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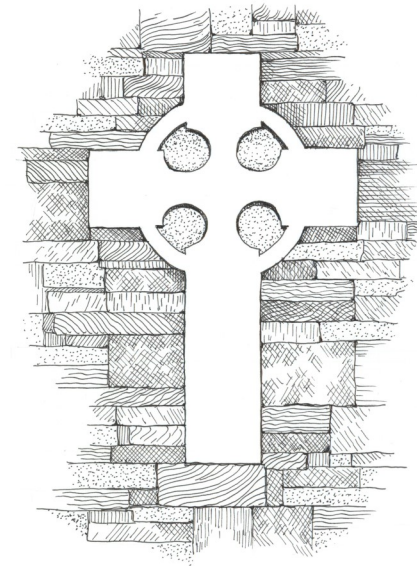
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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The deacons are elected by the congregation to 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

November 20, 2022 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Minister: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.
**People: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His.
We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**
Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
**People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever,
His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt Shane Barnard, 2018 MUSIC: Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Above all else, I adore Your name.
Above all else, tune my heart to sing Your praise.

The Goodness of Jesus

WORDS & MUSIC: R.Thompson, M.R.Farren, J.Robinson, M.Jaywan, F.Aghajanian, & H.Druery, 2018

Come you weary heart now to Jesus; Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears; Rest here in His wondrous peace
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

Come find what this world cannot offer; Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again; Rest here in His wondrous peace
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

60+

Randy Hays / Mike Burton

Room 4

This class will be studying the parables of Jesus.

For women of all ages

Ashley Wilbanks

Room 7

Join us as we look at the exciting life of Elisha in 2 Kings. We will see how God called him to serve and how God used him in the Old Testament.

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, as needed, in the Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary during Sunday School. Please contact Jason Ellerbee or Brad Eidson if you would like to attend.

Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups are cross-generational groups intended to allow participation of all Christ Covenant members plus regularly participating non-members for the purposes of belonging, serving, encouraging, and nurturing. You may contact any of the elders on the back of the bulletin to get connected with a Covenant Group.

Women for Christ

The CCPC Women's Committee was developed to serve the women in our church body based on Romans 12:2. We are committed to teaching women to be transformed by the renewing of their minds through Scripture so that the women of our church will be able to test and approve God's good, pleasing, and perfect will. Our desire is that every woman at CCPC has an opportunity to serve and connect. We are focused on outreach, prayer, mercy ministry, and spiritual growth. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas of service to our church family, please contact Tina (256) 347-3593 or Diane (256) 709-2642.

Church Directory Updates

Our church directory is available to view on your mobile device. Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices. Download the Instant Church Directory app from the App Store on your device. You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Jonathan Haynes know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. After you login, the directory will be downloaded to your device. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email, and text right from the app. More information can be found at www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app.

Classes & Other Information

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. All children 3rd grade and younger go directly to Room 3 (the "chandelier room") following the service. Children 3rd grade or younger should be picked up from their class once Sunday school is over. All 4th-6th grade students should go directly to their class downstairs and will be dismissed following Sunday School. Below you will find a class list and room numbers.

Toddler 3yrs - Scott/Becky Lewis - Room 14

Preschool 4yrs - Joyah/Wyatt Pettus & Sue/Grace Eidson & Anna Bright - Room 15

Kindergarten - Anthony/Rebecca Taylor & Rachel/Taylor Eidson - Room 6

1st grade - Blake/Allison Bright & Jonathan/Rachel Skeen - Room 8

2nd - 3rd grade - Sheena Johnson & John/Audrey Nyquist - Room 9

4th - 6th grade girls - Siusan Peek/Caroline Lunsford (back up) - Downstairs

4th - 6th grade boys - Rick White & Bo Shirey - Downstairs

Youth Sunday School

The youth will meet in three classes at The Hill and will all be studying the book of Joshua.

7th and 8th Grades	Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger	The Hill (Big Room)
9th and 10th Grades	Hayes & Jessi Eidson	The Hill (Green Room)
11th and 12th Grades	Benjamin & Mary Rogers	The Hill (Orange Room)

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school classes are divided roughly along the lines of age and stage of life. Each Sunday provides an opportunity for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer with others experiencing similar circumstances according to the particular age and stage of life. These classes are for both men and women unless indicated otherwise.

