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## Session

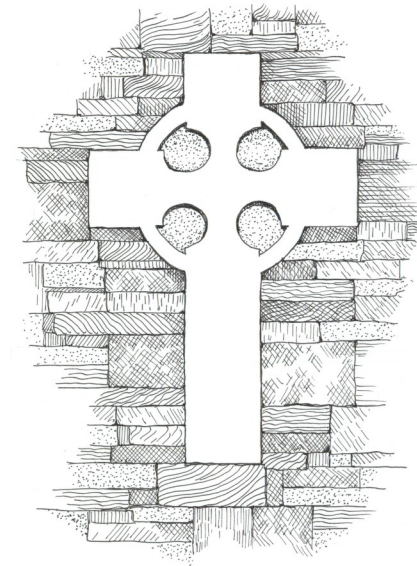
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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## Diaconate

The deacons are elected by the congregation to care for the material needs of church members, promote generosity, and oversee 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**

September 12, 2021 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Isaiah 6:1-3

Minister: 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 seraphim . . . And they were calling to one another.

People: **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!

### *Come, Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

WORDS & MUSIC: Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa, 2013

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King;  
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, Now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man;  
In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand.

### For women, all ages

Holly Borden

Gloria Edwards Room

*Colossians* (Begins 9/19/2021) - Before Covid so abruptly sent us all home on Sundays, we were walking through Paul's letter to the Colossians. This brief letter is perhaps one of the most encouraging texts in the Bible! Christ's preeminence, sovereignty, and authority are clearly laid out. Then we studied how the mystery of God that has been revealed to God's people is that we can know the riches and glory of Christ! This is possible because Christ lives in us! Girls and women of all ages are welcome to join us as we conclude our study in Colossians as Paul explains to us the practical outworking of Christ living in us!

### For women

Diane Burton

Room 10

*Women in Transition* Learning to truly experience a growing relationship with God with a community of women who are walking through life's struggles.

### For young couples

Jay Weatherly / Andy Starnes

Fellowship Hall

Our purpose is to support, encourage, and equip young couples in their journey through a unique time of life. We will study I and II Timothy, work through books by respected Christian authors, and carve out time to focus on marriage and parenting. We will invite several guest couples to join us along the way to share their stories. Some of these couples will be members of Christ Covenant, and others will come to us from outside our church. But we look forward to learning from seasoned couples who have experienced many highs and lows – and God's faithfulness throughout their journeys. We desire much interaction among all participants. But we will look ultimately to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit as our source of truth, wisdom, and inspiration. We are often asked to define "young couple". While tempted to provide a definition, we believe it unwise to fall into such a trap. If you see yourself as a young couple, then this Class is for you!

### *Church Membership*

We have an Inquirers Class for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This class meets in the Bell Tower during Sunday School (10:30-11:20). Please contact Brad Eidson or Jonathan Haynes if you would like to attend.

### *Pulpit Committee*

In accordance with the Book of Church Order, Christ Covenant formed a pulpit committee to search for our next pastor. Please pray for the pulpit committee as they conduct this important task. Committee Members: Braden Cook, Brad Eidson, Don Hubbard, Tina Hulse, Jason McCoy, Luke Mosteller (Clerk), Steve Nyquist, Joyah Pettus, Holly Powell, Tracie Rakestraw, Andy Starnes, Anthony Taylor, Jay Weatherly (Chairman)

# Classes & Other Information

## *Children's Sunday School*

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. Below you will find a class list and room numbers. If your child is 2nd grade or younger please walk them to their classroom and promptly pick them up following Sunday school, all other grades will be dismissed following Sunday school. The classes will meet in the following rooms:

**Toddler class (3yrs)** - Scott/Becky Lewis - Room 14 (same location)

**Preschool 4yrs** - Whitney/Braden Cook & Tara/Randy Quinn - Room 15 (same location)

**Kindergarten** - Allison/Blake Bright & Rachel/Jonathan Skeen - Room 6

**1st - 2nd grades** - Sheena/Daniel Johnson & Laura Reeder - Room 8

**3rd grade** - Joyah/Wyatt Pettus & Hope/Billy Atchison - Room 9

**4th - 6th girls** - Holly Powell (with Siusan Peek as backup) - Downstairs (same as last year)

**4th - 6th boys** - Bo Shirey - Downstairs (same as last year)

## *Youth Sunday School*

The youth will meet in two classes at The Hill and study various theological topics ranging from the characteristics of God, TULIP, and finding your identity in Christ.

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| <b>7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>   | Jonathan Knappenberger        | The Hill (Big Room)   |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | John and Denise Knappenberger | The Hill (Green Room) |

## *Adult Sunday School Classes*

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| <b>For men and women</b> | Randy Hays | Room 4 |
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**Jonah** Jonah is a book that is not really about a big fish. Although this book is among the better-known accounts in Scripture, its meaning is not. To the secularist, this is nothing more than a ridiculous story of an impossible event. To the very young, this is nothing more than a fanciful tale of a strange event. But to the born-again student of Scripture, this is a miraculous account of a sovereign and gracious God who unconditionally loves to save.

