Elijah Johnson
5—Rachael Howze
5—Thomas Hanyes

Ladies Night

We will not have Ladies Night in January but will meet again Monday, February 4th at Grumpy's at 5:30. Call in your order. Text 256 347 3593 if you need the nursery.

Nursery News

We are currently working to make improvements to our church nursery. Parents with children 0-18 months drop off at the Infant Nursery (third door). Parents with children 18 months - 3 years should continue to drop off at the Main-Toddler Nursery (first door). New nursery volunteers are welcome. If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery please contact the church office (256-739-0505) to be added to the list.

Precept: Ezekiel

God's horrifying judgments and incredible blessings are that everyone—both saved and lost—might know "I Am the Lord God!" Starts Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Bergquist home. 8:30 am (women's) and 7:00 pm (men & women separate). For books or questions call 739-4777.

2019 Men's Hike

It's not too early to put our 3rd Annual Hike on your calendar—May 10th returning on May 11th—Len Foote Hike Inn in the Chattahoochee National Forest in North Georgia. The cost is \$105.00 per person, this includes dinner and breakfast, 2 men per room that has a set of bunk beds. YOU GET YOUR OWN BED! Also there is a bath house and the rooms have power.

Women's Ministry

Breakaway 2019 March 1st & 2nd

Brenda Payne will be our featured speaker. She is a licensed biblical counselor from Chattanooga, TN. She is also the founder of KNOWN ministries whose mission is to, "inspire, equip, and train women to apply God's word to be disciples and make disciples through the local church."

brendapayne.com
knownministries.org

Don't miss this exciting and fun opportunity to Break-Away from everyday life and gather with fellow believers! More details/information to follow.

Mission Trip Opportunities for 2019

Honduras (June 15-22): we will be returning for our third mission trip to La Ceiba, Honduras. Since our last trip we have begun monthly support for Dr. Roger Guillen, a physician who is native to the La Ceiba area. This trip will allow us to support Dr. Guillen's work and to reconnect to the MTW Mission Team in La Ceiba.

Yakima, WA (July 13-20): we have an opportunity for five members of our congregation to join with a sister church in our presbytery, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, in a trip to Yakima, Washington to support the work of our missionaries, Chris & Mary Granberry, and Sacred Road Ministries. If you feel called to either of these opportunities, please let Jonathan Haynes know so we can continue our planning for 2019.