20s	Luke Mosteller	Bell Tower Room
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30s	Andy Starnes / Derek Rakestraw	Room 3
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40s/50s	Steve Nyquist / Jason Ellerbee	Fellowship Hall
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This class will be studying *The Veil is Torn: Where Do I Go From Here?*

November 20: The Importance of Membership Vows

November 27: He who began a good work – Part 2

December 4: The role of the Holy Spirit – Part 1

December 11: The role of the Holy Spirit – Part 2

Come and find your hope now in Jesus; He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart; Rest here in His wondrous peace
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

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INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42

CONFESSION OF SIN

Men look at our outward appearance, O God,
but you look on our hearts.
Your eye peers into the innermost secrets of our souls
discovering our sin at its roots.
You see our pride, our lust, our blasphemy rising up from within.
We confess, O Lord, that sin abounds within our wandering hearts.
We are indeed prone to leave the One we proclaim to love.
So we plead once again the tender mercy of your forgiving grace.
We ask for hearts made pure by the cleansing blood of Christ,
made constant by the regenerating grace of the Spirit,
and made grateful by the goodness of our heavenly Father.
Then we will rejoice and give thanks to your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

His Mercy Is More

WORDS & MUSIC: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, 2016

What love could remember no wrongs we have done,
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Sermon Notes

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Porter Skeen

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:1-21

SERMON

“Spiritual Blindness”

COMMUNION SONG

Lead Me To The Cross

TEXT & MUSIC: Brook Fraser/Hillsong, 2007

Savior, I come, quiet my soul. Remember
Redemption's hill, where Your blood was spilled for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.
Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You. Lead me, lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now You're risen.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as lost.
Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You. Lead me, lead me to the cross

“Love . . . Reaching”

John and Karen Stodghill became full-time missionaries in 2016 and served as church planters in the Bahamas. They led short-term mission teams, used their skills to work in local schools, and assisted with medical training both in emergency medical services and disaster preparedness throughout the Caribbean. In 2019, God called the Stodghills to Belize. John and Karen help in the revitalization of current churches in Belize as well as leading Bible studies with plans for new church plants. Below is an excerpt from their October 12th Newsletter. A copy of this newsletter with much more detail available on the table beyond the Narthex.

Ministry Update

Bethany Presbyterian Church - God continues to bless as we seek to minister at Bethany in Santa Elena. Last week we had 5 visitors for the Sunday morning worship service. We are enjoying the men and women's Bible study times...The members are recognizing the whole Bible is important, not just the New Testament. The Old Testament points us to the New Testament. The excitement is building as those in attendance are growing in deeper knowledge and seeing more and more how God's word speaks and guides them today.

Belmopan (capital city of Belize) - Praise God!! The Bible study, and dream of a future church plant in Belmopan has finally started! Our 1st Bible study meeting was on Thursday evening October 6th. We had 17 people in attendance. The pastor from Belize City, Pastor Ernest Betson, led the 1st Bible study as well as our time of music. Pastor Betson and John will work out a rotation for leading the Bible study time. God continues to give many opportunities to share.

Presbyterian Medical Clinic - Please pray for provision for the clinic as they are currently in need of another full-time nurse as one of their nurses is out on medical leave and is not expected to come back to work until possibly sometime in the spring.

Belize National Fire Service - Praise God after 10 months John has completed teaching for all paid firemen in our district (Cayo) and has seen many get certified as Emergency Medical Responders (EMR). Lord willing an EMT class will be able to be presented in 2023.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities - We are excitedly working out the details for hosting a seminar on January 5-7, 2023. This will be for all our national pastors, and ruling elders that are regularly preaching, along with missionaries Ray Call and John Stodghill. (These are the men preaching in our 16 churches throughout the country.) There will also be a seminar for each of these men's wives to attend simultaneously.

Opportunities for Giving - 1) We continue to seek funds to help pay the teachers at the Presbyterian Day School. There are 6 teachers, their salaries are \$500 US dollars per month for 12 months = \$6,000 US dollars per teacher per year that you wish to sponsor. God has provided funds to sponsor 10 students and assist with their tuition to this private Christian school. There are about 120 students. Tuition fees per student are \$25 US dollars per month for 10 months = \$250 US dollars per student for the whole year. 2) If you would like to help with the new church plant in Belmopan, we will need to purchase 100 chairs, 6 tables, communion set, hymn books, sound system, pew Bibles and marketing and advertising for this future church.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q. 31 & 32

Minister: Why is He called Christ, that is, the Anointed One?

