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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. 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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A word aptly spoken is like
apples of gold in settings of silver.
Proverbs 25:11

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-6

Minister: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
And extol Him with music and song.

**People: For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
In his hands are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Minister: Come, let us bow down in worship;
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

TEXT & MUSIC: Brian Doerksen, 1998

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

TEXT: Henry W. Baker, 1876 MUSIC: Matthew Smith, 2010

Once on a dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.
But Jesus sought and found us And washed our guilt away;
With cords of love He bound us To be His own today.

*Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven, Oh, praise our pardoning God!*

Adult Bible Fellowship

The purpose of Adult Bible Fellowship is to teach consistently the whole counsel of God through the study of the Bible and biblical topics; to encourage the fellowship of believers; and to build disciples by equipping Christians to make an impact for Jesus Christ beginning in the home and church, and moving to Cullman and beyond. Coordinator Randy Hays.

Family Life

Sanctuary

For Couples and Parents With Children at Home

It seems that families have never faced greater challenges than the current time in which in we live. But thank God that we have His promises, His faithfulness, hope through the person and work of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit made available to us. On that foundation, our purpose is to encourage and equip (1) couples in their marriage and (2) parents as they raise their children. This includes being real with one another, sharing our victories and defeats. This also includes coming alongside struggling marriages pointing one another to Christ, and simply being there for one another. Led by Jay Weatherly and Jonathan Haynes

Sojourners

Room 4

For Empty Nesters and Grandparents.

The primary goal of Sojourners Adult Bible Fellowship is not just presenting information about the Bible. The primary goal is encouraging one another to follow hard after Christ according to the plain meaning of the biblical text. Join with us in the exciting study of Isaiah every Sunday morning after our worship service. Led by Phil Gatlin & Linton Newlin.

Faith Followers

Gloria Edwards Room

Women of all ages are invited to study I, II, and III John. Join us as we study the Word and care for each other through prayer. Led by Randy Hays.

My New Normal

Bell Tower

For women who have been married and are going through a loss either because of death or divorce. We focus on God's story for your life and learning to walk in your new normal. Our current study is a book by Larry Crabb called Shattered Dreams. Led by Diane Burton

Iron Sharpens Iron

Fellowship Hall

We will spend this year studying through Paul's letters to the church plant in Corinth (1 & 2 Corinthians). The spiritual life journey of a believer is significantly shaped through interactions with a specific community of other believers—the local Body. Paul's letters walk us through the good, bad and ugly of maturing Christians in community with other maturing Christians. One change for this year is that we are going CO-ED. Any and all 'better-halves' are invited to join with the men in this study. Led by Steve Nyquist

Wisdom Seekers

Session Room

For men who desire a deeper understanding of God's Word. If you want a more significant role in the home as mature Christian leaders who acknowledge "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" then this class is for you. We are presently studying the book of John with open discussion and fellowship each Sunday. Led by Mike Burton

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

3 & 4 year-olds	Nancy Bonds & Hope Atchison.....	Room 14
Kindergarten	Jason & Melanie McCoy.....	Room 15
1st Grade	Derek Rakestraw, Braden & Whitney Cook.....	Room 13
2nd Grade	Joyah Pettus & Holly Powell	Room 12
3rd Grade	Steve Turner & Tracie Rakestraw	Room 3
4th, 5th & 6th boys	Rick White & Wyatt Pettus	Room 9
4th, 5th & 6th girls	Dana Anders & Dana Starnes	Room 6

Youth Sunday School

The youth classes cover various biblical and theological topics.

7 th & 8 th Grade	Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger	Youth House
9 th & 10 th Grade	Edward Bonds	Youth House
11 th & 12 th Grade	Brandon & Laura Reeder	Youth House
College	Shane & Tamara Sheffield and Randy & Tara Quinn	Youth House

Dear Lord, receive the glory Of each recovered soul,
Oh, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit; Be Yours alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit To serve You all our days.

Now keep us, holy Savior, In Your true love and fear
And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere,
Till in Your new creation, When Earth meets Heaven's shore,
We find our full salvation And praise You evermore.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

From Psalm 38

O Lord, do not rebuke us in Your anger or discipline us in Your wrath.
For Your arrows have pierced us, and Your hand has come down upon us.
Because of Your wrath there is no health in our bodies;
our bones have no soundness because of our sin.
Our guilt has overwhelmed us like a burden too heavy to bear.
All our longings lie open before You, O Lord;
our sighing is not hidden from You.
We confess our iniquity; we are troubled by our sin.
O Lord, do not forsake us;
Come quickly to help us, O Lord our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Though You Slay Me

WORDS & MUSIC: Shane Barnard & Shane Everett, 2013

I come, God, I come, return to the Lord
The One who's broken, the One who's torn me apart.
You strike down to bind me up, You say You do it all in love
That I might know You in Your suffering.