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| <b>For men and women</b> | Steve Nyquist / Luke Mosteller | Sanctuary |
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**Reboot, Return, Rebuild** The Old Testament story ends with God's people trickling back to the Promised Land after the 70 years of Babylonian Captivity. There is plenty to see and learn. We will explore together the 5 Post-Exile books; Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Any and all are welcome to join.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption; See the Father's plan unfold;  
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes.

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Revelation 19:11-16**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

In your presence is fullness of joy, O Lord;  
At your right hand there are pleasures forevermore,  
Even peace that passes all understanding.  
Yet we have neglected to seek your face in prayer;  
We have forfeited the peace you have promised us  
And have walked in fear and fretfulness.  
We have been too proud to pray, too busy to pray,  
Too angry to pray, too self-centered to pray.  
Forgive us of our sin, merciful Father,  
And enable us to walk after the pattern of Christ, your eternal Son;  
Praying always—in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow,  
In temptations and in triumphs;  
Always anticipating the perfect peace of our eternal home,  
Which Jesus is preparing for us.  
O Holy Spirit, teach us to pray without ceasing. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

**Steadfast**

WORDS & MUSIC: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg, 2016

I will build my house, whether storm or drought, On the rock that does not move.  
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord, And your faithfulness will prove  
You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke all the starry host Are called out by name each night.  
In your watchful care I will rest secure As you lead us with your light.  
You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings, On your promise I will stand.  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice: Hallelujah to the Lamb!  
You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled,  
In the hour of darkness your light was revealed,  
In the presence of death your life was affirmed,  
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.  
You are steadfast, steadfast,

# Sermon Notes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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** *Tithes and offerings may be given online or in the offering plates in the Narthex.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalms 1 and 2**

### SERMON

**God Blesses and God Rules**

**Phil Reddick**

### COMMUNION SONG

***Jesus, Strong And Kind***

WORDS & MUSIC: Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Colin Buchanan, 2019

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.*

# “Love . . . Reaching”

**Victim Services is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to lead the community in the prevention of and recovery from domestic and sexual violence by providing shelter, crisis response, education, and advocacy for Cullman and Winston Counties. The excerpt below is from their April newsletter.**

For over 30 years, Victim Services has provided safe shelter and essential services for thousands of Cullman County individuals and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Thanks to the support of federal grants and local contributions, all services are provided at no cost to the community.

As providers of sexual assault counseling and advocacy services, we recognize that the trauma of rape requires an urgent and immediate medical response from a trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). Unfortunately, local victims over 18 years must travel to Birmingham or Huntsville to receive a forensic exam, commonly known as a Rape Kit. The lack of local SANE services is a major deterrent to victims seeking medical care and severely impacts their ability to seek justice or to receive follow-up services to ensure long-term physical and emotional recovery. In the past year, there were approx. 35 reported sexual assaults in Cullman County. Less than half of them had a rape kit performed; even fewer reported the crime to law enforcement.

As one of the fastest growing counties in the state, it is vital that Cullman County be equipped to respond to rape victims locally, without the added trauma of delayed medical treatment. To address this lack of services, Victim Services is in the process of establishing a SANE clinic in Cullman County that will provide immediate medical care to rape victims, as well as long-term support such as counseling to help them heal emotionally, and victim advocacy as they navigate the judicial system.

With your help Cullman County victims of sexual assault will no longer be forced to travel out of the county to receive the specialized care they need, which will increase the number of rape kits performed and prosecutions. By partnering with us, you can make a positive impact that will benefit the entire community.

Sincerely,  
Carol Horstman  
Executive Director  
256-775-2600

**September Update:** A recent truck and car show helped to raise the funds needed to get the SANE clinic started. The next fundraiser for Victim Services will be the Masquerade Ball on October 30th at Stonebridge Farms.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 23 & 25

Minister: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?  
People: **Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in the estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?  
People: **Christ executes the office of a priest in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.**

## COMMUNION

## CLOSING SONG

### *Doxology*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1709 TUNE: L. Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in England in 1647. It is the doctrinal confession of many Reformed churches, including our own.

# Christ Covenant News

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*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)*

## **Welcome to Christ Covenant**

We would like to welcome any visitors to Christ Covenant. We are glad to have you worship with us! We also wanted to let you know that our pastor of almost 25 years accepted a new call and we are presently having guest preachers while our pulpit committee searches for our next pastor. If you would like to learn more about Christ Covenant, we would encourage you to join our Inquirers Class. See the Church Membership section on the Classes & Other Information page to learn more about this class.