People: **Because He is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be *our chief Prophet and Teacher*, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be *our only High Priest*, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of His body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be *our eternal King*, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption He has won for us.**

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

People: **Because through faith I share in Christ and thus in His anointing, so that I may confess His name, offer myself a living sacrifice of gratitude to Him, and fight against sin and the devil with a free and good conscience throughout this life, and hereafter rule with Him in eternity over all creatures.**

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

WORDS & MUSIC: Stuart Townend, Keith Getty, 2004

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, And clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough For every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth Is given by the King
So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow Him.

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

Today
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Meal & Service

Friday
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

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

Birthdays This Week

Nov 20.....Elaine Johnson
22.....Gay White
.....Melanie McCoy
23.....Jeremy Barlow
.....Steve Nyquist
24.....Barrett Bright
26.....Linda Davis

Did we miss a birthday? Email Jonathan Haynes.

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

Nov 20
Church Service—Elizabeth Ellerbee, Caleb Bright
Sunday School—Caroline Lunsford

Nov 27
Church Service—Mary Ellen Kennedy,
Benjamin Rogers
Sunday School—Dawn Cook

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

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

Thanksgiving Meal & Service

This year's Thanksgiving Meal is today at 5:00 pm at Cotton Creek (419 3rd Ave SW, Cullman; across from Loft 212). After the meal we will hear from our guest speaker, Jim Holland, and will have a time of thanksgiving and prayer. For the meal, each Covenant Group will be responsible for providing a turkey or ham, 1 pan of dressing, 3 sides, 2 desserts, 2 teas, and 1 lemonade. Each Covenant Group will also be assigned a role for serving or cleaning up. If you have questions, please email or text Holly Powell (205.515.1636 or zebandholly@yahoo.com).

Ladies' Prayer Time

Ladies will be meeting on Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 from 10:00-11:00 in the Bell Tower at church. Women of all ages are invited. This is a great way to serve the Lord through intercession for our church. Ephesians 6:18 - "Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints."

Christmas Decorating

We will plan to decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, November 28th. We welcome any one to join us for the fun at 9:00 that morning. If you plan to come please contact Julie Kennedy 256-339-3942 or Judie Hubbard 256-708-7877. We look forward to dressing up the sanctuary and decorating the Christmas tree.

Operation Foundry Tree

Help the men of the Foundry buy Christmas gifts for their children. Pick an ornament from the tree that will be put up in the narthex, select a gift based on the profile provided, and turn in your gift before December 11th. The youth will have a wrapping party on Wednesday, December 14th. The Foundry Farm is a Christian based drug and alcohol recovery resident program in Cullman county.

Pine Straw Day

The Deacons need your help on Saturday, December 3. This is our annual Pine Straw Day when we cover the beds around the church with pine straw and get things spruced up for the holidays. Bring your rakes and work gloves to the church from 10:00 — 12:00. Hang around afterwards for lunch!

Women's Christmas Social

A women's Christmas social is set for December 11, 2022, from 5:00–7:00 pm at the church. More details to follow soon!

Women's Conference

Westminster Presbyterian will be hosting a Women's Conference on January 27th-28th, 2023. The theme for the conference is Thinking Biblically & Living Covenantally: A Biblical Apologetic For Women with Paula Miles. The cost is \$30, which includes snacks, lunch & a workbook. Registration will open on November 7th.

Women's Bible Studies

All women's Bible studies will resume in January—keep watching the announcements for more details!

MNA Disaster Response

If you wish to serve, you must register as a volunteer—<https://pcamna.app.neoncrm.com/np/publicaccess/applicationRegistrationInit.do>. You may then contact Sherry Lanier, slanier@pcanet.org, to schedule your visit.

You may use this link to give to the relief efforts in Florida—<https://give.pcamna.org/to/mna-disaster-response-hurricane-ian-relief/>. One hundred percent of funds received will be used for Hurricane Ian relief for such things as transporting materials, purchasing supplies, and providing grants to help residents with extraordinary expenses of recovery.

Most of all, pray that God would provide comfort to those who are disrupted and disrupt those who are comfortable, in Jesus' name.

Roots Retreat for Youth

Roots Annual Presbytery Wide-Youth Retreat will be held on January 20-22, 2023 at Camp ToKnowHim near Pisgah, AL. The theme this year is You Are Not Your Own: Belonging to God in an Age of Self-Belonging. The cost is \$145 (for meals, lodging & t-shirt) and the registration deadline is December 31st.

RYM - July 3-7

RYM is a conference for High Schoolers (current 8th – 12th grade) hosted at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. We will spend the week in fellowship, worship, and learning God's truth. The cost will be around \$450.00 (we will have an exact amount when RYM announces cost). First refundable deposit is due. See Mr. Knappenberger for details. Sign up today to guarantee your spot.