*Though You slay me, yet I will praise You;
Though You take from me, I will bless Your name;
Though You ruin me, still I will worship—
Sing a song to the One who's all I need.*

Sermon Notes

My heart and flesh may fail, the earth below give way;
But with my eyes, with my eyes I'll see the Lord
Lifted high on that day: Behold, the Lamb that was slain!
And I'll know every tear was worth it all.

*Though You slay me, yet I will praise You;
Though You take from me, I will bless Your name;
Though You ruin me, still I will worship—
Sing a song to the One who's all I need.*

Though tonight I'm crying out: Let this cup pass from me now,
You're still all that I need, You're enough for me, You're enough for me.
Sing a song to the One who's all I need, sing a song to the One who's all I need.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

Please place visitor cards in the offering plate.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:26-31

SERMON

“Balancing Honesty and Compassion”

COMMUNION SONG

Behold The Lamb

WORDS & MUSIC: Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty, 2007

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us.
And we remember the promise made, that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this Bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you.
Eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you.
Drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith We rise to respond,
And to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Pray for Our Missionaries

CONFESSION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism

Minister: Why do you call Jesus “Lord”?

People: Because, not with gold or silver, but at the cost of His blood, He has redeemed us body and soul from sin and all dominion of the devil, and has bought us for His very own.

Minister: Who are to come to the Lord’s Table?

People: Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Overcome

TEXT & MUSIC: Jeremy Camp, 2011

Seated above, enthroned in the Father’s love,
Destined to die, poured out for all mankind—
God’s only Son, perfect and spotless one,
He never sinned but suffered as if He did.

All authority, every victory is yours.
All authority, every victory is yours.

Savior, worthy of honor and glory,
Worthy of all our praise, you overcame.
Jesus, awesome in power forever,
Awesome and great is your name, you overcame.

Power in hand, speaking the Father’s plan,
You’re sending us out, light in this broken land
We will overcome by the blood of the Lamb
And the word of our testimony, everyone overcome.

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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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This Week's Activities

Wednesday

6:30 p.m 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

May 15

9-10:15– Laurie Ewing, Martha Hasenbein

10:30-11:15– Sonja Duke

May 22

9-10:15– Daren Rakestraw, Dale Bright

10:30-11:15– Lauren Walker

May Birthdays

15 - Vanessa Rakestraw
16 John Riddle
18 - Kelley Hubbard
18 - John Nyquist
19 - Jason White
20 - Braden Cook
20 - Megan Hulse
20 - Cameron Duke
21 - Zoe Powell

Upcoming Missionary Visits

Argyris Petrou, August 28

Greek Bible College, Athens

Honduras Mission Team

Today is the last day to order Boston Butts & t-shirts!
Please help your Honduras Mission Team raise funds for the trip. Here are some ways you can support!

1. Church t-shirts: one of our team members has designed a Christ Covenant t-shirt that you will not want to miss!
2. Boston Butts: As you plan your Memorial Day holiday, let us help you with your meal planning !
3. Photography Art: Lisa Jones has generously offered to donate 10 session fees towards the team.

Also, if you would like to support one of the team members through a direct gift, checks can be made to the church with a note designating "Honduras Mission Team" and their name. We have been grateful for the encouragement, generous offers of assistance and prayers. Rick White is currently organizing a prayer support team. He would love to provide you with details on specific requests going forward!
Many thanks!

CCS Graduation Speaker Larry Taunton

Cullman Christian School's graduation speaker this year is Larry Taunton. Please come hear his message to the 2016 graduates on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. here at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School Reminder

We have had several volunteers who have signed up to teach this summer, we still have a few classes that need volunteers. Please take the time to prayerfully consider teaching one Sunday School class this summer. Sign-up tables are in the Narthex. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tracie or Steve Turner. Thank you!

COVENANT SCHOOL

Early registration for 2016/2017 School Year is now open. We offer classes for children ages 3 – 1st grade.

Tuition Prices:

Preschool – Monday – Friday

8:00- 11:30 -- \$190/month

8:00 – 2:30 -- \$225/month

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00 – 11:30 -- \$145/month

8:00 – 2:30 -- \$165/month

Kindergarten: Monday - Friday

8:00 – 11:30 -- \$190/month

8:00 - 2:30 -- \$225/month

First Grade: Monday – Friday

8:00 – 2:30 -- \$275/month

Registration forms can be picked up in the church office. Early registration fee is \$75 and must be turned in with the registration form. Return forms and money to the church office. Covenant School is located at 1310 St. Joseph Drive NW, Cullman, Alabama. For more information please contact the church office at 256-739-0505.

Church Directory

For those of you who may not know, the church directory is available online. To view it, simply go to the church website and click on 'Contact Us', then select the Member Directory and the password is 'directory'. If your email address is listed on the directory then you may also download the Instant Church Directory app onto your smart phone. If you would like for your email to be added to the church directory so you can access the mobile app, please contact Brooke in the church office. Also, if you would like to submit an updated photo, please email it to the church

Shorter Catechism

Q. 73. Which is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.