## **Welcome to Our Pulpit**

Rev. Phil Reddick came to Birmingham in 1984 at the invitation of Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Young Business Leaders. After spending his post college years working for Campus Crusade for Christ, and meeting his wife Anne, Phil and his family tackled the task of growing the 3 year old organization. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, a Master's of Divinity and Master's of Religious Education from Birmingham Theological Seminary. Phil is a graduate of the University of Georgia and enjoys his permanent underdog status in the state of Alabama. He has two daughters, Catherine and Ginny, and enjoys playing golf in his free time.

## **Revised COVID Guidelines**

The Session is intent on balancing updated guidance we have received from the CDC and ADPH with our call to selfless, sacrificial concern for all parts of the Christ Covenant Body. The Revised COVID Safety Guidelines were sent via email. If you did not receive this email, please contact the Church Administrator.

## **This Week's Activities**

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| <b>Wed:</b> | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | Youth Group                 |
| <b>Fri:</b> | <b>7:00 am</b>  | Men's Prayer Meeting        |
| <b>Sun:</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  | Worship service & Communion |
|             | <b>10:30 am</b> | Sunday School               |

## **Nursery Volunteers Schedule**

### **September 12**

Church Service—Amanda Knappenberger,

Jennifer Yeager

Sunday School—Caleb Bright

### **September 19**

Church Service—Emily Haynes, Dana Starnes

Sunday School—Taylor Eidson

## **Birthdays This Week**

September 12.....Blake Bright  
13.....Ben Rogers  
.....Carson Starnes  
.....Edward Bonds  
.....Henry Reeder  
.....Jonathan Kornegay  
14.....Jonathan Haynes  
16.....Kaitlyn Benson  
18.....Anna Haynes  
.....Marcie Turner

*If we miss your birthday, please email the Church Administrator.*

## **Nursery Ministry**

Our nursery welcomes children 0-3 years of age. Parents need to fill out information on Check-In stickers each week. Volunteers are needed; text Karena to be added to the list. We also have openings for paid nursery staff on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is 18 years old or older and interested in working 2-4 regular shifts per month, please contact Karena Haynes at (256) 636-0999.

## **Covenant Kids Update**

We have a new start date for Covenant kids. It will resume on Sept 29 instead of Sept 15th. We pushed back the date for two main reasons; curriculum backordered until mid/late Sept, as well as our current COVID situation. If you have any questions please let me know.

Tracie Rakestraw

205-527-4238

## **Sound Booth Help Needed**

We still need more help in the sound booth. Would you be willing to help with the soundboard, projector slides, or live stream production? Contact Roger Tew for more information 256-338-8285 or email westpoint02@hotmail.com. No experience required. Training will be provided.

## **Substitute Teachers Needed**

With fall Sunday school starting, I am trying to make a "substitute teacher" list for my teachers. We all know that sickness usually happens at the very last minute when you least expect it. This is especially hard when you have children which most of my teachers do. Basically what this means is that I would put your name and number on a list that my teachers could call (sometimes) last minute to teach their class for that particular Sunday. This is an opportunity for you to live out the commitment we make to the parents when their child is baptized. Will you please pray about serving in this way? Also, if there is a particular age group that you would rather work with, that's fine to just let me know when you contact me. If you have any questions or if you feel called to be on the sub list please let me know as soon as possible.

Tracie Rakestraw

205-527-4238

## **Youth Announcements**

To stay up to date with all youth happenings join the CCPC Youth Remind. To join text Jonathan Knappenberger @ 256-339-7406 and you will be added to the list.

## **Bell Ringers Wanted**

Children 4th Grade and older are invited to sign up for bell ringing duties on the roster in the Bell Tower. Volunteers will ring the bell from 8:55 to 9:00 a.m. on the designated Sunday.

## **Women's Bible Studies**

Monday Night - This 7-week study on the book of Philippians will begin on Monday, Sept. 13 and will go until October 25. The group will meet at church in the Gloria Edwards Room (Room 7) at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Morning - On September 7th, we will begin an 8-week study on the Book of Ruth led by Yvonne Welch from Briarwood. This group meets from 10:00-11:30 in the Gloria Edwards Room (Room 7) at church. If you need the Zoom option, contact Carla Kornegay 205-807-7017 rosalesc92@gmail.com.

## **Women's Ministry Event**

Ladies of CCPC, mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16th 2021 for **Relating to Others With Joy & Purpose: Exploring John 13**. Janet Aucoin, Director of Women's Ministries at Faith Church in Lafayette, IN will be our guest speaker. We will meet from 8:30 - 1:00. Nursery provided upon request. Please plan to come and enjoy a day of fellowship and growth in the Lord.

## **Prayer Chain**

Your brothers and sisters in Christ would love to pray for you. Please call, text, or email with any requests. Gwen Hays 256-796-7031 or 256-709-5276 gwen2829@yahoo.com

## **CCPC Rummage Sale 2022**

Good news! Our church has a storage unit to hold rummage sale donations. If you have gently used or good condition household items (no clothes at this time), please call Judie Hubbard (256) 708-7877 or Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999 for more information.